

Stakeholders' Workshop on “Shipping and Ports” Highlights India's Drive Towards a Safe and Sustainable Ocean Economy



The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, participated in the *Stakeholders' Workshop on "Stepping Stone Towards a Safe and Sustainable Ocean Economy in India"*, organised by the UN Global Compact Network India and Ocean Centres, India, with support from the Lloyd's Register Foundation. The Institute of Marine Engineers (India) acted as the Institutional Partner of the workshop.

The event brought together key stakeholders from government, industry and academia to discuss pathways for advancing safety, sustainability and green transition across India's shipping and port sectors.

Delivering the *Keynote Address*, **Shri Shyam Jagannathan, IAS**, Director General of Shipping, highlighted India's leadership in maritime safety, digitalisation and decarbonisation initiatives, underscoring the nation's commitment to achieving a sustainable ocean economy.

Senior officers from DGS, including **Shri Satish Kamath**, Deputy Chief Surveyor-cum-Sr. DDG (Tech.) and **Capt. Harinder Singh**, Nautical Surveyor-cum-DDG (Tech.), contributed as moderators and speakers in high-level sessions. The other dignitaries included: **Shri Ratnesh Jha**, Executive Director, UN Global Compact

Network India; **Ms. Dagmara Karbowska**, Senior Programme Manager, Lloyd's Register Foundation; **Shri Rajeev Nayyar**, Imm. Past President, IME(I) and **Shri Anil Devli**, CEO, INSA.

The workshop was based on two topics:

- *Putting Safety at the Heart of Sustainability: Issues & Challenges in the Indian Shipping Sector*
- *Transitioning to Green Ports in India: Issues & Challenges*

Session 1: Panellists:

- **Mr. Ambrish Bansal**, Senior VP & Global Head, Management Consulting & ESG Advisory, Lloyd's Register
- **Capt. Vikas Vij**, Chairman & MD, I Marine Infratech (India) Pvt. Ltd.
- **Shri Satish Kamath**, Deputy Chief Surveyor-cum-Sr. DDG (Tech.)
- **Ms. Shashi Kala Agarwal**, Sr. Counsellor, CII
- **Ms. Kalpana Desai**, Ex - Board Member, Mumbai Port Authority,
- **Mr. N.M. Pustry**, Chief Mentor cum Director, CDDMASS

Session 2: Panellists:

- **Ms. Saleha Shaikh**, Founder Women's Wing, The Maritime Union of India
- **Capt. Shiv Halbe**, CEO, MASSA
- **Capt. Ram Iyer**, VP, Seashore Ship Agencies Pvt. Ltd.
- **Mr. Kaushik Kumar Seal**, President, IME(I)
- **Mr. Anil Kumar PK**, Principal Surveyor & Area Business Development Manager- South Asia, Lloyd's Register

- **Mr. Chirag Bahri**, International Operations Manager, ISWAN
- **Capt. Harinder Singh**, Nautical Surveyor-cum-DDG (Tech.)

The deliberations emphasised the importance of collective action and innovation to ensure safer, greener and more resilient maritime operations. The discussions also aligned with India's **#MaritimeAmritKaal** vision — fostering sustainable growth, environmental stewardship and global maritime leadership.

Glimpses of the Event





