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Subject: Establishment of Task Force for nurturing and supporting the Directorate's initiative of "Sagar Mein Yog - Wellness at Sea / Shore" - reg.

Reference is invited to the growth of Indian seafarers in the global maritime industry which has been significant in recent years, with India emerging as one of the leading suppliers of skilled seafarers worldwide. Indian seafarers are highly regarded for their technical skills, English proficiency and adaptability. This demand has led to an increasing number of Indian officers and ratings on international vessels.

2. The Directorate General of Shipping and Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways in India have implemented policies and programs to support seafarer training, welfare and employment. These include providing more cadet berths, simplifying recruitment procedures, and addressing welfare issues.

3. The seafaring profession is inherently stressful, given the unique set of challenges faced by seafarers. The life of a seafarer involves physical demands, mental strain and social isolation, all of which contribute to stress. The factors such as isolation and loneliness, long working hours, mental health challenges, job uncertainty and economic pressure, physical strain and limited medical facilities, cultural and language barriers, environmental challenge and safety and security threats leads to increased stress level in seafaring profession.

4. Yoga is an ancient practice originating in India that combines physical postures, breathing exercises, meditation, and ethical principles to promote physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. Rooted in Hindu philosophy, yoga is much more than a physical exercise; it's a holistic approach to health that seeks to unify the mind, body, and spirit.

5. Directorates initiative of "Sagar Mein Yog" (Yoga at Sea) is a concept that would promote integrating yoga practices into the daily routines of seafarers to help them manage stress, improve physical fitness and enhance mental well-being. The idea recognizes the unique challenges of life at sea, prolonged isolation, confined spaces, and unpredictable routine that can lead to mental and physical health issues. By incorporating yoga into their daily lives, seafarers can build resilience, reduce anxiety, and improve overall quality of life onboard.

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6. Recognizing the pressing need to address the issues and challenges being faced by seafarers at sea and on shore effectively the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) is pleased to constitute “**Task Force for Sagar Mein Yog**” comprising the following members (**As enclosed in Annexure 1 list**) from the Yog Gurus (Experts), including representatives from reputable shipping companies, allied offices and other relevant stakeholders to work and look after the seafarers cause, issues and support the seafarers well-being at sea and ashore.

7. Whereas, the future of Indian seafarers depends on their ability to adapt to technological advancements, regulatory changes and global market dynamics while fostering sustainable and inclusive growth. The constituted Task Force shall serve as a consultative body dedicated to analyzing and devising comprehensive Yog Syllabus to combat them.

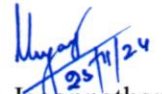
8. The **Terms of Reference (ToR)** for the constituted Maritime Task Force by the Directorate shall be following but not limited to:

- i. Preparing “**Sagar Mein Yog**” - **Yog Syllabus document**
- ii. Preparing Yoga syllabus for seafarers attending courses such pre-sea and post-sea courses
- iii. Preparing Yoga syllabus for seafarers to perform yoga at sea

9. The constituted Task Force by the Directorate may further co-opt experts who can guide and support them for providing direction, advice and recommendations as deemed fit. Also, the Task Force may accordingly convene meetings as required in-person or virtually with all such meetings minutes be documented and shared with all members as required.

10. Participation by the members / officials shall be purely voluntary and will not be subject to any manner of remuneration, honorarium etc. and any incidental expenditures for conduct of meetings or specific activities arrived at by due consensus in the Task Force meetings shall be subject to the stipulations as mandated on raising a charge on the public exchequer as per due process.

11. The constituted Task Force may explore potential funding sources to support its initiatives, including partnerships with industry stakeholders, grants from governmental organisations and sponsorships as required.



(Shyam Jagannathan)
Director General of Shipping

Encl: As above

To,

1. All Task Force members
2. Maritime Unions - MUI / NUSI etc.
3. Industry Associations - MASSA / FOSMA / INSA / ICCSA / IMF
4. Professional Organisations - CMMI / IMEI / WMU India Alumni Association

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