



Strengthening of Maritime Security

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Towards achieving better synergy amongst friendly littoral navies and to promote discussions on contemporary maritime issues, the Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC) was conducted at Naval War College (NWC), Goa from 01 November to 02 November 2017. The theme of GMC was "Addressing Regional Maritime Challenges". GMC participants included representatives from Maldives, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Seychelles and Mauritius. India's vision of SAGAR for the region entails advancing cooperation and using our capabilities for larger benefits. The vision has following four key elements:- (i) To safeguard our mainland and islands, defend our interests, ensure a safe secure and stable Indian Ocean, and make available our capabilities to others; (ii) Deepen economic and security cooperation with our maritime neighbours and strengthen their capacities; (iii) Envisage Collective action and cooperation to advance peace and security and respond to emergencies; and (iv) Seek a more integrated and cooperative future for the region that enhances sustainable development. Maritime security is an important dimension of India's bilateral relations with all Indian Ocean littoral states as well with almost all regional bodies that are either based in or border the Indian Ocean region. As a part of maritime security cooperative mechanism, White Shipping Agreements have been signed with a number of countries. Besides, Indian Coast Guard has signed Memorandum of Understanding with Japan, Korea, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Oman and Vietnam in the field of Search & Rescue and Maritime Law Enforcement.

This information was given by Raksha Rajya Mantri Dr. Subhash Bhamre in a written reply to Shri Kamal Nath and Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia in Lok Sabha today.

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