

Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Meets CMA CGM Leadership in Marseille

CMA CGM highlights strategic progress across shipping, shipbuilding, logistics and industrial innovation in India

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Shri T.K. Ramachandran, Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), visited the global headquarters of CMA CGM in Marseille, France, on 12th June 2025. The visit came in continuation of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's landmark interaction with CMA CGM during his official tour to France in February this year, where India's growing maritime sector and global partnerships were a key highlight.

During the visit, the Secretary met senior executives from the CMA CGM Group and was briefed on the company's expanding presence and operations in India across shipping, shipbuilding, container terminals, multimodal logistics, and maritime industrial capabilities. The CMA CGM leadership also outlined progress made since February under its India Strategy, anchored on five key pillars: Indian-flagged fleet expansion, shipbuilding collaboration, inland logistics development, maritime industrial investment, and innovation.

As part of its shipping initiatives, CMA CGM has flagged off its first Indian-flagged vessels CC VITORIA and CC Manaus and established a new Indian shipping entity at GIFT City, Gujarat. In shipbuilding, the Group is in advanced discussions with Indian shipbuilding entities for LNG-powered container vessels, while major port and inland infrastructure investments are progressing, including a \$200 million expansion at Nhava Sheva Freeport Terminal and engagement in the Vadhavan Port project.

The company also shared its interest in India's ship recycling ecosystem, particularly in Alang, and its readiness to source containers and green steel from India in alignment with global sustainability goals. CMA CGM currently employs over 2,200 digital professionals in India and is exploring the establishment of maritime R&D and innovation hubs across key Indian cities.

The delegation from CMA CGM included Patrice Bergamini, Diplomatic Advisor to the Group CEO and Chairman; Camille Andrews from the Group CEO's Office; Ludovic Renou, Head of Global Shipping Network; Atit Mahajan, Managing Director, CMA CGM India; Antoine Canton, Project Manager for India initiatives; and Agatha Bonnin, Public Affairs Specialist.

The visit provided an opportunity to exchange views on the evolving maritime landscape and explore synergies for greater connectivity and innovation in the India-Europe corridor. The Secretary's engagement in Marseille reflects India's growing collaboration with global maritime players and continued dialogue with industry leaders supporting the nation's long-term port and shipping development vision.



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