

## Meeting on India-Norway Task Force on Blue Economy for Sustainable Development

A bilateral meeting between the Hon'ble Norwegian Minister for Climate and Environment Mr. Sveinung Rotevatn and Hon'ble Minister of Earth Sciences Dr. Harsh Vardhan was held in Prithvi Bhavan, New Delhi on 18 Feb 2020 and during the meeting the Norwegian experiences regarding integrated ocean management were shared and learnt more about how India is working on this issue. This meeting was followed by discussion at working level on India-Norway Task Force on Blue Economy for Sustainable Development.



A letter of Intent between the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India and the Ministry of Climate and Environment, Government of Norway and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Norway for Establishing the Framework for India-Norway Integrated Ocean Management & Research Initiative was signed on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 in the presence of Hon'ble Minister of Earth Sciences and Hon'ble Norwegian Minister of Climate and Environment. The main focus of the LoI will be integrated ocean management, including relevant fields such as marine spatial planning. Under this LoI both the Parties will develop the basis and framework for the India-Norway Integrated Ocean Management & Research Initiative.