

CMMI-Delhi Chapter Seminar – Seminar Report

CMMI; Delhi-Chapter, on 22nd March 2024, conducted a technical seminar themed *Maritime POT-POURRI!* True to the premise of a potpourri, wide-ranging topics were presented and discussed. Sri AMITABH KUMAR (IRS), the former DG Shipping of India graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Capt. MP BHASIN, Chairman-CMMI, was the Guest of Honour.



Chief Guest, Sri AMITABH KUMAR Lighting the Auspicious Lamp in Presence of Guest of Honour, Capt. MP BHASIN & Capt. KAMAL CHADHA

Proceedings began with Capt. PANKAJ SARIN; Chairman, CMMI-Delhi, welcoming everyone & highlighting work of the Chapter, which is not only limited to holding technical seminars on a very regular basis; but, to also enhance knowledge of the seafarers in every way possible.



Capt. PANKAJ SARIN; Chairman CMMI-Delhi Opening MARITIME POT-POURRI-2024



The Guest of Honour, Capt. MP BHASIN; Chairman-CMMI, captivating the maritime fraternity present!

Under the leadership of Capt. MP BHASIN, as CMMI-Chairman, major steps have been taken; mainly in the field of digitization, CMMI-APP, CMMI Goodwill Ambassadors, E-Library Project and the most prestigious is the collaboration with IIM-Mumbai for “Executive MBA in Maritime Management, Logistic & Supply Chain”, which can truly open the proverbial “lock-gates” for seafarers wishing to contribute to the maritime industry *‘beyond-the-ship-side’!*

CMMI-Delhi Chapter Seminar – Seminar Report



Chief Guest, Sri AMITABH KUMAR, enthralled the audience with his succinct speech, crisp knowledge and sparkling wit!

Sri AMITABH KUMAR's towering presence was matched only by his down-to-earth demeanour. His passion was amply evident while sharing with audience the role Maritime Administration of India has played, and continues to play, at IMO. What was also apparent was his experience of being at the helm of affairs as an Administrator whose actions speak louder than his words. The Indian maritime fraternity, through CMMI, extends its deep appreciation and gratitude towards Sri AMITABH KUMAR'S selfless effort and was privileged to have him as the Chief Guest.



*Sri AMITABH KUMAR - Truly a humble man; even in acknowledging CMMI's appreciation!
Capt. PANKAJ SARIN; Chairman CMMI-Delhi Chapter Presenting the Memento*



*Men who make it happen! Chairman CMMI-Delhi, Capt. PANKAJ SARIN felicitating the
Guest of Honour, Capt. MP BHASIN; Chairman CMMI-MUMBAI*

The CMMI Delhi Chapter deeply recognises the contributions made by Indian seafarers and therefore it was befitting to recognise a longstanding seafarer for his overall contribution to the maritime fraternity by conferring the 'Lifetime Achievement Award'. The recipient of **CMMI Lifetime Achievement Award, 2024** was **Capt. MANVENDER SINGH KALRA**.

CMMI-Delhi Chapter Seminar – Seminar Report



Capt. MS KALRA receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award 2024

Having a long standing maritime career, at sea, as well ashore spanning over four decades, Capt. M.S KALRA has many accolades to his credit and has contributed to the maritime domain over a broad canvas. Having done his schooling from the legendary Mayo College, Capt. KALRA set course for his professional career in 1969 by joining TS DUFFERIN. Subsequently, he joined GESCO where he remained throughout his sailing career. He gained expertise, and experience, on OBO, Chemical & Product tankers, as well as crude oil tankers. Among the many feathers in his cap, he has compiled manuals for procedure of conversions from oil trade to dry cargo (OBO), which has been duly approved by DNV. It is also not a small feat when Capt. KALRA, as a first, **set up the Maritime Institute New Delhi, approved by DG Shipping, for post-sea maritime training in a land-locked area of NCR for the benefit of Indian seafarers from North India. He handed over the institute in 1993, which is famous as FOSMA Maritime Training Institute today. We're very proud of you Capt. KALRA.**



Capt. M.S KALRA with the Lifetime Achievement Award flanked by his wife, Mrs ROMINDER KALRA and the dignitaries gracing the occasion

Following the facilitation ceremony, the ball was set into motion for MARITIME POT-POURRI with Capt. M.P BHASIN chairing SESSION – 1.



Capt. SAUJANYA SINHA, Director (Academic Research & Coordination) at ARI

Capt. SAUJANYA SINHA, spoke on **Blue Crime on the Red Sea**; referring to the present HOUTHIS attacks on international shipping in the Red Sea, which is not only mushrooming into a global maritime security threat; but is also exposing the lack of application of the relevant law. He put forward where the amendments to SUA Convention, under which the present attacks are categorised, are necessary as a step towards maritime security in the Red Sea.

CMMI-Delhi Chapter Seminar – Seminar Report



Dr (Capt.) SOLANKI - Managing Director, Spring Professional Services (P) Ltd; STC Consultant on Waterway Projects - World Bank; Project Director - National Inland Navigation Institute

Dr (Capt.) INDERVEER SOLANKI shared that **Opportunities in Inland Water Transport** is a niche and growing sector. IWT is challenging and ideally suited for Merchant Navy officers to become entrepreneurs. The IWT Sector is multi-disciplinary providing opportunities for small, medium and large enterprises.

SESSION-2 followed immediately with Capt. KAMAL CHADHA chairing SESSION-2. Capt. KAMAL CHADHA is the Warden of CMMI, as well as one of its Ambassadors.



Capt. SANJEEV KHANIJO; Vice-President – TCI SEAWAYS

For the sustainability of the Indian fleet; Capt. SANJEEV KHANIJO advised, through his presentation – **Indian Fleet & New Regulations**; to plan for new tonnage acquisition based on remaining economic life of vessels AND by incorporating energy saving technologies.

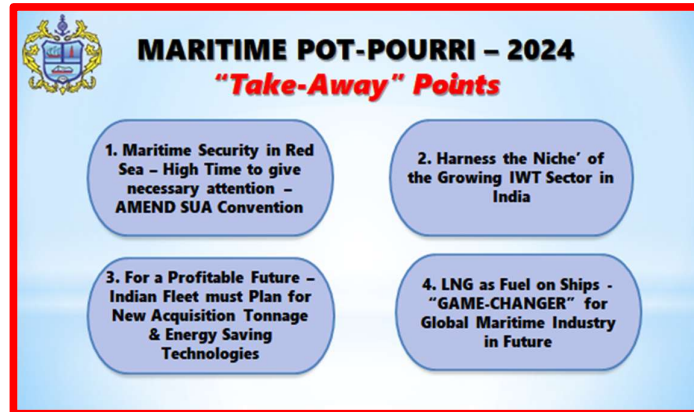


Capt. DHINGRA - Senior Faculty at ARI-New Delhi

Capt. TUSHAR KANTI DHINGRA gave a thought-provoking presentation on **LNG Fuel for Ships – A Game Changer!** Capt. DHINGRA shared his expertise, experience, of the maritime LNG sector on how using LNG as fuel on ships will prove to be a game changer for the global maritime industry in future.

As a unique feature at its seminars in New Delhi, CMMI-Delhi Chairman, Capt. PANKAJ SARIN has strongly felt that there needs to be a succinct compilation of the seminar that everyone should take home with, to mull upon, to suggest, and to disagree so that we can continue to build upon the synthesis.

CMMI-Delhi Chapter Seminar – Seminar Report



A Picture is More Powerful than a Thousand Words!

Finally, Capt. SANJEEV KHANIJO proposed vote of thanks to all the sponsors, Executive Committee members, speakers & the audience for making the seminar a grand success.



Smiles of Success!

The afternoon seminar event of CMMI-Delhi culminating in creation of festal atmosphere in the late evening was a first! CMMI-Delhi helped, one and all, to flow into the mood to enjoy a Gala Dinner, where ambience was set by the tunes of NAZM UNPLUGGED – a fusion band with a blend of Sufi, Rock & Indian classical music. Nothing more needed to be said; it was just meant to be enjoyed! There were intense discussions; there was catching-up, gup-shup with the "tadka" of galley news and with high spirits of an evening that turned out to be the zenith of a job well done!



NAZM UNPLUGGED – It had to be felt & enjoyed!



"...And; so was the spirit!"

CMMI-Delhi Chapter Seminar – Seminar Report

MARITIME POT-POURRI 2024 concluded with the same enthusiasm with which it had commenced...*adios till next time!*