

Research Workshop organized by Centre for Maritime Economy

Centre for Maritime Economy, in its endeavour to conduct research and collaborate with partners, organized highly interactive and intellectual workshop on the topic of, “Port Led Development”. This workshop was part of Gujarat Maritime University’s celebration of National Maritime Day on 5th April, 2025.

Centre for Maritime Economy at GMU, in partnership with Adani University, CEPT University, Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya and Indian Maritime University organized this collaborative workshop which was well participated by expert from Government, Industry and Academia.

The role of ports from #gateway and #engine to #enablers and #catalyst for economic development was discussed during the workshop.

Workshop focussed on key areas including:

- ◆ Status of Indian Ports in Past, Present and Future
- ◆ Ship Building as a catalyst for Maritime Sector
- ◆ Maritime Infrastructure and role of Privatization and PPP
- ◆ Ship owning and loss of freight on Indian cargo
- ◆ Future of Coastal Shipping and Inland Waterways
- ◆ Environmental concerns and various strategic initiatives at Ports
- ◆ Port and Urbanization Challenge
- ◆ Governance and other Challenges with regard to port
- ◆ Ports contributing to increasing employment opportunities

Plenary Session:

- ◆ Welcome Address by Prof. Tanuja Kaushik, Dean, GMU
- ◆ Special Address by Shri Prakash Gaur, CEO, National Highway Logistics Management
- ◆ Keynote Address by Prof. G. Raghuram, Professor Emeritus, GMU
- ◆ Inaugural Address by Prof. S. Shanthakumar, Provost, GMU
- ◆ Vote of Thanks by Dr. Chirag Patel, Registrar, GMU

Panel Discussion I: Port-Led Regional Development

- ◇ **Shri Rajesh Menon** – Associate Director, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce
- ◇ **Prof. G. Raghuram** – Professor Emeritus, Gujarat Maritime University
- ◇ **Dr. Dharmesh Raval** – Director - SMM, Gujarat Maritime University



Panel Discussion II: Port-Led Urban Development

- ◇ **Dr. Pankaj Sampat** – Formerly with GIFT City & ICAP, IDEck Bengaluru
- ◇ **Dr. Pranavant** – Dean, CEPT University
- ◇ **Prof. Mukesh Parikh** – Adjunct Professor, Gujarat Maritime University
- ◇ **Prof. Rachna Gangwar** – Professor, Adani University

Theme based research work were presented by the students of all participating universities, providing a platform for young researchers to contribute to this very important area of research.

The workshop was concluded by sharing of concluding remarks and vote of thanks by Dr. Dharmesh Raval, Head – Centre for Maritime Economy at GMU.