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## Farewell to Shri Amitabh Kumar and warm Greetings for his new assignment

Maritime Industry representatives organized Farewell Event on 1st March at The Acres Club for the respected Shri Amitabh Kumar ( IRS ) Honourable Director General of Shipping, Govt of India. He was greeted with a march past salute by TS Rehman Cadets and all well-known stalwarts from the Shipping Industry who were present to wish him the best wishes for his new assignment as Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Mumbai.



Industry delegates applauded him as one of the best Directorate General of Shipping. Everyone present shared warm words of appreciation for the excellent support extended by Shri Amitabh during his 4 years tenure as the Director General of Shipping.



Capt. Anshul Rajvanshi, MD Synergy Maritime Recruitment Services

Capt. Anshul Rajvanshi, MD, Synergy Maritime Recruitment Services said "He was always approachable any time of the day or night. He always comes across as humble and understanding. The maritime fraternity owes a lot to him for managing in Covid time, right from document extension or crew change at anchorage at Indian ports. Maritime administrations from many other countries were in fact following what India was doing".



Capt. M. P. Bhasin MD MSC Crewing India.

Capt. M. P. Bhasin, MD MSC Crewing Services said "When you speak about Shri Amitabh Kumar ji, one must remember that in his tenure the world went through the most difficult time of the COVID era. It was his foresight which helped the industry kept moving by way of out-of-box thinking and implementation of various proposals in consultation with the industry. He always welcomed the industry and made us part of all discussions. During the COVID time of 2020 n 2021, The SOP for crew reliefs, the 3-tier system of examination, the E-governance system to generate an E-pass, and most important the

historic seafarers' chartered flights are a few of the highlights of his contributions".

"Above all, he built a strong relationship with industry, and seafarer welfare was always in his heart. We remain indebted to him for his vision and directions to the Maritime fraternity".

Capt. Shiv Halbe, CEO of MASSA recalled the support and



Capt. Shiv Halbe, CEO MASSA

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guidance given by Mr.Kumar during the COVID phase when innovation and adaptation were the only recourse to crew change and crew certification. No problem was too small for Mr.Kumar and he was ever ready to review and tweak the rules if they were not serving the intended purpose.



**Capt. Rajesh Tandon, CEO FOSMA**

**Capt. Rajesh Tandon, CEO FOSMA** added, “During his period we successfully faced the challenges posed by the COVID pandemic, and India’s efforts towards crew changes were lauded not only in respect of Indian

seafarers but also by foreign seafarers to disembark in India and repatriate to their home countries”.

**Mr. Manoj Yadav, General**



**Mr. Manoj Yadav G.S FSUI**

**Secretary FSUI** said “We appreciate the effort of Amitabh Kumar for starting e governances that reduced the exploitation of seafarers recurred by fly-by-night operators (non-RPSL) due to this many seafarers’ safety was secured including their repatriation as well as compensation during the time of any accident or abandoned at a foreign port. We wish him good luck for his next inning”.



**Capt Nazir Upadhye**

**Capt. Nazir Upadhye** thanked Shri Amitabh Ji for accepting the invitation at short notice and conveyed best wishes for his future endeavors.



**Capt. Tushar Pradhan G.S MUI**

**Capt. Tushar Pradhan, GS MUI** conveyed thanks and appreciation for being always accessible.

The event was organized by Synergy Group along with Capt. Nazir Upadhye.

**Shri Amitabh Kumar, IRS (IT 1987)** was the Director General of Shipping, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, GoI from January 2019 to February 2023.

**Shri Amitabh Kumar** holds a degree of MBA from Southern Cross University, Australia, Advanced Management from Maxwell School of Public Policy, USA, and Leadership & Change Management from Wharton Business School, USA. He has recently been conferred Degree of Doctorate of Management (Honoris Causa) by AMET University, Chennai.

He has held several important positions in the Government of India and CBDT, including that of Director (Delhi) in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

He is credited with launching sever taxpayer-friendly initiatives including Tax Return Preparer Scheme (TRPS) which involved online training for unemployed

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graduates to enable them to prepare tax and TDS returns and Tax Payers' Lounge to showcase all taxpayer services under one roof, which has been awarded for 7 consecutive years by the ITPO. His contribution to public service has been recognized almost every year since 2007 by the CBDT, GoI.

He received three Finance Minister's commendations on the 150th year of Income Tax in 2012, the highest by any IRS officer. He is also a recipient of the G-Files Governance Award, 2014 for exceptional contribution to Public Service.

He has led several reforms in D.G. Shipping including the introduction of 35 e-Governance modules, a complete revamp of maritime training, transparency in the license and approval process, revamping of old

Acts, etc, the introduction of e-learning, online exit exams, issue of digital certificates and complete automation of the office of D.G. Shipping and implementation of ease of doing business.

His management of COVID-19, including safe repatriation and crew-change of more than 250,000 seafarers, has been greatly appreciated & acknowledged by the international community, including the Nautical Institute and International Transport Federation.

He leads Indian Delegations in the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS).

**On 25th March, Shri Amitabh Kumar's Birthday, the Maritime Fraternity conveys: "Congratulations on your new assignment Shri Amitabh Kumar and May your special day this year bring you more & more success, as you truly deserve the best to come your way 🌹🌹🌹".**



Capt Anshul & his wife Nupur with Shri Amitabh Kumar & his wife LekhaJi.



Capt Viswanathan Sr. Fleet Manager Synergy & his wife with Shri Amitabh Kumar & his wife LekhaJi.



Maritime Fraternity with Shri Amitabh Kumar



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