



Inception Workshop | India's Maritime Connectivity: Importance of the Bay of Bengal — Phase II

7 August 2018 | ORF Kolkata

Programme:

10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

Registration

11.00a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Inaugural session:

Chair: **Ashok Dhar**, Director, ORF Kolkata

Welcome note: **Rakhahari Chatterji**, Advisor, ORF Kolkata

Inaugural address: **Ashok Kantha**, Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi

Introducing project: **Anasua Basu Ray Chaudhury**, Fellow and Project Coordinator, ORF, Kolkata

Address by Chief Guest: **Venus Asawapoom**, Deputy Consul General, Royal Thai Consulate-General in Kolkata

Keynote speech: **H.C.S. Bisht**, Former Vice Admiral, Indian Navy

12:15p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tea/Coffee

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Business session I: Port Logistics:
Strengthening Trade Connectivity

Chair: **Himanshu Shekhar**, Traffic Manager, Kolkata Port Trust

Speakers:

Swaminathan Rajagopalan, Commercial Director, CMA CGM Agencies (India), Pvt. Ltd.

	<p>S.B. Mazumder, Chairman Shipping Committee, Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kolkata</p>
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<p>Business session II: Blue Economy & HADR</p> <p>Chair: Pradeep Chauhan, Director, National Maritime Foundation and Former Vice Admiral, Indian Navy</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Abhay K. Singh, Research Fellow, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi</p> <p>P.V. Rao, Emeritus Professor, Osmania University</p>
3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Tea/Coffee
3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	<p>Business session III: Strategic Convergences, Divergences and the Bay</p> <p>Chair: H.C.S. Bisht, Former Vice Admiral, Indian Navy</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Pradeep Chauhan, Director, National Maritime Foundation and Former Vice Admiral, Indian Navy</p> <p>Premesha Saha, Associate Fellow, National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi</p>
4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Concluding session