

Uniting Industry Leaders at the IME(I) Annual Technical Seminar and Get-Together 2024

The Institute of Marine Engineers (India) Mumbai Branch, Navi Mumbai, and Gujarat chapters hosted its Annual Technical Seminar and Annual Dinner on 17th February 2024, bringing together industry leaders and experts for an insightful and engaging day. The seminar, held at the IRS Auditorium Powai in Mumbai, featured presentations from distinguished speakers covering critical topics in the maritime industry.

Exploring Cutting-Edge Advancements: The Technical Seminar Kickoff

The ceremony was initiated by **Mr. Sanjeev Mehra**, the Honorary Secretary, who served as the Master of Ceremony. The seminar began with the lamp's traditional lighting, symbolising the enlightenment of knowledge. The esteemed guest speakers, **Shri. Shyam Jagannathan (IAS)**, Director General of Shipping, and **Shri. Ajithkumar Sukumaran, Chief Surveyor & Additional Director General with the Government of India**, were warmly welcomed with floral tributes and provided valuable words of encouragement to aspiring marine engineers. The Branch Chairman, **Mr. David Birwadkar**, set an inspiring tone for the day with his welcome address.

Mr. Shobhit Kapoor, Head of the Seminar Committee, introduced the seminar's agenda, which promised a day filled with engaging and informative sessions. Presentations covered various topics such as digitalisation, Port State Control regulations insights and EU 'Fit for 55' - EU ETS and its Impact on the Shipping Industry. Notable presentations included discussions on maritime digitalisation by **Mr. Akshay Jain** of Vedam Design, route optimisation by **Mr. Kieth De Souza** of One Ocean, and decarbonisation solutions by **Mr. Pankaj Mishra** of Wartsila. Further, **Shri. Aniruddha Chaki** and **Mr. Mudit Mehrotra** shared valuable insights into Port State Control regulations, while **Dr. Suhas Vhanmane** from the Indian Register of Shipping demystified the EU 'Fit-For-55' EU ETS.

The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by Treasurer **Mr. Rajesh Kasaragod** and the distribution of mementoes to the Guests of Honor

and speakers, underscoring appreciation and remembrance for their contributions.

The seminar served as a platform for knowledge exchange and professional development, with attendees including marine engineers, industry experts, and academics. The discussions and networking opportunities provided by the seminar are expected to lead to collaborations and innovations within the industry.

Annual Get - Together

Following the successful seminar, the evening concluded with a gala dinner co-hosted by the Mumbai Branch, Navi Mumbai, and Gujarat chapters of IMEI.

The Mumbai Branch, Navi Mumbai, and Gujarat chapters of the Institute of Marine Engineering of India (IMEI) convened for their annual dinner, marking a splendid evening filled with maritime excellence.

Mr. Sanjeev Mehra, the Master of Ceremony, orchestrated the evening, bringing together esteemed Office Bearers, Executive Committee members, and Governing Council representatives of the IMEI. Chairman Mumbai Branch **Mr. David Birwadkar**, expressed gratitude to all attendees, emphasising the collective strength of the maritime community in driving progress and collaboration.

Distinguished guests, including the Director General of Shipping, **Shri. Shyam Jagannathan IAS**, and **Capt. B.K Tyagi**, CMD of the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd., added prestige to the occasion. The event was sponsored by the Indian Register of Shipping, further enhancing its significance.

The IMEI annual dinner provided industry leaders and marine engineers a platform to connect, share insights, and celebrate achievements in a festive atmosphere and with camaraderie and industry camaraderie, the evening proved to be a memorable affair, reflecting the shared commitment to advancing the maritime sector.

Glimpses of Technical Seminar



Glimpses of Annual Get - together

