

'Important to ensure safety of our seas'

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"It is very important for us to ensure that the seas remain safe. Total 96 per cent of crude oil and 85 per cent of gas comes through sea. If anything goes wrong here, it will take just a couple of weeks for our petrol pumps to go dry. Aviation sector will come to a halt, no cooking gas will be available. That is why seas are important," Vice Admiral Dinesh Tripathi, AVSM, NM, Chief of Personnel, Indian Navy, said.

Tripathi was speaking on 'Importance of Indian Navy and Insights on Leadership' during a programme organized at Indian Institute of Management Nagpur (IIMN) on Sunday.

If a nation wants to be a world power, then it has to be among the top maritime powers, Tripathi said. "Any nation which wants to become powerful has to be a maritime power. We can't afford to ignore the sea. The people who came by sea colonized us and we are suffering till today



Director IIM Nagpur, Dr Bhimaraya Metri presenting a memento to Vice Admiral of Indian Navy, Dinesh Tripathi.

because of ignoring the power of the sea. 95% of India's trade by volume and 70% by value comes from the sea," he added.

An article released by the Centre for Maritime Security in 2020 informed that 66% of global wealth comes from or near the sea, 80% of world population is coastal, 90% of goods arrives from the seas, 99% of international digital traffic goes by submerged cables. Any disruption in these can lead to catastrophic effects, Tripathi added.

Considering the current scenario, our geographical positioning and the kind of neighbours India has, every Indian needs to understand the importance of maritime domain, Tripathi insisted.

While focusing on how leadership issues matter for the success of any organization, Tripathi said that one needs to understand the changing leadership goals and adapt to the changing leadership styles.

"Management is a mind game while leadership is a

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Tripathi proudly announced that Indian Navy was at the forefront of Aatmanirbhar Bharat mission. "We build our first ship in 1961. Today we have 130 ships built completely in India," he added. Tripathi added that the government has a positive approach towards the need of the country becoming a maritime power.

game of the heart. You have to strike a balance between the two. Leadership needs to think ahead of time and prepare the team towards it. The team must know how to respond and not react," advised Tripathi.

Dr Bhimaraya Metri, Director IIM Nagpur, said that the expertise of Tripathi would help his team at IIM Nagpur to have an insight at different styles of leadership.