



Brief Profile - Mr. Arun Sharma Executive Chairman, Indian Register of Shipping

Mr. Arun Sharma's maritime career is an embodiment of visionary leadership with rich and diverse experience in management, strategy, and operations across reputed organizations within the maritime industry.

A marine engineer with a strong, technical and commercial background, Mr. Sharma has held several top management positions with key shipping companies in his career spanning several decades.

Starting his career with The Shipping Corporation of India, he subsequently held senior management roles with Varun Shipping Company, Great Eastern Shipping and India Steamship. He has served on the boards of Indian National Shipowners' Association and on the Asia Committees of Lloyds Register, American Bureau of Shipping and Det Norske Veritas.

In December 2019, he was featured in the Lloyds List Top 100 Most Influential People in the shipping industry. He was also included in the Lloyds List Top 10 in Regulation. IRS has been listed amongst the Top 10 Classification Societies by Lloyds List every year since 2013.

Under Mr. Sharma's leadership, IRS has come a long way from being a member to an active contributor within IACS and eventually leading the Association. He was the Head of IACS Small Group on Quality Policy (SG/QP) and is currently the Chair of Sub Committee on Quality Policy (SCQP).

Mr. Sharma has held the position of IACS Chairman from 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020. His Chairmanship at IACS was well appreciated by International Maritime fraternity, especially for IACS initiatives during the particularly turbulent times of the pandemic.

He was the recipient of India's highest maritime recognition, the '**Varuna Award**' in April 2021. He received Lifetime Achievement Award at Samudra Manthan Awards in December 2021. He was also conferred upon the 'R. L. Jain Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award' 2023 by Institute of Marine Engineers (India) in September 2023.