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and culture types can be unavoidable, particularly when spending such long periods of time confined within a restricted space.

### **Choosing a career at sea**

For many, a career at sea is a dream come true, and we must not forget the reasons for wanting to pursue such a career. Below are the top ten reasons, according to the International Chamber of Shipping, as to why people want to work at sea:

1. Good Wages
2. Early responsibility
3. Opportunity to travel
4. Long-term prospects
5. Doing something useful
6. Career flexibility and job security
7. International recognition
8. Long holidays
9. A career that is different
10. Transferable skills



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# Nitin Gadkari Extends Support to WISTA

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WISTA India met with Nitin Gadkari — Minister of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways — in his Chambers at Transport Bhavan, New Delhi on March 16 this year. The agenda was to discuss WISTA and its activities in India and internationally, and to request the Ministry's support and involvement in WISTA's endeavours towards women's welfare.

Sanjam Sahi Gupta, Director at Sitara Shipping and President of WISTA India, and Sumiit Sharma, Head of NVOCC (North), Elektrans Logix, represented WISTA before the Minister.

Gadkari said that skill and career development of women in the maritime sector is an area of focus for the Government, and assured WISTA that it had the full support of the Ministry of Shipping, which is already taking various initiatives toward generation of increased employment opportunities in the Indian maritime sector under many segments, which include port infrastructure, coastal shipping, shipyards, inland waterways, cruise shipping, logistics, etc. WISTA has urged the Ministry to involve private-



sector shipping companies in these initiatives with a focus on career development for women.

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