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## CMMI & IMEI conducts Seminar on “Business Integrity & Anti - Corruption - Imperatives & Way Forward in the Maritime Industry” - Role & Work of the MACN

The Company of Master Mariners of India (CMMI) & The Institute of Marine Engineers India (IMEI) has jointly organized a Seminar on Friday, 17th June 2022 at 1500 hrs at Auditorium, Indian Register of Shipping (IRS), Mumbai On Business Integrity & Anti-Corruption -Imperatives & Way Forward in the Maritime Industry. Role & Work of The Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN). The event was also regulated on Zoom virtual platform.

**Capt. K.V. Pradhan, Deputy Master CMMI** welcomed **Mr. Vijay Arora, MD IRS**, and conveyed appreciation for hosting the event. Recognizing the presence of **Mr. VK Jain, President of IMEI**, he welcomed all the esteemed guests present. After a brief overview of IMEI and CMMI, Capt. Pradhan briefed on the topic and the role of MACN. A minute of silence was observed in the memory and honor of the late Capt. S.M. Divekar and Capt. Kiriti Guha, and prayed to the Almighty to grant peace to the departed souls.

**MR. S.M. Rai, a senior member of IMEI** then took the proceedings of the seminar and introduced the invited speakers & panelists:

- Shri Deepak Shetty, I.R.S.(Retd.) ex D.G Shipping/ Senior Advisor, Keynote speaker**
- Capt. MP Bhasin, Chairman MASSA, Speaker**

- Mr. Anil Devli, CEO INSA, Speaker**
- Dr. Sanjay Bhavnani, CEO, MMA India, Speaker**



Mr. Deepak Shetty

**Shri Deepak Shetty, Senior Advisor MACN** in his remark mentioned the objective of MACN and its background and how the Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN) is a global business network working toward the vision of a maritime industry free of corruption that enables fair trade to the benefit of society at large. Established in 2011 by a small group of committed maritime companies, MACN has grown to include **over 165 companies** globally and has become one of the pre-eminent examples of collective action to tackle corruption.

He also reiterated how MACN and its members work towards the elimination of all forms of maritime corruption by raising awareness of the challenges

faced; implementing the MACN Anti-Corruption Principles and co-developing and sharing best practices; collaborating with governments, non-governmental organizations, and civil society

to identify and mitigate the root causes of corruption; and creating a culture of integrity within the maritime community.

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During his speech, he mentioned MACN's works towards its vision through three objectives that are elaborated in the MACN **Mission: Capability Building- Providing industry-leading innovative solutions to our members, Collective Action- Driving and leading sustainable change in the operating environment, and Collaboration- A recognized contributor and expert working in partnerships to raise the integrity standard for maritime trade.**

He also explained about MACN's anonymous incident reporting system enables maritime players to submit reports on corrupt demands they have faced during port operations. To date, MACN has collected more than 50,000

reports of corrupt demands globally.

MACN uses this data to analyze trends in the frequency of incidents, allowing MACN to target collective action efforts and engage with governments. He also mentioned MACN's latest initiatives on the **Global Port Integrity Platform (GPIP)**, an online platform detailing the integrity performance of ports. GPIP will be a gamechanger in the fight against maritime corruption. The platform currently includes **106 ports from over 50 countries. MACN's ambition is to double the number of ports in the system by end of 2022.**

Mr. Shetty also informed about MACN's vision for **Capability Building** work to equip

maritime professionals across all segments, with the knowledge, tools, and skills to prevent and resist corruption, provide maritime professionals with concrete strategies to identifying red flags of corruption and know how to react when encountering corruption incidents and disseminating and spreading best practices across the industry.



Capt. MP Bhasin

Capt. M. P. Bhasin addressed MACN for the key priorities. He highlighted

that "Awareness" is the first tool and "we need these kinds of seminars & webinars on a larger level across India where MACN can be reached and we as MASSA will support". The next priority he addressed was

"**Confidence Building**" and it is through collaboration. "Confidence building is to be through case-study in order to be more effective in delivering the message. MACN being a world-leading anti-corruption organization, calls for collective participation of the shipping companies, seafarers and authorities. Globally whatever success you have, please share it with India" he said to support confidence building.

"Anti-corruption work needs to be seen by shipping companies, seafarers, port workers, government officials, donors, and

members of the public, in every place that we are working. Therefore for MACN to have a footprint in all sectors of maritime, you need to reach all these places", he summoned up.



Mr. Anil Devli

Mr. Anil Devli focussed on the industry to collectively get together and combat corruption. "Corruption is not necessarily only maritime corruption but corruption in everything that we do.

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And I think we decide that we will stop being corrupt in any activity we do”, he added. “There is a sincere intention at the top to wipe out these scores of corruptions. And it only requires a little bit of effort. And at least within INSA, we use the association for the purpose of tackling these issues. We will continue to support MACN and its efforts here in India” he concluded.

**Dr. Sanjay Bhavnani** addressed the topic through an excellent presentation stating the areas of corruption in ports



**Dr. Sanjay Bhavnani**

and consequences for not fulfilling the personal demands and the impact of corruption. He highlighted the present status on the bribery issues and added that few companies are seen

leaving on the ship Masters and crew to deal without giving the company's guidance or support despite the existence of MACN and a regulatory framework that provides reporting system for MACN to take tangible steps. He concluded his presentation by highlighting the Industry's good practices on anti-corruption and the message that “together we can make a difference”.

The Seminar then was opened with a Q&A session and there were very interesting questions raised from the participants



and the same were well responded to by the Speakers/Panellist. To honor the speakers for their valued contributions, the memento was given to each speaker and Mr. SM

Rai from CMMI and IMEI through the hands of Capt KV Pradhan and Mr VK Jain. The seminar came to an end with a heartfelt vote of Thanks by VK Jain, President IMEI.

## MARINE NEWS

MUMBAI  
Sagar Sandesh News Bureau

All nine people were rescued after an ONGC (Oil and Natural Gas Corporation) chopper with seven passengers and two pilots aboard made an emergency landing in the Arabian Sea on June 28th

“All nine people have been rescued,” Coast Guard spokesperson RK Singh

## Helicopter crashes in open sea off Mumbai high; All nine rescued

said. The operation went on for nearly an hour.

**The chopper was forced to land on the open sea using the floaters** that are attached to such helicopters that carry personnel and material to the shore to offshore installations.

“In a swiftly coordinated Maritime life saving operation in Arabian Sea, prudent coordination

amidst stakeholders resulted in accounting of all 9 passengers of the ill fated @ONGC\_Pawan Hans. Alert eyes and prompt response at the western seaboard's concerted efforts resulted in Search And Rescue operations” the Indian Coast Guard said in a tweet.

**Vessels were deployed from nearby ONGC installations for the rescue.**

Four people were initially rescued by the Malviya-16 vessel. A Sagar



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Kiran rescue boat was later also deployed for the operation.

It was when the ONGC helicopter was attempting

to land at a rig, about 50 nautical miles from the Mumbai coast that the incident took place. About 1.5 km from the landing zone on the rig, the chopper fell into the sea, ONGC sources were quoted by a Mumbai based daily.

The Arabian Sea has several ONGC rigs and installations used to produce oil and gas from reservoirs lying below the seabed. The circumstances - under which the incident happened - are yet to be examined.

## Gujarat coast gets advanced helicopters for Maritime security

NEW DELHI  
Sagar Sandesh News Bureau

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has commissioned the indigenous advanced light helicopter (ALH) MK-III aircraft at Gujarat's Porbandar port in a big boost to the country's maritime security.



Advanced Light Helicopter

The ALH MK-III squadron was commissioned by Director General of Indian Coast Guards Virender Singh Pathania at the force's air enclave on the west coast.

The commissioning of ALH MK-III Squadron at Porbandar will give a major fillip to the abilities of the Indian Coast Guard in the security-sensitive Gujarat region.

**“So far, 13 ALH MK-III aircraft have been inducted in the Indian Coast Guard in a phased manner, and four of these**

aircraft are positioned at Porbandar,” according to the statement. Since induction, the squadron has flown over 1,200 hours and conducted numerous operational missions, including the maiden night search and rescue mission off the Diu coast.

**“The rules of engagement of the force allow it to be used against anti-national elements as per laid down procedures,”** Pathania said.

The aircraft also has the ability to switch roles from an offensive platform with a heavy machine gun to that of a benign one carrying a medical intensive care unit to facilitate transfer of critically ill patients.



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