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Note: This is a tentative programme. Session themes, speakers, compositions, formats and timings are subject to change based on speaker confirmations, logistical requirements and programme finalisation.



3:30 PM – 4:15 PM

REGISTRATION AND TEA

4:15 PM – 4:25 PM

OPENING REMARKS

Speaker: Nandita Khemka

Senior Business Journalist and Anchor



Nandita
Khemka

4:25 PM – 4:35 PM

THE WAVE ANDAMAN: THE JOURNEY SO FAR

Speaker: Rashmi Rao

Editor, The Wave Andaman



Rashmi
Rao

4:35 PM – 4:37 PM

FILM

Theme: The Wave Andaman

Format: 2-minute film

4:37 PM– 5:07 PM

FIRESIDE CHAT 1

Theme: Harnessing the Island Economy: Tourism, Sustainability, Consumer Access and Service Delivery.



Nitin Thakur



Tanveer Singh



Ebrahim Jadwet



Naveen Ahlawat

Speakers:

- **Nitin Thakur**, Group President – Strategic Initiatives, PRISM, which owns and operates the popular OYO brand of hotels
- **Tanveer Singh**, Managing Director, Symphony Resorts
- **Ebrahim Jadwet**, Entrepreneur
- **Naveen Ahlawat**, President & Head – Sustainability & Decarbonisation, Jindal Steel

In conversation with:



Nandita Khemka



Rashmi Rao

5:07 pm – 5:52 PM

FIRESIDE CHAT 2

Theme: Strategic Infrastructure, Maritime Connectivity and Indigenous Capability-Building.



Capt. Ujjwal Vasudeva



Sumant Ahlawat



Devki Nandan



Capt. Asir Milton

Speakers:

- **Capt. Ujjwal Vasudeva**, Senior Deputy General Manager, L&T Precision Engineering and Systems
- **Sumant Ahlawat**, Chief Executive Officer, Apeejay Shipping
- **Devki Nandan**, CFA, Whole Time Director, JSW Infrastructure Ltd; Chairman, Indian Maritime Centre; President, Indian Private Ports & Terminal Association
- **Capt. Asir Milton**, Dy Conservator, Marine Department Chennai Port Authority

In conversation with:



Deborshi Chaki, Senior Journalist

PROGRAMME CONTINUES

5:52 PM – 6:37 PM

FIRESIDE CHAT 3

Theme: Internal Security, India and the Changing Geopolitical Order



Tuhin A. Sinha



Rami Desai



Gaurav Sawant

Speakers:

- **Tuhin A. Sinha**, National Spokesperson, Bharatiya Janata Party and Author
- **Rami Desai**, Distinguished Fellow, India Foundation, New Delhi
- **Gaurav Sawant**, Senior Managing Editor and Defence Journalist, India Today Group

In conversation with:



Deborshi Chaki,
Senior Journalist

6:37 pm – 6:45 PM

Recap of Discussions So Far

Speaker:

Representative, The Wave Andaman

Purpose:

A concise summary of the key insights, recommendations and takeaways emerging from the discussions held during the summit.

6:45 PM – 7:20 PM

Theme: Strategic Geography, Island Resilience and Infrastructure for the Future

Speaker:

Admiral (Retd.) D K Joshi

Designation:

Lieutenant Governor, Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Sequence:

Brief felicitation, followed by address



Admiral (Retd.)
D K Joshi

PROGRAMME CONTINUES

7:20 PM – 8:05 PM

Theme: Policy, Governance and the National Development
Vision for Island Territories .

Speaker:

Shri Kiren Rijiju

Designation:

Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs

Sequence:

Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs

In conversation with:

Deborshi Chaki, Senior Journalist



**Shri Kiren
Rijiju**



**Deborshi Chaki,
Senior Journalist**

8:05 PM – 8:15 PM

Group Photograph and Transition

8:15 PM – 8:25 PM

Closing Remarks

Speaker:

Anamika Karati

Designation:

Chief Executive Officer, The Wave Andaman

Anchor

Nandita Khemka



**Anamika
Karati**



**Nandita
Khemka**

8:25 PM Onwards

Dinner

Duration

Formal Programme : 4:15 pm – 8:25 pm (4 hours 10 minutes)