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### **India-Norway Bilateral Meeting on Blue Economy for Sustainable Development**

The Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India, organized a bilateral meeting of the Indo-Norway Task Force on Blue Economy for Sustainable Development in the presence of Honourable Norwegian Minister for Climate and Environment H.E. Sveinung Rotevatn and Honourable Minister of Earth Sciences Dr. Harsh Vardhan at Prithvi Bhawan, New Delhi on February 18, 2020.



A letter of intent was signed between the Ministry of Earth Sciences and the Ministry of Climate and Environment, Government of Norway and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway to establish the framework for the Indo-Norway Integrated Ocean Management and Research Initiative. The main focus of the Letter of Intent will be Ocean Management, including relevant areas such as maritime spatial planning.



During the meeting, Norwegian experiences about integrated ocean management and information about how India is working on this issue were shared. This would help the stakeholders develop management policy and identify economic impacts of huge marine resource. As a result, in the coming days, the blue economy will be a major contributor to India's overall economy.

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