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MARITIME NATION INDIA 2016 INAUGURATED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL SHIPPING AT NAVI MUMBAI

Mumbai, 20th Sept - The well awaited international conference and exhibition of the maritime industry had a grand opening ceremony at the grand venue of CIDCO exhibition Centre, Navi Mumbai at 10 am IST on September 20. The inauguration ceremony witnessed a huge gathering of professionals from the maritime and logistics ecosystem, officials, esteemed panelists, organizers, delegates and media.

The event was inaugurated by Director General Shipping, Mr. Deepak Shetty, Air commodore Ranjan Mukherjee, Additional Director General Prasar Bharati, and Mr. R.K Jain from the Indian Merchants Chamber in the presence of organizers Capt. Vikram Mathur, Mr RK Patra and Mr. Subhasis Ghosh, Managing Partner Apex Group.

Post the ribbon cutting ceremony, all the dignitaries interacted with the media briefly and joined other speakers at the conference. The welcome address was delivered by Mr Subhasis Ghosh, outlined the concept and the themes around which the event was conceptualized. The first day had a series of interactive sessions including on Trade Lanes and ports/ infrastructure wherein the honorable speakers shared some of their valuable insights and views on a wide array of topics. Some of the noted personalities speaking at the panel were Mr. Deepak Shetty, Mr. Sailesh Bhatia, Neeraj Ambani, Atul Kulkarni and others. On day one we had more than 1000 footfalls.

Day two commenced with a power session on ship building and ship repair, where the Flag Officer Commanding Maharashtra Naval Area, Rear Admiral Ghormade, along with other panelists interacted with the audience and shared his views on the topic. The International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC) conference was also held in the presence of international delegates, officers and professionals from the maritime industry. The consul General of Iran, government and business representatives from Russia, Uzbekistan participated in the conference. Sessions on GST implementation on shipping and Logistics sector and single window by central board of excise and customs were also held in the presence of maritime professionals, industry experts and delegates. Day two witnessed over, 500 footfalls. There were interesting takeaways and suggestions from the panelist and members of the audience on traded lanes, investment etc for the government and industry to action.

Day three began with a powerful session on automation and training in maritime sector wherein some expert panelists stated their views and suggestions. The last session of the day and MNI2016 was interesting one on cruise and lighthouse tourism while the panelists and delegates had insightful discussions on the business opportunities and a much wider spectrum of cruise industry. The day ended with a felicitation ceremony and thanking speech from the directors of Maritime World Services. Day three witnessed over, 500 footfalls.

Considering the fact that the venue of CIDCO exhibition Centre is holding such a conference for the first time, it was a great opportunity to highlight the exclusive aspect of Maritime Nation India 2016. Maritime Nation India served s a platform for the business interactions amongst the foreign delegates, exhibitors, speakers and Indian maritime professionals giving them all a huge and common platform to exchange their views on all maritime areas.. These business delegations and panel discussions will help India build relations and business deals overseas and help maritime infrastructure and ecosystem achieve more. We aim towards making Maritime Nation India 2017 even more grand and successful.

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