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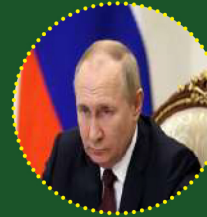
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Maritime Destination after the overwhelming response to the last five sessions of seminars/ webinars on the topic of "Connecting Sea & Shore", held its 6th session Seminar in hybrid mode on 22nd December 2022.

Connecting Sea & Shore - Seminar by Maritime Destination



Panelists & Moderators



Seafarers Speakers



Capt. Sajay Maini



Shri Amitabh Kumar



Capt. Pradeep Chawla

Capt Sanjay Maini, Country Head IRI, and Master of Ceremonies welcomed Chief Guest Shri Amitabh Kumar, IRS Director General of Shipping and Addl Secretary to GOI; Guest of Honour Capt. Pradeep Chawla, Group MD QHSE and Training Anglo-Eastern; Moderators Capt Mahesh Yadav, Director Training FOSMA and Mr. S.M.Rai, Maritime Advisor & Consultant, esteemed Panelist, sailing seafarers, and all participants. Expressing the Maritime Industry with pillars of Shipowners, Seafarers, and Regulatory offices expressed the importance of the topic "Connecting Sea and Shore", thereafter introduced all the Panelists.

The Panelists were: Capt. Philip Mathews, Director SIMTF; Capt. Karan Kochar, Head of Marine people, Asia MFMT Pvt. Ltd.; Ms. Ishita Chattopadhyay, COO of Confidence Shipping; Dr.

Sanjay Bhavnani, Director & COO MMS India; and, Mr. Rajiv Sarang, GM Sourcing (FPD) EMSPL.

The Sailing Team connect were: 3/O Omprakash Gupta, 4E Manas Brahme, 2/O Asheesh Singh, 3E Surendra Nakti, C/O Ms. Harpreet Kaur, MEO Class 2 Ms. Nyari Nain-Fleet Superintendent, CE Shashank Bani, and Capt. Rakesh Pandey.

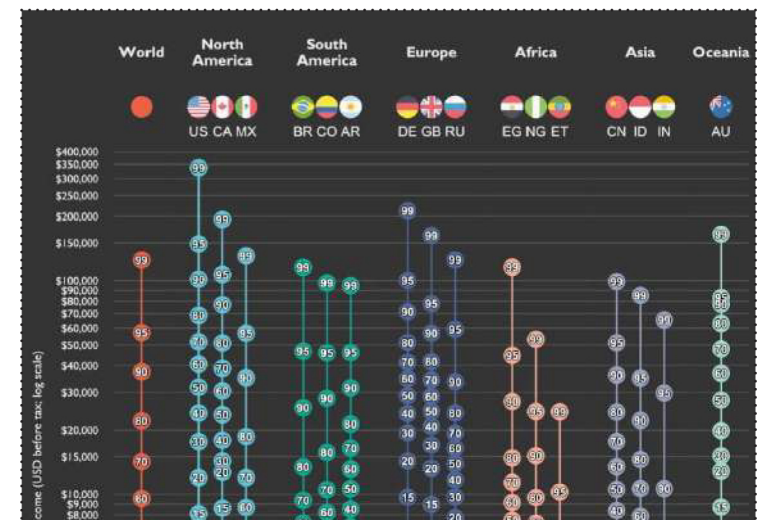
In the first two rounds of junior officers' talk, the concerns raised were for the wage increase, value-added courses for juniors to be paid by the companies, mental trauma for not being relieved on account of family issues, shorter contracts for junior officers, and family health medical insurance.

The panel responded to all the questions very well and thereafter Capt. Pradeep Chawla was invited from Hong Kong on the virtual platform to put forward his views.

Capt. Pradeep Chawla responded to the wage rise questionnaire, he presented Creator Program recently published by the Visual Capitalist website on Income distributions in various countries. The graph shows income distribution in 16 different countries around the world to find your Percentile Position in Income Distributions around the world, giving an example of an Annual income of

\$36,000 (considered for 3rd officer) means that you are in the 96th percentile in India, which means that you are in the top 4 percent in India. Whether it is factory or shipping the competition goes according to what resources the business is willing to put in overall. This is important for seafarers to understand that whatever be the business, this is how competition happens. Production moves to China and instead of

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Income distributions in various countries

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Capt. Shiv Halbe CEO MASSA briefing on MASSA Academy conducting ME courses at attractive fees

that, it moves to India or Vietnam, it's all about how much money the business is making. In the crew wages, the percentile difference is roughly Indian is more expensive by 12 -15% of the other nationalities. The second part which needs to be understood is that crew wages are about 60-65% of the total cost of running the ship. This is the most significant part of the budget. All other costs remain generally constant and the only competition between different operators is the Crew Wages. Let's say Indonesia running a ship with an Indonesian crew will be more competitive than somebody running a ship with an Indian crew or

Scandinavian crew and that is what the ship owners' competition is in different places. So once you try and educate yourself about the big picture of shipping then maybe you will be willing to accept that there is competition between the different nationalities, **Capt. Chawla briefed.**

With respect to the cost of courses, Capt Chawla expressed that good companies are having their own training centers or tied up with training institutes and are encouraging a lot of training but again look at the bigger picture, try and look at it from the viewpoint that is education helping the company or is helping individual and he advised seafarers to pay for the value-added courses for the benefit to their career.

Regarding mental

trauma and confidence building in junior ranks, the industry is thinking about the mental well-being of seafarers, so he was confident that this part is going to improve as the industry has become more sensitive towards the mental health of the seafarers and in society the general. It is something we all need to focus on as an industry, he added. He thanked the organizers for conducting these forums and giving him an opportunity for seafarers to come and discuss in a frank open manner. In closing remarks, he stressed to be safety conscious, better educated, and better trained and taking ownership of the job, to ensure not to have accidents on board.

In the next round of talks from senior officers, the concerns raised were, the designated medical officer on board

(generally 2nd officer) to hold adequate training in handling medical issues on board, Too many duties on the shoulders of the Chief officer, Maternity issues - Shore job request, NRI days reduction, non-availability of information on seafarers in the global platform who have accomplished/ achieved the milestone during the career, too much paperwork more of quantitative than qualitative, sign on/sign off logistics to be made more comfortable, knowledge to be given on wealth management and One point contact in case of Piracy or Emergency issue.

Panelists responded by and large in support of all concerns raised. They briefed on every concern raised and the industry's proactive action to the

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Capt. Ajay Achutan in Q&A session

satisfaction of seafarers. They also briefed the business module and the key points of being in the market. Thereafter Shri Amitabh Kumar was invited to address his views.

Shri Amitabh Kumar greatly appreciated the concept of organizing these seminars where seafarers are sharing their concerns directly to ship owners/ship managers through a well-arranged platform and both sides talk to each other and manage each other's expectations within the limitation and resources available. He stressed the importance of On-Job

learning which has no substitute.

On Medical Insurance Scheme for families, he informed that he will work on taking up the medical scheme for all seafarers' families through the Seafarers' Welfare Fund Society and if required to look into increasing the corpus in the Seafarers Welfare Fund Society.

On Mental Health, he briefed that he has asked the **National Institute of Mental Health & Neuroscience (NIMHANS)** to carry out a comprehensive study on the mental health requirement of seafarers of India. The study will look into the requirements right from the induction stage to working on board to the requirements of the family. "There are some institutions that are extending help to seafarers. We have issued the circular in which we have shared the contact details of all these institutions. We would be sharing the data that these institutions have,

with NIMHANS so that they have an idea as to what kind of issues they need to address in their study. Hopefully, after the study, we will take a lot of positive decisions in respect of the mental health of seafarers", he assured.

On issues relating to women in seafaring, raised by Ms. Niyari and Ms. Harpreet, Shri Amitabh Kumar said "when it comes to women's seafarer, it is actually an issue which is close to my heart, we need to take care of four stages if we want to encourage more women in seafaring, right from induction to job creation to retention and leadership".

On concern raised for too many jobs on C/O rank, Shri Amitabh Kumar said "To be a leader, you should also know how to delegate".

On the NRI reduction of days, he briefed on the concept of NRI that was brought to make sure one pays tax only in one place. Seafarers' jobs being at sea, is to be considered



Memento being presented to Amitabh Kumar

a win-win situation for exemption from tax.

On Manning Scale- on the Indian flag, he assured to look into and requested ship owners to look into for foreign flag vessels.

On Shore leave, he extended full support that shore leave should not be denied and he informed that more welfare centers are being opened in Indian ports. However Sign-on & Sign-off though are priority areas, unfortunately, all India ports are not equipped with sign-on/sign-off logistics, he added.

On the single contact point on Piracy the IMB PRC, he advised that the

DDG piracy unit is on 24X7. IMG (inter-ministerial Group) on piracy-headed by MoS are alerted who act efficiently. He once again thanked the organizers for their great initiative and informed that such forums should be continued from time to time.

The Seminar session ended with the distribution of mementos as a Token of Appreciation to all Panellists, Moderators and all seafarer speakers through the hands of Chief Guest Shri Amitabh Kumar followed by a Token of Appreciation memento to Shri Amitabh Kumar from the organizer Mr. Gagan Pandey.

LOGISTIC NEWS

Consumer durable makers stock up components amid supply chain worries



Companies are highly reliant on China for components such as compressors for air-conditioners, among others | Photo Credit: File photo/AP

days. Less workforce due to Covid impact at factories in China is expected to further increase the pressure on shipments in the coming weeks. I believe higher selling products and stock keeping units (SKUs) may see a more severe impact

such as bigger-sized TVs and premium models of appliances," said Avneet Singh Marwah, CEO, Super Plastronics Pvt Ltd (SSPL).

He added that the company has been focusing on stocking up components especially for TV and appliance products. Companies that make air-conditioners and refrigerators typically begin stocking up on components December onwards ahead of the Chinese New Year holiday period.

This is done to prepare for the summer season that starts from April.

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With the recent surge in Covid cases in China, consumer durable and electronics firms have stepped up focus on stocking up raw materials.

With rising concerns on supply chain disruption, the companies are also working on bringing forward the dates of shipments of critical components as they closely monitor the situation.

"Some impact on supply chains is already visible with shipment delays of about 15-35



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