

CAMPUS NOTES



Anyone who refuses to speak out off campus does not deserve to be listened to on campus. - Theodore Hesburgh

DGS inaugurates 2nd mates FG Course at AEMTC Mumbai

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Anglo-Eastern Maritime Training Centre (AEMTC) launched second mates Foreign Going (FG) Competency Course on June 17 at the AEMTC Mumbai campus. Mr. Gautam Chatterjee, DG Shipping, who presided over as the Chief Guest, inaugurated the course.

The DG Shipping said in October 2012 when he assumed office, out of 140 maritime training institutes in the country only a few stood out, for their quest for perfection, passion and professional excellence. With the emphasis on maintaining high relevancy of courses, obsolescence has to be phased out with the incorporation of newer training modules on modern delivery modes like e-learning, laptops and i-pads ultimately enabling the acquiring of knowledge and skills, he opined. Seafarers should have the ability to self-certify their work upholding basic integrity and

code of conduct setting a defining boundary between person who is professional and a person who is not professional, he added.

Tracing the origin and growth of AEMTC, Capt. K. N. Deboo, Director and Principal of the institute, said the training programs were started by Anglo-Eastern (A-E) group in 1993 to conduct training on safety, quality and environment protection. In 1994, A-E group set up the manning office that was credited to be the first in procuring navigation ship handling simulator.

In a detailed power point presentation on the founding and evolution, he stated that the institute owns the rare honour and privilege of drafting training material for deck and engine cadets based on International Shipping Federation (ISF) cadet record book with the courseware unveiled at the 72nd IMO meet.

In 2000, Andheri institute at Mumbai was started with 30 value-added courses that later



Mr. Gautam Chatterjee, DG Shipping, taking a guided trip around the training labs and classrooms at AEMTC Mumbai campus.

went on to be the first institute to run full mission engine simulator supported courses in 2001.

In 2003 the marine training centre forged partnership with ARI training college for all types of tanker training including LPG and LNG tankers. AEMTC crowns itself to be the first institute to set up e-learning module in 2006.

switch board and engine manoeuvring control system.

In 2009 the Karjat facility was set up on a 53-acre site with a built-up space of 1 lakh sq ft. In 2012 AEMTC Delhi was endowed with a full mission navigation ship simulator as per the requirements of the latest STCW Convention. On the second mate FG Course at Delhi, he added that so far 6 batches have passed out and 7th batch in running.

Capt. Sureen Narang, Head of Competency Courses, also spoke.

Capt. Pradeep Chawla, Director, QA & Training, said the company is set to reach a fleet strength of 650 ships in the next 2 years. 75% of the company is manned by Indian crew translating it to an approximate 14,000 people. About 60% of managerial staff in Hong Kong and Singapore are products of Anglo-Eastern. With 17 ships in 1985 the company has expanded to 550 ships in 2013 providing more jobs especially to Indian seafarers.

The training centre's LPG ballast handling simulator course tabled at IMO on behalf of DGS was adopted as training material all over the world for LNG cargo and cargo handling simulation, he said.

In 2007-08 as per the revised STCW syllabus, the institute installed high voltage main