Following topics were addressed by panelists, moderated by AMICIE members:

SESSION 1: THE COMMERCIAL VIEW

Moderator Mr. Punit Oza, Founder, Maritime NXT

Panellists Capt Subhangshu Dutt, Founder & CEO, Om Maritime

Mr. Suresh Katara, Head - Chartering, Propel Shipping Pte Ltd, Singapore

Mr. V. Sitaram, Vice President, Wilson International

SESSION 2: THE OPERATIONAL VIEW

Moderator
Panellists

Capt Subhangshu Dutt, Founder & CEO, Om Maritime
Mr Cho Kitwei, Chief Operations Officer, SeaLead, Singapore

Mr K C Shivamanohar, CEO, Pacmar Shipping, Chennai

Capt Harihar Subramanian, Regional Head, Shipowners Club, Singapore

SESSION 3: THE SERVICES VIEW

Moderator Dr Akanksha Batura Pai, Executive Director, Sinoda Shippining Agency Pte Ltd & .

IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassador

Panellists Mr Derek Taylor, Head of Strategic Risk Consulting, Marsh, Singapore

Mr Muthu Jagannath, NAU Pte Ltd, Singapore

Ms Stephanie Krishnan, Associate Vice President (Asia Pacific), International Data Corporation (IDC)

SESSION 4: THE FUTURISTIC VIEW

Moderator Ms Vinita Venkatesh, Hon Secretary, AMICIE

Panellists Mr Lionel Seah, Head of Commercial Sales, APAC, Windward

Mr Michael Krch, Managing Director, StormGeo PH, Inc.

Mr Marcus Ang, Associate Professor of Operations Management, Singapore Maritime University

Ms Deepika Giri, Head of Research - BD & AI (Asia Pacific), IDC, Singapore

That a third of the world will starve, a third will freeze and the other third will go dark without trades was a foregone conclusion stressed by findings from discussions. With Banks invariably the ones enforcing trade restriction measures per force to comply, it could impact at any stage of voyages like War Risk Premiums, leaving crew, shipmanagers and the whole supply chain, floundering.

On Artificial Intelligence that had appeared first in Science papers in '50s and in use for a dozen years now, the takeaway was that it was as of now a wish list, with statistics as learning steps, a solution process and not its replacement. As for Passage Planning —with ISM supervision, Weather Routing and Weather Forecast for Post Fixture Claims settlements- AI may not be good enough was the general reservation! That Google may still rule the roost with its new version was welcomed with a sigh of relief.

Whilst Asia's demographic dividend with affluence is driving trade, with US and Europe at saturation levels, China being the manufacturing base, India's tight rope walking strategy was found laudable with Oil sourcing and growth in the Chemical sector. As such, AMICIE's choice of Singapore for brand building was appreciated with the close association of Singapore and India, with Singapore waiving charges for fund transfers to India.

However admirable such efforts be, Indian politicians shouting themselves hoarse about shipbuilding, huge container fleets, and starting an Indian P&I Club, appear misinformed. Instead, a people centric, middle path like that of Singapore persuading the private sector could be a better policy than subsidies for multiplier and trickledown economic benefits; as what trade wants is cheap and reliable freight and regular services. Liner sector was found to be not that

transparent as they profess to be but can be expected to find alternate cheap ports against high port costs being threatened by Trump's tactics.

Misconceptions about Protection and Indemnity Clubs were alleviated to a large extent by underscoring that they in effect are non-profit making mutual ones with reinsurance spread above certain amounts, and additional premia payable for risk and cover increases.

Each session ended with standing ovations for the 3Ds: Distinguished, Dynamic, and the NOT Disappointing roundups by moderators and panelists.

The futuristic view and vision were one of resource constraints, safety having to come first with new fuel to reduce Carbon Intensity Index within deadlines to manage global warming and on autonomous ships, with transfer of all risks to `maritime insurance' as envisaged in the Rotterdam Rules.

The interactions during the seminar were found to be educative and useful for students and future managers/professionals, and felt to be a blessing, during this AMICIE's branding effort and success.

Capt Venkat delivered a sincere vote of thanks to all who had been involved with the planning, organizing, supporting and conduct of the seminar, requesting those present to join for a Sundowner under the full moon.

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