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# Virtual Reality Lab at HIMT – Inaugurated by Capt. Sankalp Shukla, MD, BSM India



irtual Reality inaugurated by Sankalp Capt. Shukla, Bernhard **Schulte** Shipmanagement (I) Pvt Ltd at HIMT on 19th August 2022. "Virtual Reality lab helps us to give an immersive learning experience to the budding seafarers

and also to those seniors who are either boarding a new type of vessel or working with a new type of equipment onshore or offshore". Mr. Sanjeev Vakil, CEO of HIMT pointed out.

COVID19 stuck a huge blow to Maritime Training as we knew. Ship visits used to form a major part of cadets' and trainee's curriculum. However, this was not easily available to the cadets due to many restrictions imposed due to the prevailing pandemic. With the introduction of the Virtual Reality Lab at HIMT, using a combination of the right hardware (VR Set, Casting options) and software

(VR modules) the cadets can be familiarized, prior they handle the real situation.

Currently, HIMT has the following modules, a few of which have been created through the internal development team:

**Familiarization Modules**: includes a walk-through on the deck and bridge of various types of vessels like LNG carriers, Oil Tankers, LPG Gas Tankers, and Engine room to understand the layout of various equipment.

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includes overhauling of various types of machinery like Purifiers, Centrifugal pumps, Reefer containers, 2-stroke engine Cylinder heads.

**Safety Modules**: include Operation of the Emergency generator, CO2 flooding system in the event of a fire, launching of Lifeboat, and usage of Gas instruments to the trainees to understand the use of various gas instruments while entering into an enclosed space, etc.

The usage of the above modules ensures that the candidates understand the flow and repeat them a couple of times till they attain perfection, without putting them in safety hazards or damage to the equipment, prior to handson operation in real-life scenarios.

Virtual Reality gives

intense learning experience compared to Simulators. Here the cadets get a 360-degree feel which gives them a real visualization clarity. The VR modules give the candidates a 3D view as they would actually see onboard a ship. It gives them a clear understanding of dimensions, which is not possible by using a 2D video or static picture.

We are glad that we could take this bold step to use innovative technology, like Virtual Reality, to upskill the next generation of Maritime cadets & trainees. It's a fully equipped VR Lab having a futuristic design and had been spearheaded last year. We had surfed of various websites International Institutes, and could not find any Hi-tech VR lab, and thus our core team had multiple meetings with various architects and

Maintenance Modules: a far more immersive & technology experts, and after repeated iterations finalized the design and now the dream has come into reality by launching VR lab at HIMT, which would take MET to the next

> VR technology is very flexible and can be used for onboard training as well as for classroom training. The VR simulations are realistic and they can give the feel of a hands-on job experience. For a better learning experience, we have cast the VR headsets to a large screen smart TV so that the trainers can observe and also carry out an assessment of trainees training with the use of VR Technology, transforming them into competent seafarers and taking India's Maritime training to the next level. Sanjeev Mr. Vakil addressed.

## **MARINE NEWS**

## **India Ports and Global to open** offices in Tehran and Chabahai

NEW DELHI Sagar Sandesh News Bureau

rndia Ports Global Ltd, a special entity created facilitate India's ...... engagement in the with India Ports development of Global starting Shahid Beheshti: Port at Chabahar in southern Iran, will open offices in Tehran and Chabahar in order to promote regional trade and transit.

Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal is currently on a visit to Iran to review progress on the development of Shahid Beheshti Port, a key gateway for India to enhance connectivity with Central Asian countries said this in a statement.

Memorandum of Understanding for development of Shahid Beheshti Port at Chabahar was signed in May 2015

> operations December 2018. "Since India

Ports Global Ltd assumed operations of Shahid Beheshti Port, it has handled over 4.8 million tons of bulk cargo," said a statement the shipping from ministry.

Sonowal earlier commissioned six mobile harbor cranes at the Shahid Beheshti Port to Indian Ports Global Chabahar Free Trade Zone managed by India Ports Global.



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