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Leading industry voices to gather at IRS Round Table during London International Shipping Week 2023

Indian Register of Shipping (IRS), a leading classification society (IRS) and member of IACS, is proud to announce a gathering of prominent industry voices at the IRS Round Table during London International Shipping Week 2023. The focus of the round table discussion will center around the theme 'Seascape 2030 – Decarbonisation and the Human Element'.

Set to take place at 10:00am on 12th September in Rubens at the Palace, the panel will be led by top industry voices. The distinguished lineup of speakers includes shipping economist **Dr Martin Stopford**; **Savraj Mehta** representing North Standard; **Lee Martindale** from Wartsila; and **Cara Carter** of Halcyon Recruitment. They will be joined by IRS' Executive Chairman, **Arun Sharma**, and Managing Director, **Vijay Arora**. Navigate PR's **Penny Thomas** will moderate the conversation.

"The transition to a new fuel ecosystem and the onset of technological advancements will likely have a profound impact on the future workforce. The critical role of the human element in the development of sustainable technology and systems cannot



Arun Sharma

be emphasised enough. We look forward to gaining industry insights and discussing how all stakeholders can collectively address the challenges that lie ahead," said **Arun Sharma**, Executive Chairman, IRS.

In addition to the Round Table, Indian Register of Shipping will also host a Technical Seminar on 13th September at 9:00am at the Little Ship Club, Upper Thames Street, London which will focus on Decarbonisation, Alternate Fuels & Human Element.

IRS releases 'Rules for Construction and Classification of Indian Naval Ships 2023'

The Indian Register of Shipping's (IRS) 'Rules for Construction and Classification of Indian Naval Ships – 2023' were released by the Hon'ble **Raksha Rajya Mantri (Minister of State for Defence) Shri Ajay Bhatt**, in presence of the Chief of Defence Staff, Chief of Naval Staff,

Commanders-in-Chief, Principal Staff Officers, senior Commanders on 4th September 2023, the opening day of the Naval Commanders Conference 2023, being held in New Delhi. Executive Chairman of Indian Register of Shipping accompanied by Head Defence and Principal Naval Adviser were also present on this occasion.

The 2023 version of IRS Naval Rules incorporates the latest IMO/IACS requirements, as well as Rule

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Minister Shripad Naik

“Immense Potential of Our Coastline Strength Needs to be Harnessed for Better Future” ShripadNaik

watershed moment, offering an unparalleled platform for businesses to converge, collaborate, and chart a course towards business and knowledge growth.

Elaborating the growth prospects of GMIS-23, he said that this summit is an attempt towards fulfilling the inspiring vision of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji that the immense potential of our coastline strength needs to be harnessed to the fullest to pave the way for an even better future.

Addressing the virtual roadshow of IPRCL's business partners, Shri ShripadNaik said that the upcoming Global Maritime India Summit 2023 marks a

Biden heads to G20 in New Delhi ready to counter Xi's Belt and Road Initiative

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Shipping from India to Europe via the Middle East could be in for the greatest shake-up for generations if president Joe Biden gets his way.

Headed to New Delhi for the G20 summit this weekend, the Biden administration has held discussions with India, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates to develop a new intermodal link from South Asia through the Middle East and into Europe with billions of dollars set to be spent on rail and ports in an alternative vision to Chinese president Xi Jinping's 10-year-old Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), an ambitious infrastructure project yoking China with countries around the world, which has run into difficulties of late.

The concept of the new transport corridor under discussion – and potentially set to be revealed this weekend – involves ship transit between India and Saudi Arabia, then trains through Saudi Arabia and the UAE, likely to Jordan, then ship transit to Turkey and onward from there by train, according to a report



Biden heads to G20 and President Xi is not expected to attend the G20 summit this weekend

first published by *Axios*, an American news website, and since corroborated by multiple newswires. **Negotiations are ongoing and there is speculation that Israel could be added to the transport corridor.**

White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said Thursday that he could not confirm the infrastructure deal would be announced at the G20. Still, he said the initiative is something “that we've invested effort into with our partners.”

“We believe that connectivity from India across the Middle East to Europe is incredibly important and would bring a significant number of economic benefits, as well as strategic benefits, to all of the countries involved,” he told reporters accompanying Biden aboard Air Force One.

Italy has made headlines in recent weeks by becoming one of the larger economies to step back from the embrace of China's BRI; the nation's defence minister describing the 2019 decision to join the modern Silk Road initiative as “atrocious”.

Other nations in Asia and Africa are also having second thoughts on the advances made by Beijing.

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requirements for military design features. In addition, Rule-related requirements for the technological advancements currently being incorporated in designs of Naval Ships, covering materials, structures, propulsion and other engineering systems, integrated electronics, safety systems etc. have been included.

These Rules were finalised in collaboration with the concerned technical directorates of the Indian Navy under the auspices of the Chief of Materiel and the Controller of Warship Production and Acquisition.

Currently, 39 major vessels being built for the Indian Navy are being classified by the Indian Register of Shipping, as per the

IRS Naval Rules. These include OPVs, Missile Vessels, Survey Vessels (Large), SWASWC vessels, Diving Support Vessels, Diving Support Crafts and Cadets' Training Ships.

Mr. Arun Sharma, IRS Executive Chairman said, ‘IRS Naval Rules 2023, are a testament to close cooperation and synergy with the Indian Navy, in achieving the goal of Atma-Nirbhar Bharat. Indian Register of Shipping is fully geared to work with shipyards and the maritime industry for efficient execution of Naval shipbuilding programmes as per compliance guidelines indicated in these Rules.’



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