

## **Press Release**

### **Visit of delegation from Ministry of Shipping**

A delegation led by Dr. Vishwapati Trivedi, Secretary, Ministry of Shipping, Government of India and comprising Chairman, Kolkata Port Trust, Advisor, Ministry of Shipping, Member (Technical) and Chief of Hydrography, Inland Waterways Authority of India visited Hamburg and Kiel from April 27-30, 2014. Primary objective of the visit was to get first-hand knowledge of the working of ports in Germany as well as to explore possibilities of collaboration.

2. The delegation visited Kiel on April 28 where they were welcomed by Mr. Reinhard Meyer, Minister of Economic Affairs, Employment, Transport and Technology of the State of Schleswig-Holstein. Representatives of the Port of Kiel, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Harbour and Shipping, Maritime Cluster as well as some private companies engaged in port-related activities were also present during the meeting. The delegation also visited Kiel Canal and GEOMAR Centre for Ocean Research.

3. On April 29, the delegation visited Hamburg Port Authority (HPA) where they were received by Chairman Mr. Jens Meier who explained new practices being introduced in port management. After a harbour tour, the delegation was received by Hamburg Chamber of Commerce where they interacted with Hamburg-based companies engaged in shipping sector. Subsequently, the delegation called on Mr. Frank Horch, Minister for Economy, Hamburg.

4. The visit provided the opportunity to share information, exchange ideas as well as learn about new vistas of bilateral cooperation. Discussions were held on opportunities in the Indian port and inland waterways sectors. The delegation urged German companies to actively participate in tenders floated by Ministry of Shipping for various projects in India. The visit evinced a lot of interest and satisfaction from both sides.

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