

# IndustriALL World Conference on Shipbuilding and Shipbreaking

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## Shipbreaking in India



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# Shipbreaking Industry: An overview

- Alang and Sosiya (Gujarat) and Darukhana (Mumbai) are two important places in India where shipbreaking activities are carried out.
- Initiated in 1913 at Mumbai ( Maharashtra) and Kolkata (West Bengal) but major activities were started from 1983 at Alang. It was the result of major shift of hazardous and less paid jobs to the third world countries.
- An average of 700 ships are taken for dismantling every year the world over and about 350 to 450 ships are scraped in India

# Trade Union Initiatives: MPTDGEU and ASSRGWA



# Recent Union Activities- MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

- The strategy and activities carried out so far have yielded extremely encouraging results.
- Almost 19000 shipbreaking workers have now been organised and incorporated into both unions in India.

# Recent Union Activities- LIASONING

- Introduction of Shipbreaking Code 2013
- Liasoning with Government Authorities and non government organizations, calling their attention to the plight of the Shipbreaking Workers and mitigating the hardship.
- Representation of Trade Union Leaders at various committees formed by Gujarat Government
- Liaison with GMB for labour colonies, work is in progress for 2000 sbws accommodation



# Recent Union Activities- LIASONING

- Compensation
- Family pension
- Issue of pay slips
- Issue of Provident Fund Statements
- Provision of drinking water at residential places
- Free of charge sanitation facilities
- Free of charge training facilities to Shipbreaking Workers



# Recent Union Activities: RESEARCH WORK

- ❑ Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS, Mumbai)
  - Study Regarding Workers' living and Working Condition at Alang
- ❑ National Human Rights Commission
  - NHRC team visited ASSRGWA on 26th May 2014
  - Memorandum presented to the Chairman, NHRC and Former Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India
- ❑ Survey on Spending Pattern of Shipbreaking Workers in India
- ❑ Survey on Wages and Service Conditions in similar Industry in India



# Recent Union Activities- **SAFETY MEASURES**

- Safety is one of the major concern for Shipbreaking Workers
- Union has published more than 2000 safety pocket diaries
- IndustriALL, FNV, SMEFI along with Vega Production is on the verge of making instructional film on safety for shipbreaking workers.
- Safety Seminar for Safety Officers and Supervisors of various plots organized by ASSRGWA with coordination with GMB at Training and Welfare Centre at Alang on 19th July 2014 wherein representatives of GMB, Port Officer, Safety Officer, employer association and representative of ASSRGWA also participated in the programme
- Pressure built up on GMB and employers for industrial safety at work place
- Employers Association formed Safety Committee and Organising weekly safety Programme for sbws



# Accidents in Shipbreaking Yard

- 41 Workers lost their lives in 2013-14 in Alang
- Fatal accident on 28th June 2014
- Six workers died
- Union activists were fore front in rescue operation
- Filed FIR at Alang Police Station
- Complaint to the concerned authorities including NHRC, Vice Chairman & CEO GMB, Port Officer, Factory Inspector, Labour Commissioner etc.
- Criminal and negligence case against employee
- Plot is kept close, not given permission by authorities till date

# Decision in Regional Conference at Nepal

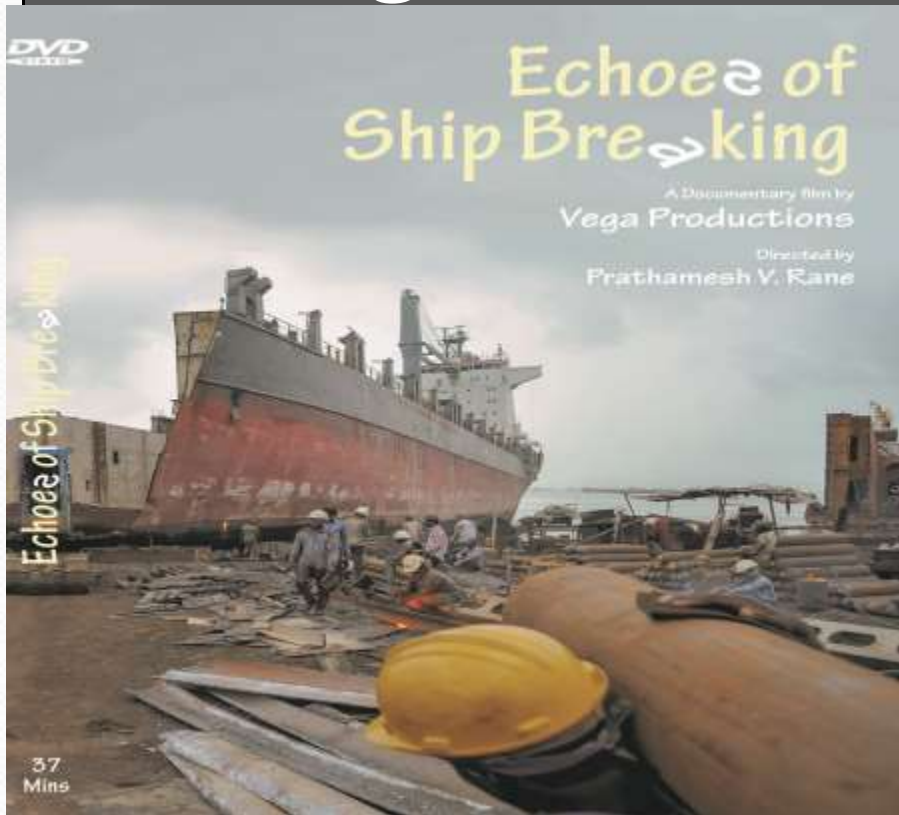
- Formation of Regional Network
- Extending Solidarity among the countries
- Exchange of best practices
- Sharing the information
- Level playing field within the sector
- Fight for common goal
- Fight against precarious work
- Collection of levy from shipbuilding countries.

# Goals of Trade Unions

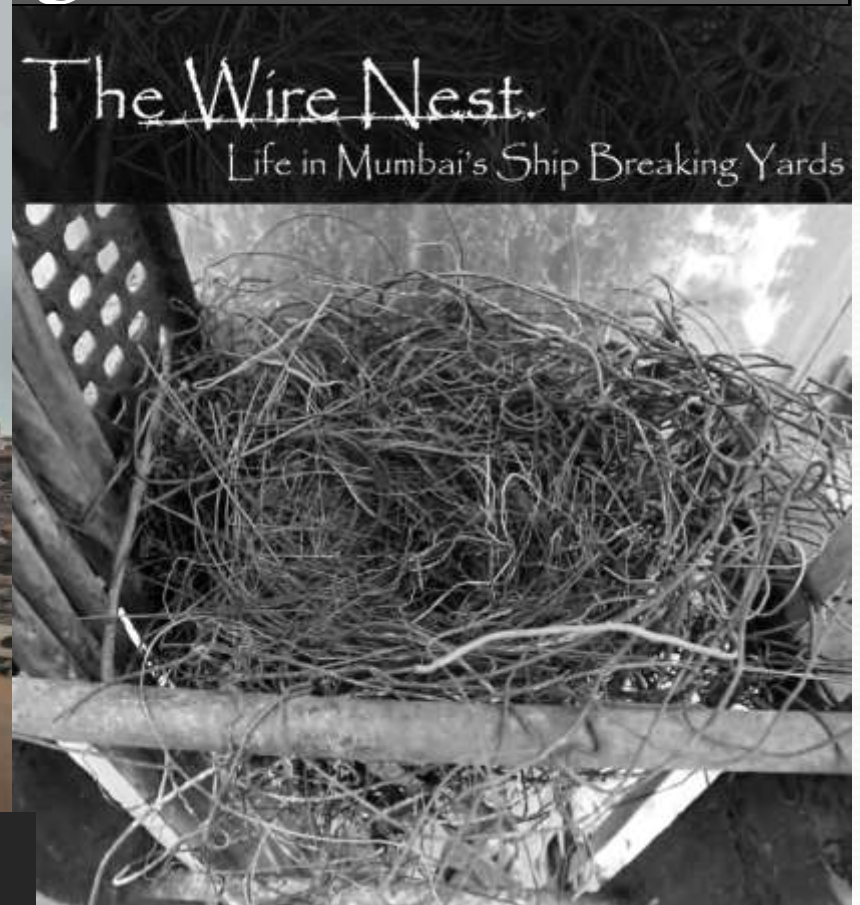
- Implementation of Shipbreaking Code- 2013
- Enforcement of Labour & Welfare Laws
- Implementation of International Instruments
- Strengthening tripartite dialogues
- Formation of separate board for deciding wages and other service conditions at national level for sbws.
- Providing Social Protection
- Creating awareness for Health, Safety and Environment.
- Membership drive to enroll maximum sbws
- Construction of full-fledged Training Center at Alang
- Opening of Bank Accounts
- Provision of ADHAR Card

Documentary: For more details you may watch

*Documentary on Shipbreaking by  
MPTDGEU and Vega Production*



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vV3M4jqD-Sg>



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Thank you!  
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