

Virtual Seminar on the Role of Classification Societies in Marine Engineering

Recognising the importance of continued education for marine engineers and students, the Institute of Marine Engineers, India, Karnataka Chapter, hosted a highly informative virtual seminar on 10th August 2024. The session focused on the topic, "The Role of Classification Societies in Marine Engineering," and attracted professionals, faculty, and students from the marine engineering sector.

The event's keynote speaker, **Mr. Ranjeet Singh**, Chief Surveyor at the Indian Register of Shipping, delivered an insightful presentation on the crucial role of Classification Societies in ensuring the safety, reliability, and regulatory compliance of ships. Drawing from his extensive experience, Mr. Singh covered a range of topics, including the history and evolution of Classification Societies, their regulatory framework, technological advancements, and their role throughout a vessel's lifecycle.

The session provided invaluable insights to all participants, offering a unique opportunity to learn directly from an industry expert. The event concluded with an engaging Q&A session that covered various aspects of the Classification Societies' role in the maritime industry. Attendees asked questions on diverse topics, such as shipbuilding, stagger tests of tanks on large vessels, cybersecurity, and the future role of Classification Societies in emerging technologies like autonomous ships.

This virtual seminar underscored the indispensable role that Classification Societies play in marine engineering, acting as custodians of safety, reliability, and statutory compliance. The event fostered collaboration among marine professionals and students, emphasising the need for continued learning and dialogue within the community.

The meeting was skillfully moderated by Ms. Rupali Joshi, Hon. Secretary of the Karnataka Chapter.

