

Directorate General of Maritime Administration

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Recently, the Directorate General of Maritime Administration (DGMA) has directed ship-owners to avoid deploying Indian seafarers on vessels undertaking voyages through the Strait of Hormuz until further orders.

About Directorate General of Maritime Administration

- It is the **apex maritime authority** of the Government of India which **was established in September 1949**.
- **Nodal Ministry:** It is functioning as an attached office of the **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways**.
- It deals with all executive matters, relating to merchant shipping.
- **Headquarter:** Mumbai

Functions of the Directorate General of Maritime Administration

- The Directorate is responsible for the implementation of national shipping policy and legislation.

- It is responsible for promotion of maritime education and training in **coordination with the International Maritime Organization (IMO)**.
- It extends to the **registration, survey and certification of vessels**, examination and certification of Merchant Navy Officers.
- **Issuing Licenses and Certifications to Seafarers:** DG Shipping issues various important certificates to merchant navy officers, ensuring that they are trained and qualified to work on board ships at sea.
- **Maritime Education and Training:** As part of the implementation of its mandate, DG Shipping ensures the continuous development of **maritime education and skills training**.
- **Protecting Seafarers' Rights:** One of the most important roles of DG Shipping is safeguarding the rights of Indian seafarers.
- **Ship Inspections:** DG Shipping **ensures that both Indian-flagged ships and foreign vessels operating** in Indian waters and ports are compliant with international conventions and regulations.

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