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MASSA & FOSMA organizes event to bid Farewell to Shri Amitabh Kumar

Maritime Association of Shipowners Shipmanagers & Agents (MASSA) and Foreign Shipowners Representatives and Ship Managers Association (FOSMA) jointly organized an evening of camaraderie to bid farewell to Shri Amitabh Kumar, who served as Director General of Shipping, GOI, from January 2019 and superannuated on 31st March 2023.

The evening was arranged on 11th April 2023 at The Willington Sports Club, Mumbai. A month prior to retirement, he was transferred from Director General of Shipping, Ministry of Ports and Waterways, and promoted to his parent cadre as Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Mumbai.



Shri Amitabh Kumar & Mrs Lekha Kumar

Shri Amitabh Kumar along with his wife Mrs. Lekha Kumar was greeted by industry dignitaries and representatives from Fosma and Massa member companies who attended the event in large numbers.

Capt. Girish Phadnis, Chairman MASSA complimented firstly Mrs. Lekha Kumar, who was the first officer posted in the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs. She had accompanied



Capt. Girish Phadnis, Chairman MASSA

President Kalam on a four-nation secret mission tour to Russia, Ukraine, Iceland, and Switzerland. She was the first lady to work as Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax for Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh in the rank of Secretary to GOI. While speaking on the achievements and various important positions in Ministry held by Mr. Amitabh, he also shared his achievement popularly named as "Operation Amitabha Rocks Nepal" when IRS in 1991-92 was emphasizing TDS collection and rampant evasion was prevalent in Patna and Nepal borders.



Capt. Sankalp Shukla, Chairman FOSMA

Capt. Sankalp Shukla, Chairman FOSMA in his speech praised the work culture inspired by Mr. Kumar at the DG office

during his tenure. "He successfully coordinated with the various Government Departments and Ministries to make crew changes possible amidst total disruption during the days of the pandemic".

Capt Sankalp and Capt. Girish presented a ceremonial shawl to Mr. Kumar honoring his commendable contribution to the industry as the DG.



Amitabh Ji being felicitated by a Shawl by Chairman FOSMA & MASSA

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Capt. Rajesh Tandon, CEO FOSMA

Capt. Rajesh Tandon, CEO FOSMA while welcoming Amitabh and Lekhaji said that Mr. Amitabh Kumar's tenure with the DGS has seen the most challenging and unprecedented period during which the pandemic had stymied the business-as-usual approach. Under his stewardship and guidance, the entire industry worked cohesively ignoring direct business competition boundaries, and served the cause truly as Team India. He successfully coordinated with the various Govt departments and Ministries to make crew changes possible and lead the way, an example that several other countries followed.

Capt. Mahendra Bhasin, MD MSC India,



Capt. M. P. Bhasin MD MSC & Ex Chairman MASSA

and Former Chairman MASSA spoke about the ease of work culture brought in by Mr. Amitabh Kumar at his office and departments. He pointed out how Mr. Kumar's work had its influence far and wide in India where he was lauded for his efforts and intelligent work.



Mr. Sunil Nair, Asst Gen Secretary NUSI

Mr. Sunil Nair, Asst General Secretary NUSI said that NUSI and MUI have closely worked with

Shri Amitabh Kumar on many important aspects including the amendment of RPS rules, the Merchant Shipping Act, and also the psychological health of seafarers. The proactive role played by DG Shipping, particularly during covid and other initiatives for the betterment of seafarers in particular and the shipping industry in general, is highly appreciated.

MUI and NUSI jointly presented a bouquet to the outgoing DG and thanked him for his service

Mr. Rajiv Jalota present Director General of Shipping who has taken over from Amitabh Kumar also attended the event and was felicitated with a bouquet of Flowers by Mrs. Julia Tandon.



Capt. Shiv Halbe, CEO MASSA

Capt. Shiv Halbe CEO MASSA in his unique style delivered the vote of thanks on behalf of MASSA & FOSMA and the industry.

It was a fine evening where industry representatives mingled and spoke of their respective associations with Mr. Kumar over the years.



Bouquet of Flowers to Mrs Lekha Kumar from Kiran Phadnis



Bouquet of Flowers to Shri Amitabh from Mrs Shukla



Bouquet of Flowers to Shri Amitabh from NUSI & MUI Rep



Bouquet of Flowers to Shri Rajiv Jalota from Mrs Julie Tandon





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India to Encourage Construction of Inland Vessels

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The Ministry is working on a Rs 5,000 crore package to incentivize firms to build vessels. Per this scheme, the Indian government is going to provide Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to those firms that are keen on building such vessels.

Per a Mint report, the plan, currently under discussion, would focus first on developing an ecosystem

to construct inland vessels for supporting cargo movements on national waterways.

VGF may be considered later for entities that are into manufacturing sea-bound vessels, including cruise vessels.

VGF is a capital grant from the government. It primarily targets large as well as long-term infrastructure projects that involve public-private collaborations. The grants

play a vital role in making these projects viable commercially, encouraging private investments.

The objective of the program is to boost the manufacturing of inland vessels, catering to the transportation of goods and passengers throughout India's expanding inland waterways network, which has increased from three to 22 between FY15 and FY23.

Besides, the scheme intends to promote coastal

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VGF to those firms that build Inland vessels

shipping. Per the report, there has been a massive rise in yearly cargo movement on Indian waterways, with an increase from 30 million tons (MT) in FY 2015 to over 116 MT in FY 2023, and is also anticipated to go

up further, to more than 200 MT by 2030.

It has been estimated that the modal share of inland cargo movements will expand by 5% by 2030, necessitating the production of more vessels.

Cosco Shipping, CMA CGM and SIPG sign MOU to collaborate on green marine methanol supply

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On April 6, in the presence of the heads of state of China and France, Chairman of COSCO SHIPPING Mr. Wan Min, Chairman, CEO of CMA CGM Mr. Rodolphe Saadé and Chairman of SIPG Mr. Gu Jinshan signed the Memorandum of Understanding on



Methanol supply to fleets of CMA CGM and COSCO SHIPPING

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Cooperation in the Supply of Green Marine Methanol at the Great Hall of the People, according to COSCO's release.

According to the document, the three parties will work together to procure, supply and deliver green marine methanol fuel for the future methanol dual-fuel fleets of CMA CGM and COSCO SHIPPING at major ports in China,

including the Port of Shanghai.

COSCO SHIPPING is stepping up its decarbonization efforts, committed to providing greener and smarter shipping services with lower carbon emissions to meet the needs of sustainable development of the industry and help its customers achieve the ambitious goal of carbon neutrality.

So far, COSCO SHIPPING has ordered 12 methanol-powered dual-fuel containerships.

Titanic Remembrance Day

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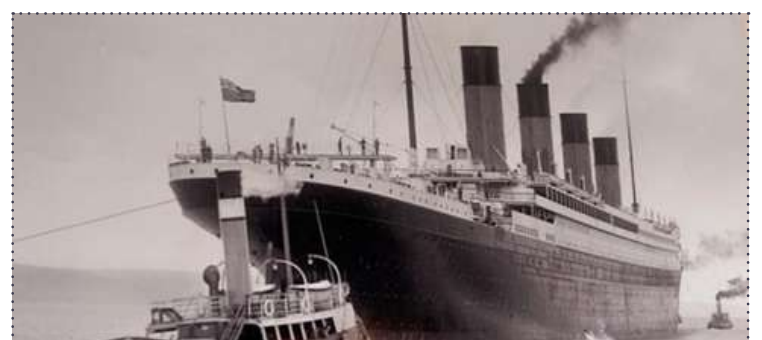
The World observes Titanic Remembrance Day every year on April 15 to commemorate and honor the victims which lost

their lives during the tragic wreck of the Royal Mail Ship (RMS) Titanic in the year 1912. The ship was considered the largest and most luxurious of its time, but it met its untimely

end in Atlantic Ocean in its maiden voyage. The day also serves as a reminder of the importance of maritime safety and the need to honor those lost their lives at sea.

The RMS Titanic set sail on its maiden voyage from Southampton, England,

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The unfortunate RMS