



Guiding Spirit to Shipping Industry

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THOME GROUP

Aiming to break the bias against women in the male-dominated shipping sector, Ganpat University organized an interactive gender diversity seminar in Gujrat, India, attended by prominent women seafarers and other dignitaries and stakeholders in the maritime industry.

Thome India's Head of Recruitment, Capt. Vinay Singh Chauhan attended the grand symposium and established a connection with the attendees, as gender equality and women empowerment are the goals that we promote at Thome. We support initiatives that create a more women-centric maritime industry and increase womens' presence in the sector.

Thome India Supports Ganpat University's Gender Diversity Seminar

We, at Thome Group, remain fully committed to enhancing the participation of women in the maritime industry. Thank you to Ganpat University for hosting a fruitful seminar to promote diversity, equality, and inclusivity.

About Thome India:

The Thome Group opened a modern operations hub at its office in Mumbai following the strengthening of its fleet support function and as a major step towards accomplishing its decarbonization goals.

The Mumbai Hub is to complement the one currently at Thome Group's head office in Singapore to enhance its ship management services and reaction times to emergency responses.

The purpose of the Mumbai operations hub is to enable office staff to offer more value-added support to the fleet using a large video wall comprising 10 LED monitors which can be used to



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Capt Vinay Singh Chauhan being greeted by Dr Ganpatbhai Patel, Founder & President GUNI

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display different monitoring and enterprise resource planning systems simultaneously.

The Mumbai hub will be operational 24/7 being equipped with state-of-the-art resources such as video conferencing, CCTV, UPS, and the ability to replicate the video wall at other locations like Singapore via streaming. Manned by the vessel performance team, the facility will also assist with crucial monitoring and support requirements in relation to navigation safety, adverse weather reports, security, and transiting MARPOL Annex VI emission control areas.

The operations hub has a high level of digitalization including automation, alarms, warnings, and email prompts to ensure timely actions by both the onboard and ashore teams. This leads to the Group's vision of utilizing machine learning as a tool.

"The opening of another Operations Hub in Mumbai will reap huge benefits. The rapid developments in digital technologies have significantly enhanced our capabilities to acquire qualitative, high-frequency, and real-time vessel data which can be used to make informed decisions about the operational efficiencies of our managed fleets. We can now offer our clients

up-to-date information and even greater improvements in our ship management services," said **Claes Eek Thorstensen, Executive Vice Chairman of the Thome Group.**

"Furthermore, in times of emergency we can react instantly by accessing real-time, accurate information, allowing our crisis teams to take decisive action to resolve any issues quickly and safely," he continued.

"This facility will enable our vessel performance team to actively track the parameters and conditions vital for the optimization of fuel consumption and consequently help with emissions reduction. Our performance team will



Mumbai Hub

also proactively advise our vessel managers to make changes to achieve targeted CII ratings through speed optimization, hull condition management, and appropriate adjustments to the operations of

propulsion and auxiliary machinery. The facility will also assist with remote support for weather-based routing and equipment troubleshooting," said **Olav Nortun, CEO of the Thome Group.**

MARINE NEWS

CHENNAI
Sagar Sandesh News BUREAU

The 12 year delay in Chennai Port Maduravoyal Elevated Corridor has crossed yet another hurdle when the Union Environment Ministry granted conditional Coastal Regulation Zone clearance two days ago.

The Expert Appraisal Committee has recommended the proposal for CRZ clearance subject to certain conditions, including construction of piers in areas crossing the river in consultation with the State Public Works Department

The EAC has suggested that if the abandoned piles were to be used in the project, their structural aspects should be vetted through IIT-Madras or other reputed agencies so that their endurance is fully tested

The project is yet to receive clearance from the railway board pending with them for several years. Work on the project to facilitate

Resumption of work in Chennai Port Maduravoyal Elevated Corridor yet to start



Maduravoyal elevated corridor

speedy evacuation of containers was suspended due to political animosity way back in 2011 by the Aiadm government. The Tamil Nadu Government however gave green signal for resumption of work in the project in 2016. Various central agencies starting from the Indian Navy, Environment Ministry, Changes in design suggested by State Government and the Railways have been blocking a crucial infrastructure projects for the past Seven years.

The project developer is yet to be identified through tenders but the

Union Highways Minister Gadkari says the project would be commissioned in 2024. Work is yet to resume and indications are they would commence only by the end of the year. Industry sources said the project is likely to be commissioned by the 2028 if there are no more obstacles.

In major relief to the project authorities, the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of the Ministry of Environment and Forests has recommended the proposal for grant of Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearance for the

construction of the 20-km four-lane wide Rs 5,721-crore elevated corridor from Chennai Port to Maduravoyal. The original cost of the project was Rs 1300 Crores when the foundation stone was laid in 2007.

Pillars and pile caps should not affect the flow of water in the river during flood and normal conditions. Excavated material should not be dumped in water bodies or adjacent areas. The site shall be restored to its near original condition after completion of construction of the corridor.

Temporary structures raised for construction activity on land, intertidal tidal area and creek should be removed within one month of completing construction activity.

Sources in the Water Resources Department said the department had already provided no-objection certificate for the work to be resumed. The Cooum River has a maximum flood carrying capacity of 22,000 cubic feet per second (cusecs) in the city limits between Maduravoyal and the river mouth.

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