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Future Skills Maritime (FSM) 2022- Organised by TNC Global Virtual Conference and Networking Meet

The Future Skills Maritime (FSM) Global Virtual Conference is the Maritime industry's largest virtual conference in skill building organised by **The Naval Connection (TNC)**, held on 20th & 21st Januart,2022.

The first season of FSM was held in Nov 2020 and drew large crowds from far corners of the world

impression of the conference happening inside an auditorium.

The auditorium hosted a giant screen and the audience watched the session on the giant display.

The platform also had a dedicated **networking lounge** where all visitors could engage and bond with each other for business growth, a **photobooth**

In his welcome note Capt. Mukherjee greeted the dignitaries and deliberated on the vision of TNC, a fast growing training conglomerate with the vision '**Building Value for the Future**'. He summarised the achievements of TNC over the last 3 years amidst raging uncertainty and disruption due to the COVID 19 pandemic. **TNC Virtual Academy** has developed the skills of more than 4000 seafarers in technical

and non-technical LIVE workshops. He also announced the release of industry's first **Rating's Boot Camp**, an enhanced 4 days extensive skills development package in Feb end.

He then invited **Mr. Arne Jan Flolo, Consul General of the Royal Norwegian Consulate General in Mumbai.** Arne

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Inaugural Session


The Inaugural session of the FSM 2022 was held on 20th Jan. It seemed like a dream when you entered the specially created 3D virtual platform designed to enhance networking and engagement.

The virtual ambience created by TNC for this programme was electric and showed the hard work of the team in creating a state-of-the-art AI led 3D forum, the new genre for all large virtual events in present times.

As the guests entered, they were treated to the experience of a journey on an 'Air Taxi' (Simulated with the logo of **Qatar Airways the Principal Sponsors**, on the hull of the flying machine) and then into the amazing lobby which gave the

where one could take their selfies and post it on the wall, a **scribble wall room** where guests wrote their views and comments on the wall, an **exhibition arena** where there were virtual booths of **Qatar Airways, Ocean Technologies Group** and **Bernhard Schulte Ship Management** and of course the inhouse 'Naval Connection' brand

The **Inaugural Session** commenced with the opening address of **Capt. Shoukat Mukherjee, Founder & CEO of The Naval Connection** where he welcomed all the speakers and guests from around the world. Over 1200 professionals and students attended the inaugural session from all parts of the world



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thanked the organisers for putting up such a gallant virtual event. Since the maritime industry is changing rapidly, he put forward an important question 'how can training skills keep up with this rapid change? He stated that the change is driven by new & green technologies and highlighted the few areas of emerging technologies. He also highlighted a few areas focusing on mission's abatement technologies, including green initiatives, such as scrubber technology, low sulphur content fuel, new fuel and dual fuel ships. He spoke about the ties and trade collaborations between the Norwegian and Indian Governments. Further he concluded by saying that **India is an important recruitment destination for Norwegian shipowners and operators.**

Next speaker was **Mr Karthik Viswanathan, Regional Manager, Indian Sub-continent, Qatar Airways.** Prior to his speech, a short video clip of Qatar airways was played to show how it is changing and affecting people's lives. He started with highlighting how covid 19 pandemic had affected travel worldwide but Qatar airways remained functional throughout the pandemic. Karthik also spoke about how the company has evolved and continues to invest in technologies to ensure that they are always ahead of their competitors. He highlighted the collaboration of Qatar airways with the marine industry.

Capt. Mohamed Al Ali, Senior VP Offshore Logistics at ADNOC, was the next speaker. He started with greeting everyone and then honoured and heaped praises on all seafarers and their families for their sacrifice, relentless efforts and contribution during the pandemic. He highlighted the progress of ADNOC despite many prevailing challenges.

Capt. Navin Passey, Maritime Mentor, Former Chairman FOSMA was the last speaker who, in his speech, threw light on the digitalization of the industry. He put forward the importance of understanding the need of the skills for future employment opportunities. Further, he encouraged the viewers to be ready for the change by being sustainable and not relying on just the present or future needs

On request from Capt. Shoukat, **Capt. Passey then did the honours of declaring the FSM2022 open and then the inaugural video was played amidst a round of applause and cheers.**



Session 1

After the Inaugural session, **Session 1** was held

at 13:30 on 20th Jan, where the speakers spoke about **"Funding of skill development initiatives to bridge gaps: A Global Approach"**. The speakers for this session were Capt. Sankalp Shukla, Chairman FOSMA, Capt. Mahendra Bhasin Chairman MASSA, Mr. Abdulghani Y Serang, Secretary cum Treasurer NUSI, Mr. Sabyasachi Hajara, Former CMD SCI and moderated by Ms. Jillian Carson Jackson, President at the Nautical Institute (NI).



Session 2

Session 2 was held on the same day at 16:00, where the speakers spoke on the topic **"Human Resource Practices in Seafaring: Opportunities for improving retention"**. The speakers were Capt. Philip Mathews from Seven Island shipping, Mr. Raal Harris and Cornel Ciocan from OTG, Capt. Suneha Gadpande - sailing captain, & moderated by Mr. Uday Purohit.

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Session 3

Day 2 started with Jan, where the speakers were **Session 3** at 13:30 on 21st Capt. Aakriti Barthwal from

Synergy Maritime, Capt. Mohan Naik from Dynacom, Capt. Kanwarinder Singh Paintal from Elite Mariners, MS Twishi Chand, practicing psychologist, Capt. Allan R. Sarmiento from Wilhelmsen Philippines, Mr. Karthik Viswanathan from Qatar Airways. This session was moderated by Capt. Shiv Halbe, CEO MASSA. The topic for the session was "Understanding needs of seafarers".

Session 4 was held at 16:00 on 21st Jan, where the speakers spoke on the topic "Aligning skills of maritime faculty to suit future development

needs". The speakers were Ms. Arbia Hlali, marine economist from Tunisia, Capt. Himadri Ghosh from MSI Singapore, Mr. David Birwadkar from GEIMS, GESCO, Mr. Sunil Kumar from GESCO, Mr. Ali A. Shehab from DNV Global. Session moderator Capt. Mahesh Yadav, Director FOSMA

Both the days of the FSM saw an active audience engaging with the speakers and putting forward nonstop questions. **More than 2800 participants visited the FSM virtually over 2 days.** The event was streamed LIVE of the TNC Youtube and FB channels and watched by thousands from both ship and shore

Says **Capt. Shoukat Mukherjee**, "The FSM

Conference has undoubtedly become the maritime industry's largest global intervention on Future Skills. Thousands of students and seafarers benefit each year from their interaction with world leaders and change makers of the industry. In whatever we do, we always try to create value for the industry and all its stakeholders- it's a great challenge to be able to ideate a conference of this magnitude and see it grow, but at the end of it all, when we see happy and smiling faces, that's what motivates us for the next big one....."

For more details on the conference, log in to:

<https://thenavalconnection.com/futureskillsmaritime/fsm2022/>

Italian Marines Involved in the killing of Indian fishermen to be free

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Italian court has formally dropped the proceedings against two of their marines involved in the killing of fishermen off the Kerala Coast way back in 2012, according to media reports.

This brings to an end a years-long event

The Rome Court judge, while pronouncing the judgment, said that the Court followed an assessment by prosecutors last month that there was not enough evidence for a trial. "This brings to an end a years-long event. In a statement, Italian Defense Minister Lorenzo Guerini welcomed the move.

The Italian court judgment comes months after the case against them was dropped by the Supreme Court of India. The supreme court had ruled that a sum of Rs four crores each should be given to the families of the deceased Indian fishermen and the remaining Rs two crores to the owner of the boat. The apex court had dropped the proceedings only after the compensation amount was received from the Italian authorities.

The Italian Marines Salvatore Girone and Massimiliano Latorre shot dead unarmed fishermen off the southern Indian coast in February 2012.

Girone and Latorre were members of Italy's elite San Marco Marine regiment

The two **Italian marines** had claimed that they mistook the fishermen as sea pirates. The Kerala police arrested and charged both with homicide. Girone and Latorre were members of Italy's elite San Marco Marine regiment. Italy argued the marines were in international waters and had fired on the fishing boat because it failed to heed warnings to stay away.

In 2015, Italy took the case to the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague, which ruled that the Marines were entitled to immunity. In 2016, the same tribunal allowed Girone, who had been holed up in the Italian embassy in New Delhi, to return to Italy.

Massimiliano Latorre had already returned home two years earlier for treatment after a stroke. India in April



The Italian Marines Salvatore Girone and Massimiliano Latorre

2021 accepted a compensation offer of Rs 10 crore. The same year the case was quashed in June. The Supreme Court ruled that Rs 4 crore each would be given to the families and the remaining Rs 2 crore to the owner of the boat.

Hapag-Lloyd achieves extraordinarily strong operating result in 2021



2021 Annual Report with the audited financial figures on 10 March 2022

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On the basis of preliminary figures, Hapag-Lloyd's earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) for the 2021 financial year increased to more than USD 12.8 billion (approximately EUR 10.9 billion). Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) rose to roughly USD 11.1 billion (approximately EUR 9.4 billion). The main drivers of these positive business developments have been significantly improved freight rates resulting from very strong demand for goods exported from Asia. At the same time, the major disruptions in global supply chains have led to a significant increase in transport expenses.

Revenues increase attributed to a higher average freight rate

Revenues increased to roughly USD 26.4 billion (approximately EUR 22.3 billion). This can mainly be attributed to a higher average freight rate of 2,003 USD/TEU (2020: 1,115 USD/TEU). Transport volumes were roughly on a par with the prior-year level, at 11.9 million TEU (2020: 11.8 million TEU), due to the strained supply chains.

Hapag-Lloyd will publish its 2021 Annual Report with the audited financial figures and an outlook for the current financial year on 10 March 2022.



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