Press Release

INMEX SMM India 2027

New Nordic Pavilion brings Northern Europe's maritime industry to India

Joint presence gives Nordic companies direct access to one of the world's most dynamic maritime markets

Hamburg, 18 November 2026 – INMEX SMM India is further expanding its international participation in 2027. When the maritime trade fair takes place at the **Bombay Exhibition Centre in Mumbai** from **22 to 24 September 2027**, the Nordic maritime industry will be represented with its own **Nordic Pavilion** for the first time. Companies from Denmark, Norway and other Nordic countries will have a joint platform to showcase their technologies, connect with Indian shipyards, shipping companies and other key decision-makers, and explore new business opportunities.

More than **10,000 participants** and around **300 exhibiting companies** from **24 countries** underlined the international significance of INMEX SMM India in 2025.

"India has developed into one of the most exciting growth markets for the international maritime industry. With the Nordic Pavilion, we are strategically expanding the European presence at INMEX SMM India and creating new connections between Northern Europe and India. The substantial investments in Indian shipbuilding are opening up tangible business opportunities for technology providers and laying the foundations for long-term partnerships." **Christoph Lücke**, Director INMEX SMM India at Hamburg Messe und Congress.

The Nordic Pavilion is organised by **Hamburg Messe und Congress** and **Informa Markets India** with the support of the **Danish Export Association** and **Norwegian Maritime Exporters**.

Success in 2025 creates opportunities for 2027

The experience of international exhibitors in 2025 demonstrates the tangible value INMEX SMM India offers. Companies reported high-quality business contacts, promising project opportunities and encouraging prospects for follow-up business. Direct access to the Indian market and the quality of the discussions held on site were particularly highlighted.

The national pavilions also demonstrated the growing importance of the Indian market in 2025: **Germany** participated with around 200 square metres and 18 exhibitors, **Greece** with more than 80 square metres and eight exhibitors, while the **Netherlands Lounge** covered around 40 square metres and featured ten exhibitors. All three countries achieved their largest presence in India to

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date. Building on this success, the Nordic Pavilion will extend this proven participation model to the Nordic maritime industry for the first time in 2027.

Nordic solutions meet a growing market

India is pursuing ambitious plans to expand its maritime industry and aims to become one of the world's top five shipbuilding nations by 2047. A government support package worth around USD 7.8 billion is intended to support the expansion and modernisation of the shipbuilding industry. Further investments are being made in maritime infrastructure, sustainable technologies and digitalisation.

For companies from Northern Europe, these developments are opening up attractive business opportunities. Denmark, Norway and other Nordic countries offer internationally recognised expertise in areas including energy-efficient propulsion systems, sustainable shipbuilding, maritime digitalisation and automation. The Nordic Pavilion brings this expertise together and provides targeted opportunities for Nordic suppliers to connect with Indian shipyards, shipping companies, port operators and other key decision-makers.

"Danish companies have extensive experience in developing energy-efficient and sustainable maritime technologies. India's ambitious plans to expand its shipbuilding industry are opening up new opportunities in a dynamically growing market. The Nordic Pavilion provides an excellent platform for engaging with Indian shipyards, shipping companies and other partners and for initiating concrete cooperation projects." **Mie J. Jakobsen**, Deputy CEO, Danish Export Association

"The Norwegian maritime industry is internationally recognised for innovative solutions in environmentally friendly shipping, digitalisation and advanced maritime technology. India's maritime growth strategy offers our companies a wide range of opportunities to bring this expertise to a dynamic market. The joint Nordic presence increases our visibility, facilitates access to new partners and lays the foundations for long-term business relationships." **Erlend Prytz**, CEO, Norwegian Maritime Exporters

Exploring the Indian market together

INMEX SMM India brings together companies, industry experts and decision-makers from the international shipbuilding and marine equipment industries every two years. Its key topics include decarbonisation, digital transformation, shipbuilding and ship repair, port modernisation and offshore development.

The Nordic Pavilion gives Nordic companies the opportunity to explore this growth market together. The joint presence increases visibility, facilitates access to relevant decision-makers and provides

a professional environment in which initial contacts can develop into concrete projects and long-term business relationships.

The next INMEX SMM India will take place from **22 to 24 September 2027 at the Bombay Exhibition Centre in Mumbai**.

About INMEX SMM India
INMEX SMM India is one of South Asia's leading maritime trade fairs and takes place every two years in Mumbai. It brings together international companies, industry experts and decision-makers from shipbuilding, shipping, maritime technology and the port sector. As a key platform for the maritime industry in India and South Asia, the trade fair provides access to one of the industry's most dynamic growth regions and creates opportunities for new business contacts and long-term partnerships. In addition to the exhibition, INMEX SMM India features a conference programme as well as dedicated networking and B2B formats. The trade fair is organised by Informa Markets India in cooperation with Hamburg Messe und Congress. The next INMEX SMM India will take place from 22 to 24 September 2027 at the Bombay Exhibition Centre in Mumbai.
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