

Indian Maritime Centre conducts Online Workshop Aligning India's Ship Recycling Ecosystem with EU Regulatory Standards : Policy, Infrastructure s Compliance Gaps on 24th April 2026

In his opening remarks, Mr Devki Nandan, Chairman, IMC stated that the ship recycling industry contributes significantly to steel recovery, employment generation, and circular economy objectives. There is a growing emphasis on environmentally sound and safe recycling practices, international regulatory frameworks—particularly the EU Ship Recycling Regulations (EU SRR) which have introduced stringent compliance requirements for ship recycling facilities. He informed that the workshop aims to identify key gaps in India's ship recycling ecosystem vis-à-vis EU standards, and to develop actionable recommendations for Government and industry.

The event was marked by a galaxy of national and international experts on the subject which included Mr PK Mishra, Managing Director, Indian Register of Shipping, Mr Pravin Kapale and Mr. Ankur Dubey of DG Shipping, MS Pallavi Mansingh, ILO National Project Coordinator, Mr Walton Pantland of IndustryAll Global Union, Dr Yogish Samant of Norwegian Labour Inspection Authority, Dr. Anand Hiremath of GMS Leadership, Mr. Naeem Masani of YSI Recyclers LLP Alang Ship Recycling Industries Association, Mr. Haresh Parmar of Ship Recycling Industries Association and Mr Vidyadhar Rane of Alang-Sosiya Ship Recycling C General Workers Association who contributed immensely to the success of the Workshop. Representatives of major ports, state maritime boards, shipping industry, ship management companies, coastal shipping, freight forwarders, IMU, NUSI etc participated in the deliberations.

The discussions were anchored around the need to position Indian ship scrapping yards compliant with EU standards with a view to reach No 1 position globally. The Speakers stressed on the need for infrastructure improvement and modernisation of existing Ship recycling ecosystem, need for better OHS standards to prevent injuries and accidents including safety management and protecting the rights of workers in high-risk environments, improving working conditions and aligning recycling practices with global standards, such as the Hongkong Convention and downstream waste management. The Workshop succeeded in identifying compliance gaps and came out with a strategic road map for meeting the EU Standards. It reaffirmed India's commitment to fostering a ship recycling sector that is not only green and compliant, but also safe, inclusive, and globally respected.

The Indian Maritime Centre (IMC) was set up on 27-09-2024 with mandate from Government of India under the patronage of Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways aimed at pursuing the objectives set out in the Maritime India Vision:2030 (MIV:2030) and Maritime Amrit Kal Vision:2047 (MAKV:2047) to transform India as a formidable Global Maritime Leader. IMC

which started with seven members is presently 39 members strong representing Government Bodies/Companies, major ports, non-major ports, shipyards, shipping lines, freight forwarders, coastal shipping, ship management companies, logistics companies, seafarers, maritime institutions etc.

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