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The programme includes preparation of an inventory of hazardous materials, guiding breakers to develop a ship recycling plan, analysing the feasibility of a ship recycling plan, monitoring and reporting the recycling process.

Dr Sharma, founder, president and chief executive of GMS, is proof that shipbreaking — often perceived as the dirty side of the shipping industry — can be led by example.

In 2018, the company expects to scrap around 150 vessels across India, Turkey, Pakistan, Bangladesh and China.

The Indian-born former lecturer has, over the years, increased GMS's footprint beyond buying ships for recycling, into ship ownership, ship financing and investments in shipping companies and offshore maritime assets.

Dr Sharma also appeared in the Top 100 in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

