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# **CEMS forges strategic partnerships at Global Maritime India Summit 2023 to boost skill development and innovation**

he Centre of Excellence in Maritime and Shipbuilding (CEMS), a dynamic development knowledge centre established by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways under the Sagarmala initiative and promoted by the Indian Register of Shipping, made a significant impact at the Global Maritime India Summit (GMIS) 2023. This event provided CEMS with an opportunity to actively engage with industry professionals, garnering substantial interest and invaluable feedback regarding customized training solutions. In addition, CEMS received invitations from industry leaders to participate in skill development initiatives.

GMIS 2023 provided CEMS with the unique opportunity to establish strategic alliances by signing Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the following partners:

Indian Institute Management (IIM) Mumbai: CEMS initiated a collaborative relationship with IIM Mumbai, a prestigious institution renowned for its excellence in management education. This partnership aims to facilitate innovation and knowledge sharing in the field of skill development.

- **CYIENT: CEMS** joined forces with CYIENT, a global engineering and technology solutions company, leveraging their combined expertise to drive innovation within the industrial sector.
- Seatech **Solutions** International Pte: **CEMS** formalized pivotal collaboration with Seatech Solutions International Pte, with a focus on advancing solutions in the maritime and shipping industries, thereby bolstering India's maritime sector.
- **Logistics Sector Skill Council:** CEMS is set to contribute to the Logistics Sector Skill Council, focusing on fostering skill development, training, and

upskilling within the logistics industry, ultimately leading to a more efficient and skilled workforce.

These MOUs were signed in presence of esteemed dignitaries from the Government of India, Shri Sarbananda including Sonowal, Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways & AYUSH; Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Education & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Shripad Naik, Hon'ble Minister of State for Tourism and Ports, Shipping and Waterways; Shri Shantanu Thakur, Hon'ble Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways; Shri T K Ramachandran Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Shri Bhushan Kumar, Hon'ble Joint Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

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The strategic partnerships emphasize CEMS' commitment to fostering innovation and driving positive change across a wide range of sectors through skill development. Through these collaborative agreements, CEMS aims to harness the strengths and expertise of its partners to boost industrial growth, drive technological advancements, and advance workforce development.

This event provided an Sagarmala.

excellent opportunity for thought leaders, industry experts, and innovators to converge and shape the future of manufacturing and industrialization. Through its active participation in GMIS 2023 and the signing of these MOUs, CEMS demonstrates its commitment to pioneering innovative and sustainable practices within industrial landscapes with the support of Indian Register of Shipping &

## **SHIPPING NEWS**

# Shortsea newbuilds ordered at Indian shipyard

New Delhi Sagar Sandesh News Service

Chowgule will build the 8.500 dwt vessels, developed in cooperation with Dutch designer Conoship, at its new shipyard in Mangalore, which will start production in spring 2024.

The family-owned and run Boomsma with a 10-strong fleet partnered with Leonhardt& Blumberg at an early stage of the project development, which will now see the Hamburg-based feeder and mid-size product tanker specialist established in 2017 with the merger between Leonhardt& Blumberg and Buss Shipping, diversify into the shortsea dry cargo sector.

"The shortsea shipping space is where most of the innovation takes place in order to make

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vessels more energy efficient and to achieve much less emissions of – for instance – CO<sub>2</sub>. While entering this market, our group was to be an early adopter of these new technologies and therefore wanted to invest in a cutting-edge vessel type," said TorbenKoelln of Leonhardt& Blumberg.

From autumn 2025 onwards, the vessels will be delivered either to Boomsma Shipping or Leonhardt& Blumberg. Once in service, the vessels will all be commercially operated in a pool by NewTide Chartering in Rotterdam, part of the Boomsma group.

The newbuilds will come with optimised diesel-electric propulsion, ready for lifetime expansion and future fuels. They will require 50%–60% less propulsion energy compared to existing tonnage and be prepared for wind-assisted propulsion, carbon capture and emission-free operation on batteries.

JR Shipbrokers & Consultants, part of JR Shipping Group, acted as matchmaker and newbuilding broker.



Dutch owner Boomsma Shipping and Germany's Leonhardt& Blumberg Shipmanagement have teamed up to order a series of up to eight low-emission shortsea dry cargo vessels at Chowgule Shipbuilding in India.

# France asserts its interests in the Indian Ocean Region

Failure is a lesson learned; success is a lesson applied."

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France has laid claim to its interests in the Indian Ocean



Popular icon for France; Eiffel tower, Paris

Region amidst frequent forays into the Region by the Chinese Naval Flotilla in recent years.

France has overseas territories in the Indian Ocean. "France considers itself as being an Indian Ocean nation. France has the second biggest exclusive economic zone in the world, and 30 percent of this maritime exclusive economic zone is in the Indian Ocean, thanks to the French islands in the Indian Ocean, French ambassador to Sri Lanka Jean Francois Pactet said according to Sri Lankan media reports.

The French ambassador was talking to the Sri Lankan media on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of bilateral relationship, said France and Sri Lanka have common interests as far as the Indian Ocean is concerned.

From the start since Sri Lanka gained independence in 1948, France has been alongside Sri Lanka; this is the history that we want to celebrate this year."

