

Maritime Trainers Guild- Foundation Day Celebration

The **Foundation Day celebration** of the Maritime Trainers Guild on August 3, 2024, at MCA-BKC, was a landmark event underscoring the theme "**Adapting to Disruptive Changes in Maritime Education and Training.**"

The occasion was graced by the esteemed **Chief Guest, Shri Shyam Jagannathan (IAS), Director General of Shipping**, adding a distinguished presence to the event.

Capt. Kamal Chadha (General Secretary, MTG) welcomed all the members, dignitaries, and Chief Guest, Shri Shyam Jagannathan, IAS (Directorate General of Shipping, India). **Capt. Prabhat Nigam (President, MTG)** discussed the brief history and the journey of MTG from 2011. He highlighted the need for synchronizing the NEP 2020 with MET and informed the audience the importance of MOOC – SWAYAM & NPTEL.

This was followed by an inspiring **address by Shri Shyam Jagannathan (IAS)**. He spoke on the significance of adapting to rapid technological changes and their impact on maritime education. His remarks set the tone for the day's discussions, emphasizing the need for continuous evolution in training methodologies and examination systems to align with industry advancements.

Mr. Rabindra Sah delivered a compelling expert talk on the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in maritime education and training. He explored various AI applications such as advanced simulation systems, data-driven decision-making, and personalized learning paths. Mr. Sah's talk highlighted how AI can enhance training effectiveness, improve learner engagement, and better prepare maritime professionals for future challenges.

Panel Discussion 1: "Developing the Future-Ready Curriculum"

Moderator: Prof. (Capt.) Kishore

Panelists: Capt. Subendu Hati, Mr. Sunil Kumar, Capt. Ruchin Dayal

This panel discussion addressed the critical issue of designing curricula that are aligned with future maritime industry needs. Prof. (Capt.) Kishore moderated the session, guiding the panelists through discussions on integrating technological advancements, industry trends, and practical competencies into maritime education programs. The discussion emphasized the importance of flexibility and continuous curriculum updates to ensure relevance in a rapidly changing environment.

Panel Discussion 2: "Equipping the Trainers & Assessors"

Moderator: Mr. David Birwadkar

Panelists: Capt. M.C. Yadav, Mr. Pawan Kapoor, Capt. H Kumar, Ms. Shilpa B.

The second panel focused on strategies for enhancing the capabilities of trainers and assessors. Moderated by Mr. David Birwadkar, the discussion covered key topics such as professional development, integrating new technologies into training, and establishing effective assessment practices. The panelists provided practical insights on ensuring that trainers and assessors are well-prepared to meet the evolving demands of the maritime sector.

The Foundation Day celebration of the Maritime Trainers Guild was a successful event that fostered meaningful dialogue on adapting to disruptive changes in maritime education and training. The presence of Shri Shyam Jagannathan (IAS) added a notable dimension to the event, and the expert talk along with the panel discussions provided valuable perspectives on current and future challenges.

The event's focus on AI integration and curriculum development, coupled with strategies for empowering trainers and assessors, highlighted the Guild's commitment to advancing maritime education. Attendees left with enhanced knowledge and a clear understanding of the steps needed to navigate the evolving landscape of maritime training.









