

Sagarmanthan 2026

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Why in News?

Recently, the 3rd edition of Sagarmanthan: The Great Oceans Dialogue began in New Delhi.



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The Great Oceans Dialogue

A global platform for dialogue, cooperation and action for a sustainable ocean future

Key Focus Areas

- Blue economy
- Ports & shipping
- Maritime logistics
- Coastal livelihoods

Name	Sagarmanthan: The Great Oceans Dialogue
Edition	3rd
2026 Venue	New Delhi
Dates	7–9 October 2026
Organisers/ Co-hosts	Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) + Observer Research Foundation (ORF)
2026 Theme	“Blue Geographies, New Aspirations: Trade, Technology, and Trust at Sea”
Participants	1,200+ from nearly 75 countries
Launched	2024, New Delhi
2025 edition	Mumbai, as part of India Maritime Week
Broad Focus	Blue economy, ports, shipping, maritime logistics, coastal livelihoods

- **Organised by** - Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).
- **Partnership with** - Observer Research Foundation (ORF).
- **Participants from** - Nearly 75 countries.
- **Aim** - To focus on maritime cooperation, ocean governance, green shipping, ports, shipbuilding, supply-chain resilience and the blue economy.
- **Five Thematic Pillars**
 - **Steady Straits** - Safeguarding flows in a fractured world
 - **Blue Breakthroughs** - Greening ships and shipbuilding
 - **Complex Seas** - Managing trade, connectivity and turbulence
 - **Ocean Societies** - Communities, cultures and livelihoods
 - **The Heart of the Deal** - Linking harbour cities to the hinterland
- **Key Areas of Discussion**

- Maritime Trade and Connectivity
- Blue Economy
- Green Shipping and Shipbuilding
- Maritime Logistics
- Port and Harbour Development
- Climate Change and Ocean Sustainability
- Coastal Communities and Livelihoods
- Geopolitical Tensions and Maritime Security
- Technology and Digital Transformation
- Movement of Energy, Food, and Critical Minerals through Oceans
- **Significance**
 - It supports India's objective of positioning the **maritime sector as a key driver of sustained economic growth.**
 - It is aligned with the **Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.**
 - It strengthens India's role in **global maritime governance and international cooperation.**
 - It promotes the **blue economy and advances sustainable ocean development.**
 - It facilitates the integration of ports, logistics, hinterland connectivity, and **trade.**

India-European Union Green Shipping Corridor

- **Proposed at** - 3rd edition of *Sagarmanthan: The Great Oceans Dialogue*.
- **Objective** - To promote green shipping practices, the adoption of cleaner fuels, and decarbonisation across maritime routes in anticipation of the proposed India-European Union free trade agreement (FTA).
- **Agenda** - Itemphasizes sustainable maritime logistics, port digitalisation, and the development of advanced shipbuilding infrastructure.
- **Key Participants and Stakeholders:**
 - V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority, **Tuticorin**
 - Renewable energy companies
 - Infrastructure sector stakeholders
- **Proposed Implementation Timeline**
 - 2025: Initiation of a pre-feasibility study.
 - 2026: Formation of an industry coalition.
 - Subsequent phases will prioritize project implementation.

Reference

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