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*Conference Programme (AS ON 16 FEBRUARY 2018)*

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*Tuesday, 27 February 2018*

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**0900-0930**      Registration      Light Refreshments

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*Inaugural Session*

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**0930-0945**      Welcome Address      **Admiral RK Dhowan,**  
PVSM, AVSM, YSM, IN (Retd)  
Chairman, National Maritime Foundation,  
New Delhi

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**0940-1000**      Opening Address      **Admiral Sunil Lanba,**  
PVSM, AVSM, ADC  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee  
& Chief of the Naval Staff, Indian Navy

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**1000-1015**      Commemorative Address      **Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman**  
Hon'ble Defence Minister

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**1015-1045**      Keynote Address      **Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari**  
Hon'ble Minister for Shipping, Road  
Transport & Highways, Water Resources,  
River Development and Ganga  
Rejuvenation

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**1045-1050**      *Book Release:*  
"National Maritime Power: Concepts, Constituents and Catalysts"

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**1050-1120**      *Group Photograph & Tea Break*

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*Session 1: Regional Economic Overview*

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<b>1120-1140</b>	Special Address	Stephen Lovegrove, CB, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Defence (MOD), United Kingdom
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**Panel Discussion 1: “Maritime Merchandise Trade: Patterns and Trajectory of Growth, Vulnerabilities and Mitigation Options: Part 1”**

**Chairperson: Anup Wadhawan**, Additional Secretary, Dept of Commerce, Min of Commerce & Industry, GOI

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<b>1140-1145</b>	Opening Remarks by the Chairperson	
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<b>1145-1210</b>	Implications of the Maritime Trade-dependence of India, China and Japan	<b>Dr Zeng Xiangyu</b> Associate Professor, Institute of South Asian Studies, Sichuan University, China
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<b>1210-1235</b>	Implications of oil imports of India, China and Japan	<b>Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan</b> , AVSM & Bar, VSM, IN (Retd), Director, National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi
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<b>1235-1300</b>	Implications of the Maritime Trade-dependence of Singapore, Vietnam and Indonesia	<b>Ms Lee YingHui</b> Senior Analyst, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore
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<b>1310-1330</b>	Audience Interaction	
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<b>1330-1340</b>	Concluding Remarks by the Chairperson	
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<b>1340-1345</b>	Distribution of Mementoes to Speakers and Chairperson, & Photograph	
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<b>1345-1430</b>	<i>Working Lunch</i>	
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*Session 2: Regional Economic Overview (Part 2)*

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**Panel Discussion 2: “Maritime Merchandise Trade: Pattern and Trajectory of Growth, Vulnerabilities and Mitigation Option: Part 2”**

**Chairperson: Dr Vishwapati Trivedi, Former Chairman, Indian National Shipping Board**

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<b>1430-1435</b>	Opening Remarks by the Chairperson	
<b>1435-1500</b>	Implications of the Maritime Trade-dependence of Bangladesh, Myanmar and Sri Lanka	<b>Admiral Jayanath Colombage</b> , RSV, VSV, USP, Former Chief of the Sri Lanka Navy,  Director, Pathfinder Foundation, Sri Lanka
<b>1500-1525</b>	Implications of the Maritime Trade-dependence of West Asia and North Africa	<b>Commodore Mohammad Raza Khan</b> , AVSM, IN (Retd)  Independent Strategic Analyst, New Delhi
<b>1525-1550</b>	Implications of Maritime Trade-dependence of East Africa and IOR Island States	<b>Mr Mukhtar-Din Taujoo</b> , Deputy Commissioner of Police, Republic of Mauritius
<b>1550-1620</b>	Q&A Session / Audience Interaction	
<b>1620-1630</b>	Concluding Remarks by the Chairperson	
<b>1630-1635</b>	Distribution of mementoes to Speakers and Chairperson, and Photograph	
<b>1635-1700</b>	<i>Breather (Tea/Coffee)</i>	

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*Session 3: Geopolitical Challenges & Opportunities*

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**Panel Discussion 3: “Regional Structure and Connectivity: Challenges and Opportunities”**

**Chairperson: Mr Baijayant Panda, BJD, Hon’ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)**

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<b>1700-1705</b>	Opening Remarks by the Chairperson	
<b>1705-1730</b>	China’s Port-development: Opportunities and Challenges	<b>Mr Lewis Liu Peng,</b> Research Fellow, RIIO
<b>1730-1755</b>	Connectivity-Models in the Indo-Pacific: An Indian Perspective	<b>Dr Jabin Jacob,</b> Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi
<b>1755-1820</b>	Review and Way ahead wrt IOR Regional Structures: IOP and IONS	<b>Captain (Dr) Gurpreet S Khurana, IN</b> Executive Director, NMF
<b>1820-1850</b>	Q&A Session / Audience Interaction	
<b>1850-1900</b>	Concluding Remarks by the <b>Chairperson</b>	
<b>1900-1905</b>	Distribution of mementoes to Speakers and Chairperson, and Photograph	

*Book Release:*

<b>1905-1910</b>	<b>“China and India in the Indo-Pacific: Some Indian Perspectives”</b>
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*Cocktails and Conference Dinner*

<b>1930-2130</b>	(By Invitation) at Manekshaw Centre
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*Wednesday, 28 February 2018*

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*Session 4: Regional Security Challenges & Opportunities*

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**Panel Discussion 4: “Non-Traditional Security Challenges & Opportunities”**

**Chairperson:** [Hideshi Tokuchi](#), Senior Fellow, Visiting Professor, National Defense Academy, Japan

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<b>1030-1040</b>	Opening Remarks by the Chairperson	
<b>1040-1105</b>	The Challenges of Surveillance	<b>Rear Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh</b> , NM, IN, Flag Officer Sea Training
<b>1105-1130</b>	The Challenges of Digitization of the Maritime Domain	<b>Mr James G Kallimani</b> Senior Technical Analyst, RAND Corporation, USA
<b>1130-1155</b>	The Challenges of Cyber Malevolence	<b>Mr Anand Naik</b> Co-CEO & Founding Director, Sequaretek IT Solutions Pvt Ltd, Mumbai
<b>1155-1220</b>	Q&A Session / Audience Interaction	
<b>1220-1230</b>	Concluding Remarks by the Chairperson	
<b>1230-1235</b>	Distribution of mementoes to Speakers and Chairperson, and Photograph	
<b>1235-1330</b>	<i>Working Lunch</i>	

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*Session 5: Industry in Maritime Security*

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**Panel Discussion 5: “The Role and Potential of Industry in Holistic Maritime Security”**

**Chairperson: Vice Admiral Dinesh Mukund Deshpande, AVSM, VSM, IN,**  
Controller of Warship Production & Acquisition, IHQ MoD, New Delhi

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<b>1330-1335</b>	Opening Remarks by the Chairperson	
<b>1335-1400</b>	‘Make-in-India’ and ‘Make-for-India’ Options for Holistic Maritime Security	<b>Lt Gen Subrata Saha, PVSM, UYSM, YSM, VSM** (Retd),</b> Director General, Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM)
<b>1400-1425</b>	MSMEs in Maritime Security: Present Contribution and Future Potential	<b>Mr. Vivek Pandit,</b> Assistant Secretary General, FICCI, New Delhi
<b>1425-1450</b>	Private Industry in Maritime Security: Present Contribution and Future Potential	<b>Mr Jayant D Patil,</b> Sr Executive VP & Whole Time Director – Defence, Larsen & Toubro [L&T], Mumbai
<b>1450-1515</b>	Q&A Session / Audience Interaction	
<b>1515-1525</b>	Concluding Remarks by the Chairperson	
<b>1525-1530</b>	Distribution of mementoes to Speakers and Chairperson, and Photograph	
<b>1530-1555</b>	<i>Wind-down (Tea/Coffee)</i>	

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*Valedictory Session*

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<b>1555-1615</b>	Review of Progress to-date in respect of the “Blue Economy”	<b>Admiral RK Dhowan,</b> PVSM, AVSM, YSM, IN (Retd) Chairman, National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi
<b>1615-1645</b>	Summing Up	<b>Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan,</b> AVSM & Bar, VSM, IN (Retd),  Director, National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi
<b>1645-1700</b>	Valedictory Address	<b>Dr S Jaishankar,</b> Former Foreign Secretary, GoI
<b>1700-1705</b>	Presentation of Memento to Valedictory Speaker, and Photograph	
<b>1705-1710</b>	<i>Book Release:</i>  “Maritime Perspectives: 2017”	
<b>1710-1720</b>	Vote of Thanks	<b>Rear Admiral Atul Anand,</b> IN  Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff (Foreign Cooperation & Intelligence), IHQ MoD (Navy)

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