

■ India, Russia Discuss Potential Use of Upcoming Sea Routes for Maritime Cooperation

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, met with the Minister of the Russian Federation for the Development of the Far East and the Arctic, A.O. Chekunkov, in Vladivostok, Russia, to discuss maritime cooperation between the two countries. The leaders explored the potential utilisation of new transport corridors such as the Northern Sea Route (NSR) and the Eastern Maritime Corridor (EMC) between Vladivostok and Chennai. They also agreed to train Indian seafarers in Polar and Arctic waters at the Russian Maritime Training Institute in Vladivostok. Shri Sonowal invited Russia to participate in the upcoming Global Maritime India Summit (GMIS), 2023. Minister Chekunkov discussed the potential cargo base of the NSR, including coking coal, oil, LNG, and fertilizers, and expressed readiness to visit Chennai for further collaboration in October.