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## IMEC Team meet members in Mumbai on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022



(L to R) Mr. Arndt Stefan, Capt Belal Ahmed, Francesco Gargiulo, and Capt M.P. Bhasin



Mr. Francesco Gargiulo, Capt. Belal Ahmed and Capt. Rajesh Tandon



Capt. M. P. Bhasin & Capt. Sankalp Shukla



IMEC members / participants

Following the easing of travel restrictions, The International Maritime Employers' Council (IMEC) leadership comprising Capt Belal Ahmed - Chairman, Mr. Arndt Stefan - Vice Chairman, and Francesco Gargiulo – CEO, visited Mumbai from 13-15 September.

IMEC team's visits to India have historically been an annual exercise to have discussions with FOSMA/MASSA leadership, as well as interactions with representatives of their member lines. Both FOSMA & MASSA are Associate members of IMEC and work closely with them to keep IMEC updated on matters **Turn to page -2 >>**



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Fellowship at Dinner

relating to the employment of Indian seafarers, such as availability of qualified seafarers – both at entry level and experienced personnel, training facilities, both mandatory and value added to support seafarer development, amongst others.

Interactions were held with the officers of FOSMA & MASSA, and **one of the key takeaway** from

this meeting was, that **in order to increase seafarer employment on the international fleet, IMEC will work with the local bodies to improve training slots for entry-level seafarers on board its' member lines' vessels.**

During the members meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September at TAJ Hotel Santacruz, the IMEC CEO made

a presentation and provided an overview of their current activities, and also fielded questions from the attendees. **Capt M. P. Bhasin & Capt Sankalp Shukla, Chairpersons of MASSA & FOSMA,** thanked the IMEC team for taking time out for this visit. The meeting was concluded with a social event which provided an

opportunity for the members to meet and interact with the team.

The next day IMEC Chairman & Vice Chairman accompanied by **Capt Rajesh Tandon, CEO FOSMA,** visited the NUSI Offshore Training Institute and were reportedly quite impressed with the offerings at that facility.



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