



3RD EDITION OF MARITIME INFORMATION SHARING WORKSHOP MARITIME SECURITY SEMINAR GURUGRAM, INDIA

Hosted by IFC-IOR in Gurugram, the three-day MISW-25 brought together 57 participants from 30 countries to enhance real-time coordination, interoperability, and information sharing through focused deliberations and a practical table-top exercise using the indigenous MANTRA software

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The **Maritime Security Seminar**, conducted as part of the **Maritime Information Sharing Workshop (MISW) 25**, concluded on **04 Nov 25**. The ongoing three-day workshop (**03-05 Nov 25**), themed *“Enhancing Real-Time Coordination and Information Sharing Across the Indian Ocean Region,”* is being hosted by IFC–IOR and has brought together over **57 participants from 30 countries**, including representations from **IORA, DCoC/JA, and BIMSTEC**.

The seminar commenced with an opening address by **Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti**, Deputy Chief of Naval Staff, who underscored the importance of collaboration, interoperability, and trust-based partnerships to address the evolving maritime challenges in the Indian Ocean Region. This was followed by a **Keynote Address by Mr. Sushil Mansing Khopde, IPS, Additional Director General, Directorate General of Shipping**, who highlighted India’s maritime initiatives and efforts towards strengthening the region’s maritime security architecture through cooperative engagement and regulatory alignment.

Over the two days of the seminar, participants deliberated on a wide range of topics shaping the maritime security landscape, including aspects of regional security dynamics, the role of information networks, operational coordination, maritime law, industry perspectives, and transnational maritime crime. The sessions underscored the importance of technological integration, data interoperability, and collective commitment in building a resilient and responsive maritime security framework. The seminar concluded with an address by **Rear Admiral Nirbhay Bapna, (CS NCO)**, who highlighted the need for synergy among regional information-sharing frameworks and reaffirmed that collaboration and sustained dialogue remain central to ensuring a safe and secure maritime domain.

On 05 Nov 25, the MISW-25 will feature a **Table Top Exercise (TTX)** at IFC–IOR, where the principles of information sharing, interoperability, and coordinated response will be put into practice through simulated maritime security scenarios. The TTX will be conducted on the indigenously developed **Maritime Analytical Tool for Regional Awareness (MANTRA)** software. Delegates will be tasked with responding to simulated maritime situations including piracy incidents, drug smuggling, irregular human migration and distress-at-sea scenarios. The exercise will focus on multi-agency coordination, rapid information sharing and synchronised response planning. The exercise aims at refining real-time information sharing in achieving coherent maritime security outcomes, exposing participants to the complex dynamics of maritime incident reporting from detection and verification to dissemination and coordinated response.





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