

MoU Signed Between CoP and Ganpat University

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed [today](#) between the Department of Captain of Ports and Ganpat University at the Secretariat in Porvorim in the presence of Minister of Ports, Shri Alexio Sequeira. This collaboration aims to enhance maritime education and training at Maritime School at Britona of Captain of Ports Department.

Present at the occasion were Shri Octavio Rodrigues, Captain of Ports; Shri Premlal Shirsaiakar, Deputy Captain of Ports; Dr. Mahendra Sharma, Pro-Chancellor of Ganpat University; Dr. R. K. Patel, Pro Vice-Chancellor; Dr. Saurabh Dave, Pro Vice-Chancellor; Dr. Satyen Parikh, Pro Vice-Chancellor; Dr. Girish Patel, Executive Registrar; Capt. Giriraj Tejra; Capt. Shri Prakash Rajaram Patil; and Jitendra Singh Rawat.

It may be recalled that in March 2021, the Government approved the proposal to redevelop the Maritime School into the "Goa Institute of Maritime Excellence (GIME)" on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) basis. The Department of Public-Private Partnership prepared the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) and concession agreement for the redevelopment on a Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and Transfer (DBFOT) basis. Following the necessary government approvals, the tender was floated on [September 28, 2022](#), and a single bid was received on the e-procure portal from M/s. Ganpat University, Gujarat.

The collaboration will introduce a range of courses at the Goa Institute of Maritime Excellence. Long-term courses include the New Entrant Training Course and the Advanced Refresher Training Course. Short-term courses will cover Power Boat Operator for Inland Canoes, Personal Craft Operator, High-Speed Craft Operator, Jet Ski Operator, and Crowd Management and Passenger Safety.

Additionally, the academic curriculum will include long-term Maritime MBA courses in Shipping and Logistics Management, Port and Shipping Management, and Shipping and Finance. Yacht training courses such as Master (Coastal) of Yachts, Master (Open Sea) Yachts, and Master (Ocean Going) Yachts will also be offered. Short-term courses will cover Safety, Rescue, Fire Fighting and First Aid, Dinghy Sailing/Kayak/Sea Bob/Water Toy training, professional lifeguard courses for swimming pools, beach guard courses, and adventure courses such as scuba diving and fly board. Other specialized training will include yacht deck crew,

cruise/super yacht hospitality, fishing trawler skipper navigation, and electric powered boat operator courses.

Ganpat University, located in Mehsana, Gujarat, is a renowned educational institution established in 2005. It offers a wide range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs across various fields such as engineering, maritime studies, management, pharmacy, computer applications, and humanities. The university and the township of Ganpat Vidyanagar, a high-tech education campus, are joint initiatives driven by industrialists, technocrats, noble farmers, and affluent businessmen with the mission of "Social Upliftment through Education." This partnership is expected to significantly contribute to maritime excellence and education in Goa.

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