


**INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CONFERENCE (IMC)
2025, DEHRADUN UTTARAKHAND**

9:00- 09:30 hr (30 min) Registration, meet and greet with high tea.			
Time	Session Title	Speaker	Purpose
09:30 - 09:45 hrs	Inauguration and Welcome Address Event: Lighting of the lamp and welcome address by the host.	Speakers: Key organizer, eminent academician, and industry leader. - Lighting the lamp by Chief Guest	Set the tone of the event, emphasizing collaboration between the academy and industry, and the role of AI in maritime operations
09:45 - 10:15 hrs	The Future of Maritime: "Bridging Knowledge with Practice through AI and Innovation"	Renowned maritime leader or policymaker.	Inspire attendees with the importance of aligning academia with real-world industry needs and leveraging AI to enhance operational efficiency
10:15 - 11:00 hrs Panel Discussion 1	Bridging the Gap: How Academia Can Equip Students for Industry Demands	Panelists: Shipowners, operators, charterers, academicians, HR professionals. Key Topics: Skills gap analysis between maritime education and industry requirements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Role of internships, training programs, and simulators. ◦ Success stories of industry-academia collaboration. 	Moderator: Senior academic or journalist.
11:00 - 11:30 hrs Networking Tea Break (ensure two to three counters for Tea else impossible for people to get tea in this short time)			

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<p>11:30 - 12:15 hrs Panel Discussion 2</p>	<p>“The Indian Maritime Industry: Challenges and Opportunities to Compete Globally”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panelists: Shipowners, charterers, operators, ship managers, and policymakers. <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Comparative analysis: Indian maritime sector vs. global players. ◦ Policy changes required to boost competitiveness. ◦ Infrastructure modernization and digital transformation. ◦ Opportunities for Indian ports, shipping lines, and education systems to expand globally. 	<p>Moderator: Maritime economist or senior journalist.</p>
<p>12:15 - 12:30 hrs</p>	<p>Open Forum/Q&A Session</p>		<p>Allow audience to engage with panellists and discuss topics presented in the morning sessions.</p>
<p>12:30 - 13:30 hrs: LUNCH BREAK </p>			



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13:30 - 14:15 hrs	“AI in Shipping: Transforming the Industry with Intelligent Solutions”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderator: AI expert from the maritime sector. Graphic Era University <p>Key Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current AI applications in shipping (route optimization, laytime calculation). Challenges in AI adoption in traditional shipping operations. Future innovations and potential impact 	
14:15 - 15:00 hrs	Showcase Maritime tech start up “AI-Driven Solutions in Action “		Live demonstrations of AI tools for maritime operations (e.g., laytime calculators, stowage planners).

1500 - 1530 hrs: Coffee Break+ Networking



15:30 - 16:15 hrs

Panel Discussions on Investment in Tech Starts, Partnerships with VC , Founders and Co-Founders and to discuss Pros and Cons

16:15 - 16:30 hrs:	Closing Address and Summary	<p>Senior policymaker or maritime visionary.</p> <p>1. Mr. Anil Taneja - Advisor -Venture Catalyst</p>	key takeaways and encourage continued collaboration between academia and the industry.
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16:30-17:00 : Buffer time in hand to manage completion in time.

17:00 - 18:00 hrs: Networking and Event Wrap-Up. Photo ops. Selfie booth (set up by a sponsor) with tea/coffee. This will also help with buffer time if needed.

19:00 - 20:00 hrs

Awards, Serve drinks on the round table. Wine (Red and White) only and Juices/ Refreshment on order. Easier to handle and looks more sophisticated rather than people standing in line for drinks. Once awards finish u can open the bar for hard liquor. If drinks are opened first no one will sit for awards.



- **Venue: Hotel Aketa ,Dehradun**

20:00 - 22:00 hrs

Gala Dinner & Drinks and live music. Same round tables get used to sit and listen to music.

