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Over 100 exhibitors, more than 10,000 attendees, global industry players set the stage for a landmark event

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MUMBAI, Jan. 19

THE fraternity is all geared up for *Exim India's* CTL BHP International Expo & Conference 2025, the 15th edition, on March 11-12, 2025 at the resplendent Jio World Convention Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai. This premier maritime, cargo and logistics event is



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Gujarat Maritime Board hosts stakeholder consultation workshop on coastal shipping

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GANDHINAGAR, Jan. 19

THE Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) organised a Stakeholder Consultation



Workshop on the theme "Coastal Shipping Policy of Gujarat: Paradigm Turn to page 22

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Gujarat Maritime Board



Mr Rajkumar Beniwal addressing the workshop

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Shift in Supply Chains” at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar. The event brought together participants, including industry leaders, policymakers, academia and maritime experts, to discuss strategies for boosting coastal shipping in Gujarat and integrating it into the national logistics framework.

The workshop, inaugurated by **Mr Rajkumar Beniwal, IAS, Vice Chairman and CEO of GMB**, aimed to gather insights and recommendations from a diverse range of stakeholders, including representatives from State Maritime Boards, Major Port Authorities, Government of India agencies and prominent private players.

Key participants

Prominent organisations such as DG Shipping, Deendayal Port Authority, Shipping Corporation of



India, Kerala Maritime Board, Maharashtra Maritime Board, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZL), DP World, Ultratech Cement Ltd and Segal Group of Companies contributed valuable inputs to address challenges and shape the future of coastal shipping.

Key discussions

The workshop highlighted Gujarat’s significant role in India’s coastal shipping sector. With **49 ports** along its **1,600 km coastline**, Gujarat accounts for **19% of India’s coastal cargo**, handling **47.67 MMT of coastal cargo in FY 2023-24**, and is targeting **140 MMT by 2047**.

Speakers emphasised the cost-effectiveness and environmental benefits of coastal shipping compared to road and rail transportation. Drawing parallels with China and the EU, they showcased how coastal shipping can lower logistics costs and carbon emissions.

The challenges discussed included high last-mile logistics costs, infrastructural gaps and regulatory hurdles. Proposed solutions included:

- ★ Development of dedicated coastal berths.
- ★ Enhanced port and hinterland connectivity.
- ★ Integration of inland waterways.
- ★ Implementation of a carbon credit system.
- ★ Collaboration with other coastal states for sustainable growth.

The Coastal Shipping Bill 2024, introduced by the Government of India, was recognised as a critical step toward addressing industry issues and fostering growth.

The workshop reaffirmed Gujarat’s commitment to becoming a regional maritime hub by enhancing infrastructure, reducing logistics costs and promoting eco-friendly cargo movement. This initiative aligns with the state’s long-term vision for sustainable and inclusive economic growth, emphasised a release.

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set to attract over **100 exhibitors** and more than **10,000 attendees** from India and around the globe.

Participants can look forward to a wide array of products and services on display, encompassing the latest in technology and efficacy, as well as focused panel discussions and tailor-made training programs led by industry experts. The event aims to foster networking and collaboration among stakeholders in the shipping, ports, cargo and logistics sectors, which play a crucial role in facilitating international trade and economic growth.

The event has the support of leading trade bodies and associations.

CTL BHP has over the years emerged as South Asia’s premier event in the maritime, cargo and logistics space, providing a platform for global and Indian industry leaders; logistics service providers, technologists, consultants and other specialists; exporters, importers and government authorities to come together as exhibitors and also discuss the latest trends, innovations and challenges in the industry.

The event has been growing exponentially with every successful edition and is today an integral part of the global congregations in this sector, a must-attend for the entire gamut of stakeholders. In fact, participant confirmations for this year began soon after the 2024 edition ended. With the fraternity again set to gather, in bigger numbers, on a single platform, **CTL BHP International Expo & Conference 2025** promises to be an exciting and insightful occasion for all.