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FOSMA celebrates Annual Day at Taj on 30th September 2022

Foreign Owners Representatives and Ship Managers Association (FOSMA) arranged their Annual Day Function at Hotel Taj Santacruz on 30th September 2022 where a large number of guests from the maritime fraternity and the industry stalwarts joined the celebration arranged with multiple cuisine and beverages.



Chairman Capt. Sankalp Shukla with FOSMA members & team welcoming the guests

At the Annual Function, FOSMA Chairman Capt. Sankalp Shukla along with FOSMA CEO Capt. Rajesh Tandon performed the award plaque ceremony to reward corporate excellence to the following distinguished persons:

- **Capt. Navin Passey** for outstanding contribution to the maritime fraternity and for sustained excellence in leading FOSMA to new heights under his Chairmanship.



Capt Navin Passey being honored by Capt. Asok Chattopadhyay

- **Capt. Surendra Manocha** in appreciation of his outstanding contribution towards setting up the FOSMA training institute at Kolkata and continuing as Principal until his retirement.



Capt. Surendra Manocha with his wife Madhu Ji being honored by Capt. Abhijit Chattopadhyay

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- **Mr. Rustom Cassinath** on completing 25 years of excellent and dedicated service. His valuable contributions continue to play an integral role in FOSMA's success.



Mr. Rustom Cassinath with his wife Anahita Ji being honored by Capt. Rajesh & Capt Sankalp



(L to R) Capt. Ramaswamy, Mr Arne Jan Flolo (Norw Consul General) with his wife, Mr Rustom, Capt Naphade & Capt. Barve

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ABOUT FOSMA:

Established and registered in India as a Charitable (non-profit) organization in 1989. As a body representative, the Association takes up matters of common interests of Seafarers' employment at large, and Member Companies in particular, with the Authorities concerned to obtain a rational resolution.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF "FOSMA" INCLUDE:

Mercantile Marine Departments: Sorting out difficulties of the Member Companies and their Seafarers regarding training, Certification, Endorsements

Directorate General of Shipping: Policies regarding Seafarers recruitment and placement, training, examination, Certification and Endorsements

- Operational matters concerning RPS Rules, Circulars, SID, and MLC implementation
- **Trustee of Seamen's Provident Fund Organisation (SPFO)**
- **On the Committee of Management of Seafarers Welfare Fund Society (SWFS)**

Indian Maritime University

- Member of the IMU Court and School of Nautical Studies

Ministry of Shipping

- Member of **National Welfare Board** for Seafarers
- To apprise the Ministry about progress in revision of STCW'95
- *Member of National Shipping Board*

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Ministry of External Affairs

- To request for Indian Navy Escort for ships transiting the Pirate infested Gulf of Aden **
- To initiate international actions in this matter
- For Release of Seafarers held hostage by Pirates on hijacked ships
- To stop criminalization of Seafarers by intervening at diplomatic level with Korea in Hebei Spirit case

Ministry of Labour

- For Ratification of Maritime Labour Convention, 2006

Ministry of Law

- For rationalization of Merchant Shipping (Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers) Rules
- For promulgation of Merchant Shipping (STCW) Rules

Parliament of India

- Ensured continued employment of Indian Seafarers on Foreign Flag ships, following amendments to the Merchant Shipping Act, which prescribed mandatory service on Indian Ships for Officers after obtaining each Certificate of Competency. IBF (International Bargaining Forum

consisting of International Maritime Employers council - IMEC and International Transport-workers Federation - ITF) negotiations with ITF and ITF affiliated unions for wage and service conditions for Indian officers and ratings (IBF agreement – Green Card) representing Ship-owners.

Negotiations with ITF affiliated unions for wage and service conditions for Indian officers and ratings (ITF TCC agreement – Blue Card) representing Ship-owners.

Supported Norwegian ships owners association for agreement with Norwegian seafarers unions and local ITF affiliated unions for wage and service conditions for Indian officers and ratings serving onboard Norwegian flag and Norwegian owned vessels

Embassies in Delhi

- Norwegian Embassy in Delhi for matters of Indo-Norwegian Maritime Co-operation
- For Introduction of NIS Flag State Endorsement Course for Indian Officers

Consulates in Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata

- Panama Consulate for various matters concerning flag state.
- Netherland, Belgium Consulate for expediting



the issuance Schengen Visas and green channel for FOSMA Members

- Korean Consulate to stop criminalization of Seafarers by Government of Korea in the M. T. Hebei Spirit case
- United States Consulate for priority Visa for Indian Seafarers

International Maritime Organisation:

- Revision of STCW Convention in all sessions between 2007 and 2010 as part of Government of India delegation. Attended STW / HTW Session in 2014, 2015 and 2021
- Revision of Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) meetings at IMO

International labour Organisation

- Maritime Labour Convention 2006
- Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers Convention ILO 179
- Minimum Standards convention ILO 147

COVID 19 and Crew Change / Chartered Flights / Vaccinations

Led the Industry initiative for carrying out crew changes during the Lockdown period. To fulfil the needs of the Foreign Flagships, initiated discussion with DGS and Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Civil Aviation,

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of External Affairs and the Local Embassies; and Ministry of Home Affairs to operate chartered aircraft for the crew changes. Initiated efforts for Seafarers to be designated as Key Workers providing essential services. This was also helpful in seafarers obtaining priority vaccinations. Carried out Special Vaccination drives for seafarers jointly with other Industry partners. Started 24x7 Help-Line for seafarers to ensure their continued well being. Visit www.fosma.net





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