

Visit of the Addl DGMA at MMD Patna for Inauguration of BSID Services.

Visit Date: 12 October 2026

Visiting Delegation:

1. Shri Sushil Mansing Khopde, IPS, Additional Director General of Maritime Administration (ADDL. DG, DGMA)
2. Capt. Vikrant Rai, MMD, Kolkata

The Addl DGMA Shri Sushil Mansing Khopde, IPS has visited Mercantile Marine Department, Patna on Monday, 12th October 2026 where he has inaugurated the BSID data capturing services at Patna Center in presence of Principal Officer, MMD Kolkata Shri Vikrant Rai and other dignitaries.

With the commencement of BSID services at MMD Patna on 12 October 2026, this has become the 10th BSID Centre under the Directorate General of Maritime Administration. With this inauguration of the BSID Services at Patna Center, it will now provide greater convenience to seafarers by reducing the need for travel to distant offices, thereby saving time and transportation costs.

The Addl DGMA Shri Sushil Mansing Khopde, IPS also interacted with the stakeholders present for the inaugural program regarding their concerns, feedback, suggestions etc. During the interactions, the Addl DGMA has appraised the stakeholders about the newly launched e-Samudra portal for vessel related services. He also informed the stakeholders about the newly launched e-Navik portal wherein seafarers may raise their grievances for timely resolution.

One suggestion has been received from a woman Master requesting that, to facilitate the care of an infant, a female attendant/caregiver may be permitted to accompany a mother who is serving onboard a vessel. The reason given is that it is not always possible for a husband to accompany his sailing wife as he is also working.

The Principal Officer, MMD Kolkata, suggested that, considering the space constraints in the examination hall at MMD Patna (from the point of view of conducting written examinations), 6–8 oral examination cubicles may be suitably constructed within the existing examination hall through IPRCL, with a view to ensuring optimal utilization of the available space and facilitating the orderly and efficient conduct of oral examinations.

Action: Capt. Nitin Mukesh, Dy. NA, to conduct the feasibility analysis for conduction of examination, at examination hall at MMD Patna.