



Guiding Spirit to Shipping Industry

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FM RADIO BROADCAST

on

"DAY OF THE SEAFARER"



Chairman of MASSA

Capt. Mahendra Pal Bhasin

on Friday, 25th June, 07:00 pm IST

On **AIR FM RAINBOW 107.1** in Mumbai

BROADCAST ACROSS THE GLOBE

through **Prasar Bharti's Newsonair App**

RJ Ms Sonali

On World Seafarer Day celebrations, what is the theme chosen?

Concept of Seafarer Day was mooted on 25th June 2010 in Manila and the first celebration was in 2011. Significance is to raise the awareness of work the seafarers have been doing and to thank them for the contributions. It also encourages people to keep them with respect & dignity so they can continue to do good work.

This year the theme is "Fair Future for Seafarers". The idea is to highlight the relevant issues whether during the pandemic or after the pandemic such as fair treatment, fair working conditions, fair training and fair safety etc..

Our Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi Ji has given a message that sailors are indispensable to the world including India. If we can increase the skill development in the area, considering we have 7500 KM coastline then the country can give the world the lack of seafarers. And our Hon. Shipping Minister Shri Mansukh Ji Mandaviya had message on Twitter that seafarers are indomitable forces behind uninterrupted supply chain worldwide despite the pandemic. The world cannot thank them enough for their immense contribution.

Q-Goods are moved by sea then comes to road to reach us and in the system somehow such important contribution made by seafarers seems to have not received required recognition, thank you for enlightening this information. Tell us what are the challenges faced by seafarers during the pandemic?

A good question Sonali Ji. Covid 19 crises has hit the entire world and everywhere things have been standstill. Logistic chain suffered huge losses but on other hand the seafarers have made a great contribution and they have been a frontline warriors in Covid, they have never stopped a ship, they kept the ships moving to ensure supply chain is moving diligently, professionally, maintaining the flow of vital goods. Seafarers were stuck on board for months beyond the tenure of duty period that was a big challenge which still remains for few countries.

Q- Now Third Wave, Delta variant is being spoken, what precautions for seafarers are being made to protect them?

Once again thank you for an excellent point you have raised. MASSA and other associations have taken **Nationwide Covid vaccination drive which is the most required protection for seafarers health and their job protection.** This was initiated not only for seafarers but also for their families. Additionally we have telemedical services 24x7 in many cities of India in local languages to facilitate communication from seafarers families and help them in providing them medical facilities. **These are big initiatives taken by MASSA.**

During the pandemic, initially the seafarers remained uncertain for their sign off, also seafarers on leave awaiting for their employment to go back to their jobs to earn, were the big hurdles. Under the leadership of Hon. Union Minister Shri Mansukh Ji and Director General of Shipping Shri Amitabh Kumar Ji, a big movement was started and chartered flights were arranged

from India as the first country. Chartered flights were a historic movement both ends seafarers travel from India to abroad to join ship and seafarers returning from ship overseas to India/ home town. All over the world the appreciation was conveyed for this move made with support of Indian administration in arranging seafarers repatriation and joining. Complements go to the families of seafarers, I am thankful to them as without their support, it would not have been possible for Indians.

Q- Finally what is the message you would like to give to FM Rainbow listeners?

Seafarers are at sea for months in a stretch, separated from their loved ones and family members, working in challenging environments, undergoing hardship to ensure that we at shore receive necessary requirement timely to make our lives easy and convenient. Please appreciate the work they do. Be aware of their work and sacrifices they do. Give them the support. Whenever next you are at beach and you watch a ship in horizon, think about them as one of your own. That is all we are.

Importantly get vaccinated as soon as possible. Observe all Covid hygiene protocol. Take care and I assure you that Indian Seafarers who work relentlessly would continue to serve the nation. Jai Hind and Jai Navik

RJ Ms Sonali FM Rainbow thanked Capt Bhasin-Chairman MASSA for enlightening the listeners on seafarers job profile and the challenges they face at sea to ensure smooth flow of trade and supply chain of all goods are maintained. With Jai Hind and Jai Navik, the interview came to an end with the song dedicated to the Seafarers.

International Day of the Seafarer, 25th June celebration, Day of the seafarer recognizes the invaluable contribution of seafarers to the world commerce and economic system, popular Radio Station FM Rainbow 107.1 MHz invited Chairman of MASSA, Capt. Mahendra Pal Bhasin to the prime evening show "Hum Tum" and here is his interview broadcast with RJ Sonali / FM Rainbow.

Q-Tell us Capt. Bhasin who are seafarers and how are they connected to our lives?

Seafarers are one who

operates the ships from Point A to Point B. Seafarers are the one who in this context, are people who move cargo through ships from one port to the designated port. About 92% of world cargo are transported by ships, includes petrol, diesel, day to day needs / household commodities, TV, computers, mobile phones / electronics, food, fruits, medicines, cosmetic products... All this has been possible because of seafarers operating the ships to move cargo.

Q-Thank you for enlightening the job profile of seafarers which most of us did not have good understanding.