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Commemorative Conference on the occasion of

75 Years of the Directorate General of Shipping

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“Powering India’s Green Maritime Renaissance”

17th
October 2025

THE CONFERENCE
WILL FEATURE

- Inaugural Address by eminent Speakers
- Sessions to be led by officials from maritime administration, industry leaders, academic heads, and pioneers in maritime technology and training
- Features experts from national regulatory bodies, global shipping companies, maritime universities, crewing and training institutes, and emerging maritime enterprises
- Networking opportunities with maritime leaders



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Venue

Bharat Ratnam – Mega Common
Facilitation Centre, SEEPZ SEZ, Mumbai

This landmark event will bring together distinguished leaders, maritime experts, industry stakeholders, and international delegates to deliberate on the evolving dimensions of maritime safety and security.

CHIEF GUEST

Shri. Rajiv Jalota, I.A.S.
Former Chairman Mumbai Port Authority, Former Director General of Shipping and Secretary to the Government of India

Ms. Josefine Pallesen
Maritime Counsellor at the Embassy of Denmark in India

Shri. Shyam Jagannathan, I.A.S.
Director General of Shipping

SPEAKERS

Shri. Manish Saxena
Chief Executive Officer, Xtract Tech

Dr. Piyali Das
Associate Director and Senior Fellow, TERI (Advanced Biofuels Division and NCoEGPS)

Smt. Sapna Dipy
Additional General Manager, (Forward Design and Contract & Marketing) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd.

Shri. Haresh Parmar
Hon. Secretary, Ship Recycling Industries Association (India)

Shri. Anand Chaudhari
Tech Advisor, MAN energy solutions, Everlence

Shri. Francis Akkara
Director & Principal, Anglo- Eastern Ship Management

Dr. Sanjeet Kanungo
Principal, Tolani Maritime Institute

Shri. Amol Bandhe
Senior Surveyor, Indian Register of Shipping

Shri. Rakesh Singh
President, ICC Shipping Association

Shri. Sandith Thandasherry
Founder, Chief Executive Officer, Navgathi Marine, Naval Solar & Electric Boats

Shri. Shobhit Kapoor
Manager- South East Asia, Lloyds Register

Shri. Sajeendra Nambiar
Managing Director, SeaTech Solutions

Shri. Sachin Wani
Associate Vice President, KPIT Technologies Limited

Capt. Prashant S. Widge
Head of Public Affairs, S. Asia at A.P. Moller – Maersk

Shri. Vivek Ramnath
Chief Technology Officer, Smart Engineering and Design Solutions (India) Private Limited

Shri. Nebu Oommen
Deputy Chief Ship Surveyor-cum- Deputy Director General (Tech.)

Dr. Anand Hiremath
Chief Sustainability Officer, GMS

Moderators

- Managing Director, Indian Register of Shipping
- Nautical Surveyor-cum-Deputy Director General (Tech), Directorate General of Shipping

- Engineer & Ship Surveyor -cum- Deputy Director General of Shipping, Directorate General of Shipping

- Past President, Institution of Naval Architects

We shall be honoured by your gracious presence.

RSVP:

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Conference Programme

TIMING	MODULE	SPEAKERS
Registration and Networking Tea		
08:30 - 09:00		
09:00 - 10:00	Inaugural Session Lighting of the Lamp	
	Welcome Address	Shri. Sushil Mansingh Khopde, I.P.S. Additional Director General of Shipping
	Address by Chief Guest	Shri. Rajiv Jalota, I.A.S. Former Chairman Mumbai Port Authority, Former Director General of Shipping and Secretary to the Government of India
	Guest of Honour	Ms. Josefine Pallesen Maritime Counsellor at the Embassy of Denmark in India
	Special Address	Capt. S.I. Abul Kalam Azad Nautical Advisor (i/c), Directorate General of Shipping
	Keynote Address	Shri. Shyam Jagannathan, I.A.S. Director General of Shipping
	Vote of Thanks	Capt. Anish Joseph Deputy Nautical Advisor, Directorate General of Shipping
10:00 - 11:30	Session 1: Beyond Blue: Propelling India's Green Shipping Revolution Theme: Shaping the Future Wake: India's Drive for Emission-Free Maritime Odyssey Focus: Driving the transition to zero-emission shipping through clean fuel adoption, digital innovation, and sustainable port infrastructure aligned with global climate goals. Shri. P.K. Mishra (Moderator) Managing Director, Indian Register of Shipping	Panelist for the session: 1. Shri. Manish Saxena Chief Executive Officer, Xtract Tech 2. Shri. Anand Chaudhari Tech Advisor, MAN energy solutions, Everllence 3. Shri. Francis Akkara Director & Principal, Anglo- Eastern Ship Management 4. Dr. Piyali Das Associate Director and Senior Fellow, TERI (Advanced Biofuels Division and NCoEGPS) 5. Shri. Sandith Thandasherry Founder, Chief Executive Officer, Navgathi Marine, Navalt Solar & Electric Boats 6. Shri. Sachin Wani Associate Vice President, KPIT Technologies Limited
11:30-11:45	Tea Break	

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11:45-13:15	Session 2: Crew Change to Career Change: Navigating the Human Side of Maritime Transition Theme: A forward-looking approach to institutional and workforce adaptation in a decarbonising industry Focus: Examining the impact of decarbonisation, automation, and regulatory change on seafarers' rights, skills, welfare, and future employment through collaboration between governments, industry, unions, and training bodies. Capt. Ravi Singh Sikarwar (Moderator) Nautical Surveyor -cum- Deputy Director General (tech), Directorate General of Shipping	Panelist for the session: 1. Ms. Josefine Pallesen Maritime Counsellor at the Embassy of Denmark in India 2. Shri Rakesh Singh President, ICC Shipping Association 3. Dr. Sanjeet Kanungo Principal, Tolani Maritime Institute 4. Shri. Sandeep Kumar Faculty- Engineering, Samundra Institute of Maritime Studies
13:15 - 14:15	Lunch	
14:15 - 15:45	Session 3: Ship Recycling and the Circular Economy Theme: "Waste to Wealth: Reinventing Ship Recycling for a Circular Economy" Focus: Transforming India's shipbreaking sector into a global model of sustainability by integrating environmental safeguards, worker welfare, and circular economy principles under international frameworks. Shri. Gopikrishna Chockalingam (Moderator) Engineer & Ship Surveyor -cum- Deputy Director General of Shipping, Directorate General of Shipping	Panelist for the session: 1. Shri. Shobhit Kapoor Manager- South East Asia, Lloyds Register 2. Capt. Prashant S. Widge, Head of Public Affairs, S. Asia at A.P. Moller - Maersk 3. Shri. Haresh Parmar Hon. Secretary, Ship Recycling Industries Association (India) 4. Dr. Anand Hiremath Chief Sustainability Officer, GMS 5. Shri. Amol Bandhe Senior Surveyor, Indian Register of Shipping
15:45 - 16:55	Session 4: Green Shipbuilding and Climate-Resilient Infrastructure Theme: "Steel, Ships & Sustainability: Building India's Next-Gen Shipyards" Focus: Harnessing India's shipbuilding heritage to drive carbon-neutral design, green materials, and indigenous innovation for climate-aligned maritime infrastructure. Shri. J. Dasgupta (Moderator) Past President, Institution of Naval Architects	Panelist for the session: 1. Shri. Sandith Thandasherry Founder, Chief Executive Officer, Navgathi Marine, Navalt Solar & Electric Boats 2. Shri. Sajeendra Nambiar Managing Director, SeaTech Solutions 3. Smt. Sapna Dipu Additional General Manager, (Forward Design and Contract & Marketing) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. 4. Shri. Vivek Rammath Chief Technology Officer, Smart Engineering and Design Solutions (India) Private Limited 5. Shri Nebu Oommen Deputy Chief Ship Surveyor-cum- Deputy Director General (Tech.)
16:55 - 17:00	Vote of Thanks	Shri. Ankur Anal Junior Ship Surveyor-cum-Assistant Director General (Tech.)
17:00	Networking (Tea Break) - End of Event	