

# AEMTC starts competency courses for Second Mates

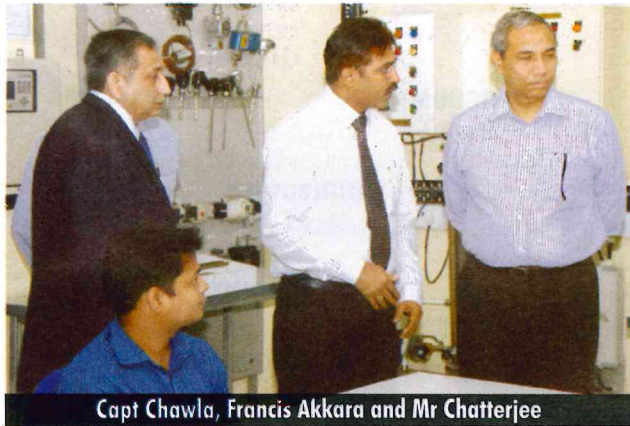
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Mr Chatterjee lights the inaugural lamp



Mr Chatterjee in the Cargo Simulator lab



Capt Chawla, Francis Akkara and Mr Chatterjee



Capt Vinay Singh, Capt Mistry and Mr Chatterjee



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Good organisations, like successful people, are big dreamers; they imagine what their future could be ideal in every respect- and then work daily toward the distant vision, goal or purpose. Anglo Eastern Maritime Training Centre (AEMTC) believes in this truism. It started in 1993 by conducting small courses in hotel venues but always dreamt big - a vision to establish an institute that produces well trained seafarers for the entire Indian shipping industry.

Since its inception, AEMTC has always worked towards training its ships' staff well, which it says is one of the most critical factors in achieving safe, economical and profitable operations of vessels. It recently added another feather to its cap by introducing competency courses for Second Mates (FG), inaugurating the programme at their training centre in Mumbai on June 15. Mr Gautam Chatterjee, Director General of Shipping, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In attendance was the entire training faculty of AEMTC.

The course was initially started in Delhi in 2009. After its success in the nation's capital, Anglo Eastern has now decided to start the course in other parts of the country; Mumbai being its first stop in that direction.

Training cadets is essential. "It's not just about passing the exams but it's about how to efficiently run a ship," opined Capt Pradeep Chawla in praise about the newly started course.

This course provides training for candidates appearing for the 2nd mates (FG) Certificate of competency examinations. It covers part of the education and training required under the regulations, and aims to meet the standards of competence specified in the STCW Conventions. The examination for the 2nd mate (FG) certificate of competency is divided into 3 functions: Navigation at operational level, Cargo handling and stowage at operational level, and controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board at the operational level.

"Starting this course was Capt Pradeep Chawla's vision. According to him, the education imparted at

training institutes today is outdated and not in line with what is required on board. Thus we- at the training institutes- need to upgrade our programmes so that cadets have the right knowledge needed on vessels. The motive in starting these courses is to impart education that is needed onboard," stated Capt Vinay Singh, Managing Director, Anglo Eastern Ship Management, India.

The course will give AEMTC an opportunity to enhance the competency level of students prior to their boarding vessels as certified officers, by being able to fully control the quality of teaching for young officers from Cadet to Master. Foundation has to be strong, and with this view, Anglo-Eastern commenced its pre-sea training in 2009 and now the II-Mates competency course, stated Capt.K.N.Deboo.

"Having knowledgeable, skilful and competent seafarers with the right attitude, professionalism and integrity is the need of the hour for the shipping industry. As good seafarers you need to be able to self-certify your job," highlighted Mr Gautam Chatterjee.

Mr. Gautam Chatterjee did the honors of inaugurating the course by cutting the ribbon on the courseware (a three volume set) and expressed his happiness and satisfaction over the progress, dedication and commitment shown by Anglo Eastern towards its efforts on maritime Education and Training.

Anglo Eastern is the first ship management company in India to run competency courses. The entry criterion for the competency course is: DNS cadets who have done 18 months SSTP of which 6 months is of 'Bridge Watchkeeping' and the 5 basic safety/ security courses, as per the DGS guidelines.

In its endeavour to continue working towards its goal, AEMTC believes in keeping the dreams of its trainees alive. According to AEMTC, to achieve anything one requires faith, belief, vision, hard work, determination, and dedication.

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