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Editorial assistance	1.Smt. R.I.Solkar, Consultant 2.Smt. V.I. Sharma, Consultant 3.Shri D.D. Mankikar, Consultant helpdesk	<p>No doubt, there is scope of improvements required which the DGS is continuing with uncompromised integrity in transparent manner. However, the test of success fully depends on actual users and in this regard, some of their comments under title “WHAT OUR BELOVED SEAFARER SAY” truly gives us a moment of satisfaction, saying – “MERA DESH BADAL RAHA HAI; AAGE BADH RAHA HAI”.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-G.L.Singh</p>

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DG Shipping, Govt. of India speaks;

India's maritime infrastructure plays an important role in enabling and driving its EXIM trade. India is one of the fastest growing large economies in the world, with a GDP growth rate of 7.6% in the preceding fiscal 2015-2016.



2. To boost, the Indian shipping industry, the Govt. of India has taken from time to time, in the recent past, various steps, which include an acquisition of all types of ships, through import, under the Open General License route allowing 100% Foreign Direct Investment in the shipping sector, providing cargo support to the Indian shipping industry by way of grant to it of the right of first refusal, policy of free on board import, introduction of the Tonnage Tax Scheme in place of Corporate Tax etc. The Govt. has introduced the concept of Indian Controlled Tonnage for the growth of the Indian flag fleet by allowing flagging of ships by Indian entities outside the country.

3. Further, the Govt. of India has exempted Customs and Central Excise duties on bunkers used in Indian flag vessels for the transportation of EXIM and empty containers used between two or more ports in India.

4. Another measure introduced is the grant of relaxation from cabotage for specialized categories of merchant vessels. The said order of the Govt. is aimed at administering a stimulus for the modal shift of cargo transportation from the road/rail routes to coastal shipping.

5. A new Financial Assistance Policy for Indian shipyards has been approved by the Govt. of India on 09.12.15. As per the said policy, such financial assistance is to be granted to shipyards equal to 20% of the 'Contract Price' or 'Fair Price' (as assessed by three international valuers), wherever is lower, of each vessel built by them during a period of at-least ten years commencing from 2015-16. This rate of 20% will be reduced by 3% every three years.

6. The Govt. of India has issued its General Order No. SW-15011/8/2015-CS dated 07.03.16 extending relaxation of cabotage for containers for ports which transship at least 50% of the containers handled by them. This will enable shipping lines to consolidate Indian EXIM and empty containers at transshipment ports in India for their onward transportation to various destination ports by main shipping lines.

7. Being a salient player in the world's seaborne trade and shipping, India deserves its rightful place in the international maritime fora. Concerted endeavours by India to occupy a premier space at the IMO have started paying dividends. During the recent plenary session of the III-3 (IMO Instruments Implementation) of the IMO held at London on 22nd July, 2016, Shri Aji Vasudevan, Deputy Chief Ship Surveyor-cum-Senior Deputy Director General (Technical), Govt. of India, Mumbai has been elected as the Chairman of the IMO's said Sub-Committee for the year 2017 i.e.III-4. This is the first instance of an Indian maritime functionary occupying the chairmanship of a key platform in the IMO.

8. Moreover, procedures for the registration of Indian flag vessels have been simplified for rendering an ease doing business for expanding the Indian maritime fleet and for

facilitating the growing Indian shipping trade, with a view to pare down transaction times and costs. Incrementally, to this end, most service renditions of the DG Shipping, Govt. of India, to its stakeholders, across-the-spectrum, have already begun to be offered completely online, so as to move towards a foot fall-free, and hassle-free & cost-effective services rendition.

9. Another significant matter that is engaging attention of the DGS, Gol, is the initiation of a new Merchant Shipping Bill (in lieu of the extant Merchant Shipping Act of 1958 vintage), its consideration at various levels in the Govt. of India and eventual expeditious friction. This is intended to lead to a new codified, modern, rationalized, simplified and user-friendly merchant shipping legislation in India; hopefully by end March, 2017.

10. It is heartening to inform that for the purpose of developing an efficient grievance redressal mechanism that caters to the growing demands of the user/ shipping community, a concurrent feedback mechanism under the DGS **e-governance** platform has already been operationalised.

11. In its' endeavor to provide a forum of the DGS, Gol, for discriminating structured information, far & wide, to the entire shipping fraternity and the general public, the publication of the inaugural edition of the tri-yearly, DGS e-newsletter is an enthusiastic move. I take this opportunity to wish this venture sustained success.

12. May it be happy sailings for the Merchant Shipping industry, going forward!

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MARITIME INDIA SUMMIT (MIS) A BEGINNING OF JOURNEY OF ESLATING GROWTH FOR THE MARITIME SECTOR :

The maiden Maritime India Summit (MIS), the mega event of the year, was organized by the Ministry of Shipping at Mumbai during the period from 14th to 16th April, 2016. The grand summit was inaugurated by Shri Narendra Modi, Honorable Prime Minister of India.



While inaugurating, the Hon'ble PM has paved the way for signing MOUs worth approximately over 83000 crores of business deal, for a Sagarmala project. The project will bring down the cost of logistic to 10% of the present 18%, making Indian goods competitive. Various seminars were organized and attended by all the best known luminaries in the shipping industry including Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Shipping and other senior Ministers, Chief Ministers.

It may be mentioned that the MIS 2016 was a unique platform that was provided by the Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India under the leadership of Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister for Shipping, for bringing together the various stakeholders like Indian & International Leader and Policy makers; CEO and Senior Executive of Indian and Multinational Corporations; Financial Institutions; Enterprenuars; Industries and Trade Asssoiaations; Thought Leaders, Accadematical & Research and Scholars to participate and contribute to the growth of the Indian Maritime Sectors Sessions/ Seminars were held for mutually beneficial coopration, enhancing trade and shipping sector, some of which, were very closely associated with the Indian Maritime Administration, as appended;



SESSION ON MARITIME SECURITY AND COUNTER PIRACY :

Mr. Kiren Rijju, Minister of State for Home Affairs, Govt. of India, who chaired this session, urged all the relevant stakeholders to come and work together in this direction. He emphasised that while India is a 'status quo' power and not an expansionist state, it has the capacity & potential to work towards the growth of all regional states. He underscored the significance of coastal security. He welcomed suggestions that he could take back to this Ministry for policy making.



The Director General of Shipping in his speech said that there is need to sensitize and disseminate an informed awareness regarding the prevailing maritime security situation and counter-piracy measures amongst the seafaring community, international & national shipping industries, shipowners and allied stakeholders, so as to facilitate sustainable economic development, investments and robust seaborne EXIM trade.



THEMATIC SESSION ENTITLED 'PRESENTATION BY MARITIME NATIONS :

A special thematic session entitled 'Presentation by Maritime Nations' to highlight the global nature of the shipping industry and the importance of co-operation & collaboration between maritime nations, even while they compete, was held on the 14-04-2016 between 1500 and 1800 hrs., as a part of the Maritime India Summit-2016.

This thematic session was chaired & moderated by the Secretary General Emeritus of the International Maritime Organization, Admiral E. Mitropoulos, and speakers from 11 countries, which included one transport minister, representatives of six maritime administrations, experts from the world trade, foreign policy and defence domains

In the context of projecting India as an investment destination, the need for co-operation and uniform understanding about the role of maritime nations was the result of this session. A number of topics, covering a diverse/cross-spectrum of issues, were discussed by the experts during the session; Shri Suresh Kumar CSS had participated in the Seminar on behalf of the Indian Maritime Administration.

THEMATIC SEMINAR ON 'SKILL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH MARITIME EDUCATION AND TRAINING' :



The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri **Rajiv Pratap Rudy**, was the presiding Minister for seminar on 'Skill Development through Maritime Education and Training' at Maritime India Summit, 2016 held at Mumbai. Mr. Amitabh Kumar, IRS, Joint Director General of Shipping, Govt of India, participated and delivered the welcome & vote of thanks in the Seminar.



INDIA ELECTED AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE IMO'S SUB-COMMITTEE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS (III-4) FOR THE YEAR 2017 :

International Maritime Organization (IMO), London, is a specialized agency of the United Nations. IMO is the global standard-setting authority for the safety, security and environmental performance of international shipping. IMO has been successfully evolving international benchmarks and introducing standards uniformly across the globe.

Being a major constituent in the world's seaborne trade and shipping, India deserves its rightful place in international maritime activities and the global decision making on maritime matters. The effect of external factors that affect the cost-effectiveness of India's trade in general, and seaborne trade in particular, should be controlled and decisions involving the transportation costs should be influenced so as to favour India's interests, where necessary.

The global decision making on most of the maritime regulatory matters is taken at IMO, and the efforts of India to occupy a space at IMO has started paying dividends. During the plenary session of III-3 on 22nd July 2016, Shri.Aji Vasudevan Dy. Chief Ship Surveyor, DGS, GoI has been elected as the Chairman of the IMO's sub-committee on Implementation of International Instruments (III-4) for the year 2017.



The task of sub-committee on implementation of IMO Instruments (III) is to address the effective and consistent global implementation and enforcement of IMO instruments concerning Maritime Safety and Security and the protection of Marine Environment.

INDIA ONE OF THE COUNTRIES CHOSEN TO LEAD THE IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT :

The increase in the level of International activities has resulted in India enhancing the performance at International Maritime Forum and has been one of the countries chosen to lead the IMO Member State Audit from 2016.

Shri Satish Kamat, E&SS and Shri Nebu Oommen, SS joined the training in Member States audit at South Korea from 20-24/06/2016.

LIBERALISED THE REGIME OF SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION :

Liberalized the regime for survey and certification, which is expected to facilitate “ease of doing business”. After the initial assignment of load line, the ship-owner may avail the services of any of the eight class societies for survey and certification of their ships.

NEW ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) SYSTEM – A NEW STEP FORWARD:

With a view to facilitate ‘ease of doing business’ a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system considered to be adopted. The purpose of ERP is to make easy the information flow between all business functions within the boundaries of the organization and managed the organization’s connections with its outside stakeholders. This will not only manage the work and automate many back office functions related to technology, service etc but also mitigate the difficulties being faced by the industries/stakeholders. Steps being considered by the Directorate for ERP are as under :

- Existing e- Governance system to be replaced by a completely new, updated, state-of-the-art e-governance.
- Comprehensive study of the existing work processes of the DGS, GoI being carried out by M/s Ernst and Young, as a part of the business process re-engineering [BPR].
- A report prepared on basis of feedback collected from various stakeholders. A module for collecting online, feedback of the stakeholders on a continual/concurrent basis has been developed and operationalized.
- The said study report & the feedback received from the stakeholders to form the basis of the redesigned business processes to be used under new e-Governance system.
- New e-governance to be developed in four phases-
 1. Project initiation – ‘as is’ review and gap analysis.
 2. Process design and digital blue-print development.
 3. Procurement assistance i.e., selection of vendor. The aforesaid three phases would run concurrently.
 4. The fourth phase is implementation management.

NATIONAL MARITIME DAY – 05th April 2016 :



Annually, the 5th of April marks the celebration of the historic day on which the erstwhile Indian merchant vessel 'S.S. Loyalty' had embarked on her maiden International voyage from Mumbai to London in the year 1919. His Excellency Shri Vidyasagar Rao, Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra inaugurated the 53rd Merchant Navy Week on 31st March 2016 at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai. NMDC 2016 – theme paper was “ease of doing business of marine sector” which was considered the sincere efforts of Govt. to simplify policy, procedure and regulations hindering the development sector on 05th April 2016, grand finale on the occasion of 53rd National Maritime Day Celebration was held at Mumbai. On this occasion Vice Admiral Sunil Lamba, PVSM, AVSM, ADC had graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Shri Michael Siebert, Consul General, Consulate General of Federal Republic of Germany and Dean of Consulate Corps was the “Guest of Honour”.

DAY OF THE SEAFARER :

The 25th June, the day of seafarer was established in 2010 during the International Conference on STCW held in Manila from 21st to 25th June 2010 to recognize the unique contribution made by seafarers to International sea-borne trade, the world economy and to global society as a whole. The NMDC organized the day of seafarers on 25th June at Mumbai. Director General Shri Rajendra Singh, PTM, TM Indian Coast Guard Govt. of India, graced the occasion as “Chief Guest” and Mr. Yoshiaki Ito, Consul General Consulate General of Japan was the Guest of Honour.



A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR DIPLOMA/ DEGREE HOLDERS :

There has been demand from the diploma/degree holders candidates who have completed their Diploma/Degree successfully, however, not obtained 50% marks in English language either in 10th or 12th standard but have scored 60% in Diploma and 50% in Degree Courses. The Directorate has examined such cases and permitted vide letter dated 04-03-2016, displayed on official website of the DG Shipping, admission of such candidates for ETO course who could not score 50% marks in English at 10th or 12th standard but have scored 60% in Diploma and 50% in Degree courses, will be eligible if

the medium of learning in Diploma/Degree courses is in English language subject to fulfilling all other eligibility norms and medical fitness.

PLACEMENT DETAILS – A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT :

The Indian Maritime Administration has already informed to the Maritime Training Institutes about the mandatory requirement of furnishing placement details for pre-sea courses in a time framed manner. However, it has come to the notice that some of the Training Institutes are not furnishing the details of the placement causing inconvenience to the administration. The Maritime Administration impress upon the Maritime Training Institutes to take note of the requirement and furnish the placement details for pre-sea courses through a letter dated 29th April 2016 duly displayed on official website of DG Shipping. It is expected that all the concerned Maritime Training Institutes will appreciate the requirement of the DGS and furnish the same for betterment of seafarers and various stakeholders.

COMPREHENSIVE INSPECTION PROGRAMME (CIP) :

The Director General of Shipping has developed the Comprehensive Inspection Program (CIP), integrating and upgrading the existing inspection processes, while introducing an effective grading mechanism for maritime training institutes. To achieve these objectives, necessary guidelines and assessment checklist, identifying the parameters against which every institute will be graded on an annual basis has been formalized. Taking into consideration of feedback etc., the DGS has constituted a study group for review the CIP checklist for pre-sea maritime institute. The said study group has held several meetings, analyzed the data of CIP of the past 2 years and obtained feedback of the Maritime training institute and Shipping industry. Based on recommendation of the said group the DG Shipping has reviewed the CIP checklist vide letter dated 02/05/2016 for conceptual changes and effective improvement in the standards of maritime training and to have a realistic approach to the grading system.

A NEED FOR CHANGES IN FORMAT OF TRAINING COURSES :

Considering the need to amend the format of various training courses approved by the DGS as per Chapter 5 of STCW Convention the Director General of Shipping has approved the format of the training courses as per Training Circular 2 of 2016 dated 28/04/2016, displayed on the official website of the DGS.

NON-UPLOADING OF FORM-I – PAVE THE WAY WITH SUSPENSION OF RPS LICENCE :

The Director General has noted with concern the problem faced by the seafarer due to lapses by the RPS agencies and accordingly decided that from 01/07/2016, the RPS agencies, who do not upload the data of sea-service of their respective seafarer would face immediate suspension of licence and separate arrangement for such cases of uploading will be made purely for the benefit of the seafarer.

INDIAN SHIPPING TONNAGE – up....up....

The Indian shipping tonnage at the close of the last year as on 30/06/2015 was 10.29 million GT with 1216 vessels. The tonnage position as on 30/06/2016 was to the tune of 10.89 million GT with 1281 vessels including 892 coastal and 389 overseas vessels. The increasing trend has been maintained.



FACILITATION TO INDIAN CONTROLLED TONNAGE VESSELS – ONE TIME PROCESSING FEES :

For the Growth of Indian Tonnage and also through the route of Indian Control Tonnage by allowing flagging of ships by Indian entities outside the Country, DGS Order 9 of 2014 was issued and the processing fees for grant of license was being charged on monthly basis. In order to facilitate the Indian Control Tonnage Vessels, the Directorate considered one time – processing fees to be charged for grant of such licenses to these vessels as per SD Circular 5 of 2016 dated 01-04-2016.

LAUNCH OF VOYAGE PERMISSION :

The Directorate has recently launched voyage permission to operate under the India – Bangladesh agreement on Coastal Shipping. The first 3 vessels are (MV Harbour-1, MV KSL Pride & KSL Gladiator).

TRANSFERS & POSTINGS AND ADMINISTRATIVE NECESSITY :

Sl.No.	Name of Officer & Office	Place of Transfer/Posting
1.	Shri S. Barik, Dy. CS, DGS, Mumbai	MMD, Chennai as PO on promotion
2.	Capt.S.K.Das, Dy.NA, MMD, Chennai	MMD, Mumbai
3.	Shri S. S. Gadkar, E&SS, MMD, Mumbai	MMD, Kandla
4.	Shri A.M. Wankhede, MMD, Kochi	DGS, Mumbai
5.	Shri Vikrant Rai, E&SS, MMD, Kolkata	DGS, Mumbai
6.	Shri Mohan Rao Killi, E&SS, DGS, Mumbai	MMD, Kolkata
7.	Shri Praveen R. Nair, E&SS, DGS, Mumbai	MMD, Kochi
8.	Shri Aniruddha Chaki, E&SS, DGS, Mumbai	MMD, Haldia
9.	Shri S. K. Srivastava, E&SS, MMD, Haldia	MMD, Mumbai
10.	Shri R. R. Subbarao, E&SS, New appointee	MMD, Paradip
11.	Shri Sujit Kumar Das, E&SS, MMD, Kandla	MMD, Kolkata
12.	Shri Satish Kamat, E&SS, MMD, Mumbai	DGS, Mumbai
13.	Shri Gopinandan Papineni, E&SS, new appointee	DGS, Mumbai
14.	Shri Srinivasa Prasad Anapu, E&SS, new appointee	MMD, Mumbai
15.	Shri Pradeep Sudhakar K, SS, new appointee	DGS, Mumbai

PROMOTIONS / RETIREMENT:

- Shri B. R. Shekhar, Principal Officer is promoted as Chief Surveyor with the Govt. of India.
- Shri S. Barik, Dy. Chief Surveyor is promoted as Principal Officer (Engineering).
- Shri Vijay Kr. Pandey, DDG has been relieved to report Election Commission as Director (Legal).
- Smt. Savita Raj, Assistant is promoted as Executive Officer w.e.f. 01-05-2016.
- Smt. R.I.Solkar, Executive Officer, retired on superannuation w.e.f. 30-04-2016.

FILLING UP THE POSTS – ENHANCEMENT OF MANPOWER STRENGTH :

- The Directorate has sent a DPC proposal for a filling up the post of Principal Officer (Nautical) to the UPSC. The meeting held on 28-06-2016, result of which is awaited.
- The UPSC has declared a result of Nautical Surveyors and the Directorate has received communication. Necessary action is being taken to appoint the recommended candidates. The Directorate congratulates all the recommended candidates and anxious to welcome soon to become a DGS family members.

INDIA'S ATTENDANCE IN IMO – NATIONAL COMMITMENT (During the quarter ending 30-06-2016) :

India is an active member state of IMO. During the quarter the following sessions have been attended; -

- ❖ The 69th Session of the marine Environment Protection Committee, IMO, London, Attended by Shri B.R. Sekhar, CS from 18-04-2016 to 22-04-2016.
- ❖ The G/o MEEP to Train the Trainer Course on energy Efficient Ship Operation, Dalion-China, attended by S/Shri S. Barik, Dy.CS & Ajith Sukumaran, PO (I/C), from 23 to 27-05-2016.
- ❖ ARF Workshop on Ship Profiling, Kaulalumpur, Malaysia, attended by Capt S. Darorkar, NS, from 24-05-2016 to 25-05-2016.
- ❖ 19th Plenary Session of the Contract Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) and related meeting at Muhe, Victoria, Scyhelles. Attended by Shri Sanjay Anchalwar, DDG, from 31-05-2016 to 03-06-2016.
- ❖ The 103rd Session of the Legal Committee, IMO, London. Attended by Shri Amitabh Kumar, Jt.DG & Shri Suresh Kumar, CSS from 08-06-2016 to 10-06-2016.
- ❖ 3rd Session of the Sub-Committee on Implementation, IMO, London. Attended by Shri Aji Vasudevan, Dy.CSS from 18-06-2016 to 22-06-2016.
- ❖ Regional Training Course for the auditors under the IMO Member-State Audit Scheme (IMSAS), Seoul Republic of Korea. Attended by S /Shri Satish Devdas Kamat, E&SS and Nebu Oomen, Ship Surveyor, from 20-06-2016 to 24-06-2016.
- ❖ Shri Ash Mohomad, ADG has attended a 4 days course on 'IMO Conventions and Implementations', from 06 to 09.06.16, at Singapore. The course was conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs [MFA], Government of Singapore, under Singapore Cooperation Programme Training Award [SCPTA]. The training programme was designed to cover the four International Conventions viz; SOLAS, MARPOL, STCW & Maritime Labour Convention, 2006.

CONCURRENT FEEDBACK AND GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM – A NEW TOOL FOR SEAFARERS AND STAKEHOLDERS :

For the purpose of developing an efficient Grievance Redressal Mechanism that caters to the growing demand of user/ shipping community, a concurrent feedback mechanism under **e-governance** has been established. In this connection, an introductory workshop was held on 23-24/06/2016 for officers of DGS and field officers for its implementation. To begin with, in the month of June 2016, 287 queries have been received, out of which, 278 queries have been replied to successfully. The seafarers and stakeholders are utilizing and welcoming such a new facilitating move of the Directorate.

USER SATISFACTION SURVEY – A NEED FOR GLOBAL GROWTH & COMPETITION :

With a set vision to be recognized, globally, as a highly effective, efficient, responsible and progressive maritime administration & maritime assistance service, The DG Shipping launched a third party baseline survey. The survey was based on responses received during the online survey, primary considerations and analysis. This has been made available to the concerned subordinate officers and branches of the DG Shipping.

Although the survey revealed a general trend of utmost optimism and belief in the services of the DGS and its allied agencies but there is a need for enhancing the performance of the agencies in the new world of growth and global competition. The DGS has no option but to continue its effective & rigorous efforts and to carry a quarterly analysis simultaneously from the online concurrent feedback comparing with the baseline survey data.

MINOR PORT SURVEY ORGANISATION (MPSO) – WINDING UP :

The MPSO has ceased to its activities w.e.f. 01-07-2016 as approved by the Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India communicated vide MPSO Circular No. MPSO/ADM/217/2016/277 dated 23/24-05-2016.

ETV – MARITIME ASSISTANCE SERVICES :

In accordance with the Ministry's directions and the obligations under maritime assistance services, the SCI has mobilized placement of Emergency Towing Vessels (ETV) w.e.f. 25-06-2016 at West Coast of India, with the aim and objective to assist the vessels in distress and try to mitigate the dangers to the Indian coast.

VESSELS TO BE LAID-UP - ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD – FAVOURABLE FOR TRADE :

Nothing the down turn of the industry, where many ships are being laid up to tide over the slump in shipping and after taking the views from the concerned stake holders, a guidelines (MS Notice No.06 of 2016 dated 22-06-2016) to be followed when the vessels are to be laid up anywhere in the world, has been issued.

MANDATORY WEIGHTS DECLARATION OF CONTAINERS – A TRADE FACILITY :

Consequent to amendment in SOLAS for safety of vessels with reference to mandatory weights declaration of containers, the Directorate held several seminars / interactions with the industry prior finalization, for a workable solution to the important issue for facilitation of the shipping trade. An MS Notice No.4 of 2016 dated 11-05-2016 was issued giving direction in details. Based on the industry's subsequent requirements, an MS Notice No.7 of 2016 dated 24-06-16 has been issued as an interim measure so that the trade is not hampered. India is the one of the early countries to have such detailed procedure and adoption of adequate electronic process of data transmission.

EXAMINATION (NAUTICAL) – ONLINE PROCESS COMPLETED :

Notwithstanding the fact that 12 examinations have been conducted at six examination centers (every month), a facilitating process of adoption of online process has been completed and to enhance performance and bring up competitiveness resulting in qualitative improvement, the Directorate has been declaring the marks of all successful (in first attempt) candidates since June 2016.

MORE SPACE FOR NAUTICAL EXAMINATION AT NOIDA :



New examination Hall at MMD Noida has facilitated to accommodate 120 examinees for Nautical Grade, commencing examination since, July 2016, facilitating examinees especially from northern part of India. Further, it is intended to issue mark-sheet along with the CoC to all successful seafarers w.e.f. 01-08-2016.

नौवहन महानिदेशालय में राजभाषा हिंदी के बढ़ते कदम :

राजभाषा की संवैधानिक अपेक्षाओं को ध्यान में रखते हुए राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की नियमित बैठक नौवहन महानिदेशक एवं पदेन अपर सचिव की अध्यक्षता में की गई। नौवहन महानिदेशक ने स्वयं तिमाही प्रगति रिपोर्ट की समीक्षा की और बैठकों में लिए गए निर्णय पर अनुवर्ती कार्रवाई का आदेश दिया।

- राजभाषा हिंदी की प्रगति और इसकी विभिन्न प्रावधानों की जानकारी तथा कार्यान्वित करने की दृष्टि से हिंदी कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया। कार्यशाला में अन्य विषयों के साथ साथ राजभाषा हिंदी की जानकारी, कंप्यूटर पर हिंदी में कार्य के बारे में बताया गया। विशेष रूप से संसदीय राजभाषा समिति और प्रश्नावली के बारे में विस्तारपूर्वक चर्चा की गई। सभी उपस्थित कर्मचारियों द्वारा उत्साहपूर्वक भाग लिया गया। त्वरित गति के लिए अधिकारियों हेतु अलग सत्र का आयोजन किया गया।
- क्षेत्रीय कार्यान्वयन कार्यालय एवं पश्चिम मुंबई द्वारा आयोजित राजभाषा विचार मंथन के दो दिवसीय कार्यक्रम में भाग लिया गया और राजभाषा हिन्दी की प्रगति के दिशा में प्रयत्नशील है।

ACTIVITIES IN FIELD OFFICES :

In MMD, Chennai, 3 nos. of applications for registration of ships were disposed off, only one application is pending at the end of the quarter. 23 nos. of PSC and 1 FSI were done, similarly 18 nos. of applications for survey were received for ship survey and all the ships were surveyed. 6 nos. of ISM audit were carried out during the quarter and 6 training institutes were inspected further 1868 COCs were issued for various grades, however, there are 272 COCs are to be issued. 670 candidates appeared for various Engineering exams, whereas, 162 candidates appeared for various nautical examination. Swachhata pakhwada, National Maritime Day were celebrated. Internal audit of QMS of EAC was conducted by Surveyor on 07/04/16 at Vizag. and on 11&12/04/16 at Chennai. Hindi workshop was held on 25/05/16 for use of Hindi in office.

In MMD, Visakhapatnam, 2 nos of new ships were registered. Survey / Inspection / Certification of ships were done to the tune of 67. 243 candidates were appeared for various Engg. exams, whereas Change of Command was 1 no. In office OLIC meeting was organized for progressive use of official Hindi.

MMD, Kolkata and its allied offices have been able to monitor and implement the requirement of the ISPS course before the due date. E-gov. has been adopted for prompt and proper services to the service seeker especially the candidates appearing for various examinations. The department has carried out work like registration, survey, inspection, examination work etc. Seafarer Redressal Mechanism is directly functioning under the PO, MMD. Weeding out of records has been taken in hand. Swachha Bharat Abhiyan campaign continued. Workshop on capacity building organized and work relating progressive use of Hindi were done.

MMD, Kandla has conducted various inspections like PSC, Flag survey etc. to the tune of 40 and MMSI & Call sign issuance was 9, whereas examination for oral & written were 108 & 105 respectively. They have also participated with enthusiasm in 'Swachha Pakhwada', KPT Board meeting and Hon'ble Shipping Minister's visit.

ISSUANCE OF RATING COC – NEW FACILITATION CENTRE:

New facilitation center have been approved to Pune in June 2016 and New Delhi on 05/07/2016 for issuance of rating.

HIGH VOLTAGE COURSE – OPERATION COMMENCEMENT:

High voltage course management commenced in 2015 and operation commenced on July 2016 to take benefit to Indian ETO and to get continued employment due to amendment to STCW convention.

PORT STATE CONTROL INSPECTION:

During the quarter, Port State Inspection of the vessel and elimination of substandard detention were carried out by Group A technical officer to the tune of 138.

COC – ISSUANCE :

During the quarter, issuances of CoC are as under:

FG(Class)		NCV
MEO Class I	144	36
MEO Class II	238	
MEO Class IV	537	
ETO	162	
Total	1081	36

RADHIKA MENON FIRST WOMAN CAPTAIN OF INDIAN MERCAHNT NAVY RECEIVES IMO AWARD FOR BRAVERY AT SEA :



Captain Radhika Menon, Master of the oil products tanker vessel Sampurna Swarajya, nominated by the Government of India, is to receive the 2016 International Maritime Organization(IMO) Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea for her role in the dramatic rescue of seven fishermen from a

	sinking fishing boat in tumultuous seas in the Bay of Bengal in June last year. Award will be conferred during the MSC 97 session, likely to be held on 21 st Nov'2016.
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CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION – SHRI B.M. DAS

Shri B.M. Das u/nvk operator of the rescue helicopter, Indian Coast Guard, for rescuing 14 crew members of the vessel M.V. Coastal Pride will also receive a certificate of commendation citing his act of bravery.

RESCINDING OF RULES UNDER THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1958 :

The Ministry of Shipping, in accordance with the Government's commitment to do away with obsolete laws which hinder efficient governance, has notified the final rescinding of the following six rules under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958:

- i) Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention Certificates) Rules, 1975,
- ii) Merchant Shipping (Radio Direction Finders) Rules 1968,
- iii) Merchant Shipping (Distress Messages and Navigational Warnings) Rules, 1964
- iv) Merchant Shipping (Muster) Rules, 1968
- v) Merchant Shipping (Pilot Ladder) Rules, 1967
- vi) Life-boatmen's (Qualifications and Certificates) Rules 1963

The present notification is in furtherance of the Ministry's earlier notification published in Gazette on 17.11.2015 inviting comments and objections from public. Already, seven rules stood rescinded through notification dated 17.11.2015. Thus, as of today, the Ministry has rescinded a total of thirteen rules under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958. This step will simplify the legislative framework governing merchant shipping sector in India and streamline the processes and procedures in the shipping sector. Besides, the rescinding of these Rules will further promote 'ease-of-doing-business' in India and has been widely welcomed by the merchant shipping community and businesses.

WHAT OUR BELOVED SEAFARERS SAY:

Ticket #431773

07/02/2016 5:12 pm ADARSHSHIPMANAGEMENT PVT LTD

The service was very good and as per latest guidelines Name also changed as per our side your service was excellent.

Ticket #226171

06/30/2016 6:15 pm misam abbas

very fast and good response from dg shipping and MMD Delhi it nice

Ticket #775851

07/03/2016 11:22 am Rajesh Raghunathan

Dear Sir, Good Day to you! My name is Rajesh Raghunathan (INDOS Number: 01EL5717) and this mail is to inform your office about the excellent response of MMD, Mumbai in issuing of DCE when applied online. I have received my DCE within 3 days of applying, and I am very happy and impressed with the online process as it saves a lot of energy, time and money in travelling since i stay in Mangalore. Keep up the good work! Warm Regards, Rajesh Raghunathan.

Ticket #606700

07/14/2016 12:20 pm BIBIN ANTONY

ONLINE APPLICATION WAS A USEFULL EXPERIENCE

Ticket #775667

07/07/2016 2:56 pm Faisal Jalil Chougale

I would like to Thank The Directorate for the initiation and useful application of IT in the system for the convenience of the seafarers to apply for their various certificates and licenses from the comfort of their homes, also i would mention a word of thanks to Capt.S.I.Abul Kalam Azad sir for the value able assistance in renewal of COC and COP.

Ticket #507466

07/23/2016 12:25 pm Kush Kapur

The issuance of the replacement CDC was very smooth and quick. Highly appreciate the work done.

Ticket #601455

06/23/2016 6:30 pm Sudheer Kumar singh

I m very happy with this exam results given before. Thanks to all Kolkata MMD and friends.

Ticket #422232

06/20/2016 2:11 am POTDAR JAYESH VIVEK

The online system has made the examination and assessment procedure very simple and time saving.

Ticket #559303

06/20/2016 5:29 pm Arun Singh

Was having a problem in booking the oral exams online since last so many months. This time the problem solved with in just 13 hrs. Two thumbs up to MMD Noida's staff. Keep it up.

Ticket #198312

06/10/2016 1:06 am BADRI NAVEEN KUMAR

THANKS U ALL

Ticket #132291

06/23/2016 9:24 am Capt Sanjay Prashar

Self uploaded my first feedback today. It's excellent arrangement. Congratulations for developing a closed loop feedback system. Shipping Industry being taken by storm with feisty changes by Hon Minister Sh Nitin Gadkari Ji.

Ticket #626036

06/12/2016 7:51 am MD AMINUL HAQUE

i am satisfied

Ticket #856963

06/12/2016 12:35 am CAPT. NAVDEEP SINGH BHALLA

Very Prompt & efficient website. Very helpful to seafarers. Thanks to DGS & team.

Ticket #416447

06/12/2016 12:37 am CAPT. NAVDEEP SINGH BHALLA

Very Prompt & efficient website. Very helpful to Seafarers. Thanks to DGS & team.

Ticket #696797

06/03/2016 2:43 am AMANJOT SINGH SACHDEVA

VERY GOOD



Twitter Question Feedback –

Viril Kumar Yadav @VirilKumar @shipmin_india Thanks sir Now i can practically say.... MERA DESH BADAL RAHA HAI, AAGE BADH RAHA HAI.... Jai Hind
