



## **SEAFARER INSIGHTS**

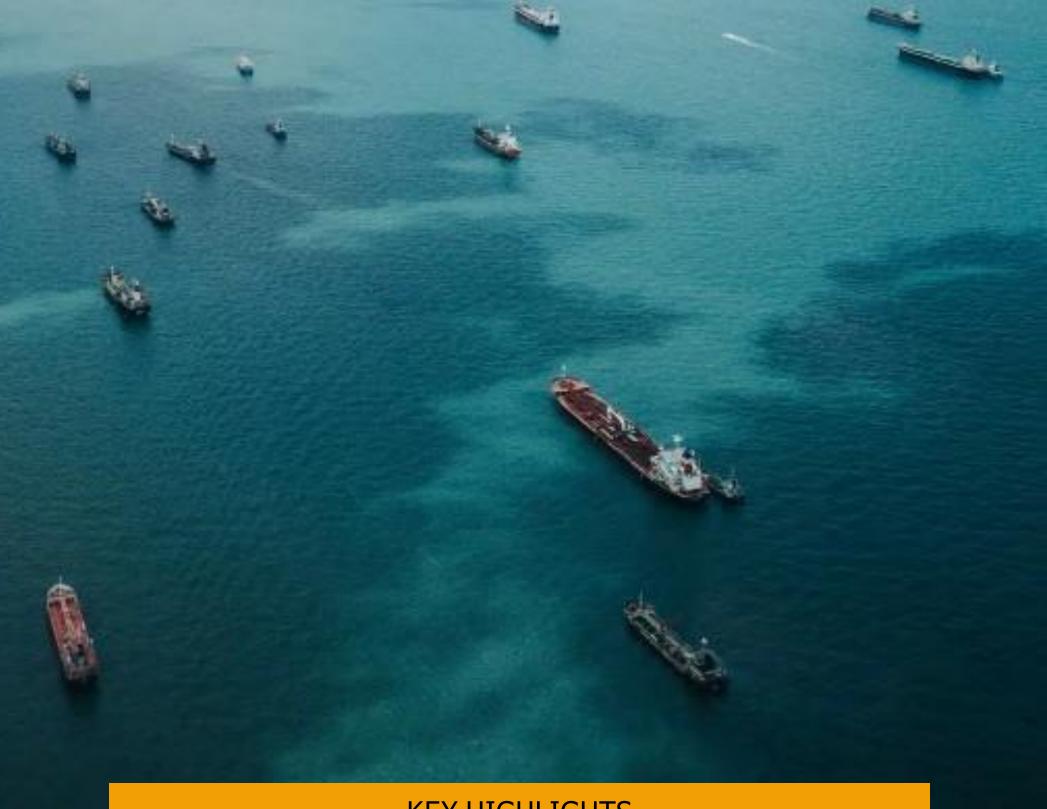


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PORTS	SIGN ON	SIGN OFF
BHAVNAGAR	18	18
CHENNAI	10	8
COCHIN	17	25
DAHEJ	25	22
DHAMRA	8	9
ENNORE	3	3
HALDIA	30	27
JNPT	18	16
KAKINADA	1	4
KANDLA	38	45
KATTUPALLI	110	151
KRISHNAPATNAM	8	11
MAGDALLA	3	2
MANGALORE	19	17
MORMUGAO	35	29
MUMBAI	119	125
MUNDRA	12	15
PARADIP	35	35
PIPAVAV	3	3
SIKKA	25	24
VADINAR NAYARA	0	1
VISAKHAPATNAM	7	8
Grand Total	495	460
FY 2024-25 (April-May)	1039	1058



### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Goan seamen association urges shipping companies to prioritise seafarers' rights
- Poor career guidance a hurdle for Indian seafarers: Experts

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#### Goan seamen association urges shipping companies to prioritise seafarers' rights

Narendra Sawaikar, Commissioner of NRI Affairs, reassured the seafarers community gathered at Margao to celebrate 'Seafarers Day' and pledged robust support to address their concerns and issues effectively. The Goan Seamen Association of India (GSAI) issued an appeal urging all shipping companies to prioritise the protection of seafarers' rights, particularly emphasising the need for thorough investigations into incidents such as deaths at sea. Speaking at the event, Sawaikar encouraged the new generation to embrace the challenges inherent in the seafaring profession. "Seafarers are making significant contributions to world trade and the global economy, even amidst the challenges they face at sea," he acknowledged. Sawaikar reassured the gathering that the Goa government remains steadfast in its support for seafarers. Speaking as guest of honour, Quepem MLA Altone D'Costa pledged to advocate for the concerns of seafarers in the upcoming Assembly session. "I salute the seafarers who are making significant contributions to the Goan economy, persevering through challenging conditions at sea," he said. D'Costa emphasised the paramount importance of seafarers' safety while navigating the oceans. He called upon every seaman to prioritise and adhere to stringent safety measures, ensuring their well-being amidst the unpredictable maritime environment. He further appealed those interested to join the cruise line not to engage in getting fake certificates. Frank Viegas, President, GSAI stressed the safety of the seafarers and spoke about piracy and drone attacks, which are on rise. "Safety at sea is a collective effort that demands vigilance, knowledge, and proactive measures. Safety of seafarers and well-being are vital not just to seamen and their families, but to the entire maritime community", said Viegas. On the occasion, several Goan seafarers as chefs and chief cook were felicitated in the hands of the guests present at the function. Source: Herald Goa

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#### Poor career guidance a hurdle for Indian seafarers: Experts

Indian seafarers were facing stiff contest from their counterparts in other developing nations owing to a lack of career guidance and aptitude, coupled with investments by Indian shipping firms, industry experts said. This space was, therefore, being filled by candidates from other countries like Ukraine, Russia, Philippines, Thailand and Sri Lanka despite India having a significant share in supply to the global seafarer workforce. "One of the key reasons is the mismatch between expectations and reality when it comes to the actual difficulties on the ground. It is necessary to debunk certain myths for aspiring candidates regarding pay and limited leeway available to seafarers in going ashore," Sanjeev Ogale, chairman of Pune branch of The Institute of Marine Engineers, said.

Globally, there are nearly 19 lakh seafarers, of which barely 9 lakh are officers and rest are engaged in support staff. India has over 5 lakh registered seafarers, of which about 2.5 lakh are employed in a year, as per data from Directorate General of Shipping. "The Indian govt should take more efforts to improve its positioning globally and prod Indian firms in increasing their tally of ships," Sudhir Subhedar, ex-president of Indian Coastal Operators, said, while speaking on the sidelines of an event held on the eve of World Seafarers Day observed on June 25.

Eight from ship that crashed into Baltimore bridge leave for India Eight Indian crew members of cargo ship 'Dali' left for India after crashing into Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge. Four crew members remain onboard for repairs in Norfolk, Virginia, while the rest are in Baltimore for investigation. Baltimore bridge collapse: 8 Indian crew members of cargo ship MV Dali leave for India, 13 to stay back for ongoing investigation Eight Indian crew members from the cargo ship 'Dali' involved in the Baltimore bridge collision departed for India. Remaining 13 crew members to stay in the US. Ship owned by Grace Ocean Private Ltd. Investigation ongoing in the US.111182493 DRDO, Indian firms showcase Made in India weapons, tech at Paris defence show Indian defence sector firms are actively participating in EUROSATORY 2024 in France, displaying a range of advanced defence products and technologies at the exhibition.

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