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National Maritime Conference 2017

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- The National Maritime Foundation (NMF) is conducting its Annual Maritime Power Conference-2017 with the theme 'The Blue Economy: Concept, Constituents and Development'.

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- The National Maritime Foundation, in New Delhi, India is a non-governmental, non-political maritime think-tank under the societies act and established in 2005.

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- The Foundation conducts independent academic research and provides policy-relevant recommendations to advance the nation's maritime goals.

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- **Maritime India Summit** was organized by the Ministry of Shipping for the first time in Mumbai last year to attract investment in the shipping sector from all around the world.

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Schemes for minority women

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- Ministry of Minority affairs implements three specific schemes for women.

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- **"Nai - Roshni"** for leadership development of Minority women with an aim to empower and instill confidence in women by providing knowledge, tool and techniques through selected Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

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- Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls belonging to Minorities implemented through Maulana Azad Education Foundation.

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- **Mahila Samridhi Yojana** - Skill development training in women friendly

trades is provided along with stipend and formation of self help group during the training period followed by infusion of micro credit for income generation.

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Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK)

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- It is a flagship programme of the Department for empowerment of the youth, Ministry of youth affairs and sports to enable youth to realise their potential.

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- It is the new umbrella scheme which consolidates Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), National Youth Corps (NYC), National Programme for Youth & Adolescent Development (NPYAD) and National Discipline Scheme (NDS), National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP).

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