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India serious about emerging as leading blue economy: PM

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IN line with the government emphasis on tapping the global fish and seafood market, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted that India is serious about growing in the maritime sector and emerge as a leading blue economy.

At the Maritime India Summit 2021 in which Danish transport minister Benny Engebrecht and chief ministers of Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh were also present, Modi showcased investment opportunities and called upon investors to take part in India's growth trajectory.

"India is very serious about growing in the maritime sector and emerging as a leading blue economy of the world. Through the focus areas of upgradation of infrastructure, boosting reform journey, India aims to strengthen the vision of Aatamnirbhar Bharat," he said via video conference.

Giving an overview of the drive to scale up freight capacity, Modi said that the capacity of major ports has increased from 870 million tonnes in 2014 to 1,550 million tonnes. "Indian ports now have measures such as direct port delivery, direct port entry and an upgraded port community system for easy data flow. Our ports have reduced waiting time for inbound and outbound cargo. Mega ports with world class infrastructure are being devel-



oped in Vadhavan, Paradip and Deendayal Port in Kandla."

The government is investing in waterways in a way that was never seen before, he said. "Domestic waterways are found to be cost effective and environment friendly ways of transporting freight. We aim to operationalise 23 waterways by 2030." The PM stated steps are also being taken to introduce urban water transport systems in cities such as Kochi, Mumbai, Gujarat and Goa. He stated that the Ministry of Port Shipping and Waterways has created a list of 400 investable projects, with an investment potential ₹2.25 lakh crore.

Modi also dwelt upon the tourism potential of lighthouses across the coastline, saying that the programme for developing tourism in the land adjacent to 78 lighthouses has been drawn. "The key objective is to enhance development of the existing lighthouses and its surrounding areas into unique maritime tourism landmarks," he added.