



## DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER MAHARASHTRA STATE

Date: 1 February, 2023

Dear Shri. Rajnath Singh Ji,

The city of Mumbai does not have a Naval or Maritime Museum despite its rich heritage dating back to the 12th Century,

A group including former Naval Officers, Master Mariners, Historians, Architects, Archaeologists, Designers, and leading citizens have formed the Maritime Mumbai Museum Society (MMMS) to establish a world-class maritime museum specifically for the city of Mumbai. They have identified a small vacant Naval island, only 800m offshore, called Oyster Rock, which will be suitable. They have also received a Letter of Intent from the Maritime History Society (MHS).

The State of Maharashtra will welcome a maritime museum in Mumbai where the rich heritage of the Maratha Armar, of Sarkhel Kanoji Angre, the maritime heritage of Mumbai, and the modern Indian Naval traditions of our city can be preserved and showcased to our eager citizens.

I earnestly urge you to direct the Ministry of Defence officials to accord approval to conversion of Oyster Rock into a Maritime Museum. With your blessings, the FO C-in-C Western Naval Command, MHS, and MMMS can work together to make it happen, as soon as possible

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

( Devendra Fadnavis

Hon'ble Shri. Rajnath Singh Ji, Minister of Defence, Government of India, 104, South Block, New Delhi - 110 011,