

Maritime Academy Launched in Goa to Prepare Aspiring Seafarers, ready for employment in rapidly evolving Shipping Sector

- ~ *The newly launched Verna-based Kamaxi Maritime Academy (KMA) offers comprehensive onsite short-term courses, approved by the Directorate General of Shipping.*
- ~ *Shipping industry employers are keen on young seafarers updated in the latest techniques of fire fighting, survival at sea and on board social skill-sets, says Academy Principal Manoj Kumar Pandey.*

Panaji, August 2024 – Aspiring seafarers in Goa can now sign up for updated entry level training programs and avail of internationally recognised certificate courses in order to make them job ready for the shipping industry at the newly instituted Verna-based Kamaxi Maritime Academy (KMA), the state's newest maritime academy dedicated to preparing students for onshore and offshore positions in the industry. The comprehensive onsite short-term courses are approved by the Directorate General of Shipping, India.

The setting up of the KMA by the Kamaxi Group, comes at a time when there is a growing need for young talent to adapt to the evolving needs of the global shipping industry, which is shifting towards decarbonisation and digitalisation. As the maritime sector faces a significant shortage of skilled labour, the academy offers a range of comprehensive short-term courses designed to equip aspiring maritime professionals with the necessary skills to thrive in this dynamic industry.

Manoj Kumar Pandey, Principal of Kamaxi Maritime Academy, highlighted the critical timing of the academy's launch, noting the current shortage of certified entry level professionals in the industry. "With the maritime sector facing unprecedented changes, it's essential for job seekers to update their skills to remain relevant. Our academy is dedicated to delivering world-class compact training that prepares students for both onshore and offshore positions, equipping them with the knowledge and expertise required to navigate the complexities of modern shipping practices, "Our academy, our facilities and our teachers will be the first glimpse and taste of life at sea for these youngsters aiming for a life and a career on the high seas, we ensure that KMA trained seafarers meet the highest standards of training, ready to tackle the challenges of the maritime industry" he said.
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The newly established academy operates under the Kamaxi Group, a leader in hospitality training, recruitment, and skilling.

The Verna-based academy adds to the maritime educational landscape in Goa, which already hosts institutions like the NUSI Maritime Academy, Institute of Maritime Studies and the SeaScan Maritime Institute, among others.

KMA's state-of-the-art facilities, including advanced classrooms, a computer lab, an updated library, and a comprehensive assessment centre, provide students with a cutting-edge learning environment. The academy's curriculum is meticulously designed to address contemporary industry practices, ensuring that trainees are well-prepared to secure employment and excel in their maritime careers.

Among the courses offered by KMA are the Basic STCW Safety Training Course, which meets the mandatory requirements for seafarers' familiarisation, safety training, and instruction as per the STCW Code; Security Training for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties (STSDSD), providing essential knowledge for seafarers involved in Ship Security Plans (SSP); Refresher courses in Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (RFPFF) and Personal Survival Techniques (RPST), ensuring that seafarers meet the latest safety standards; and a combined Basic STCW Safety Training and Security Training (BST+STSDSD) course that covers essential safety and security duties.

Admissions are now open to students who have cleared their Class 10 exams and meet the required criteria for their respective programs. Interested candidates can apply for these short-term courses through the academy's official website at www.kamaximaritime.com.

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