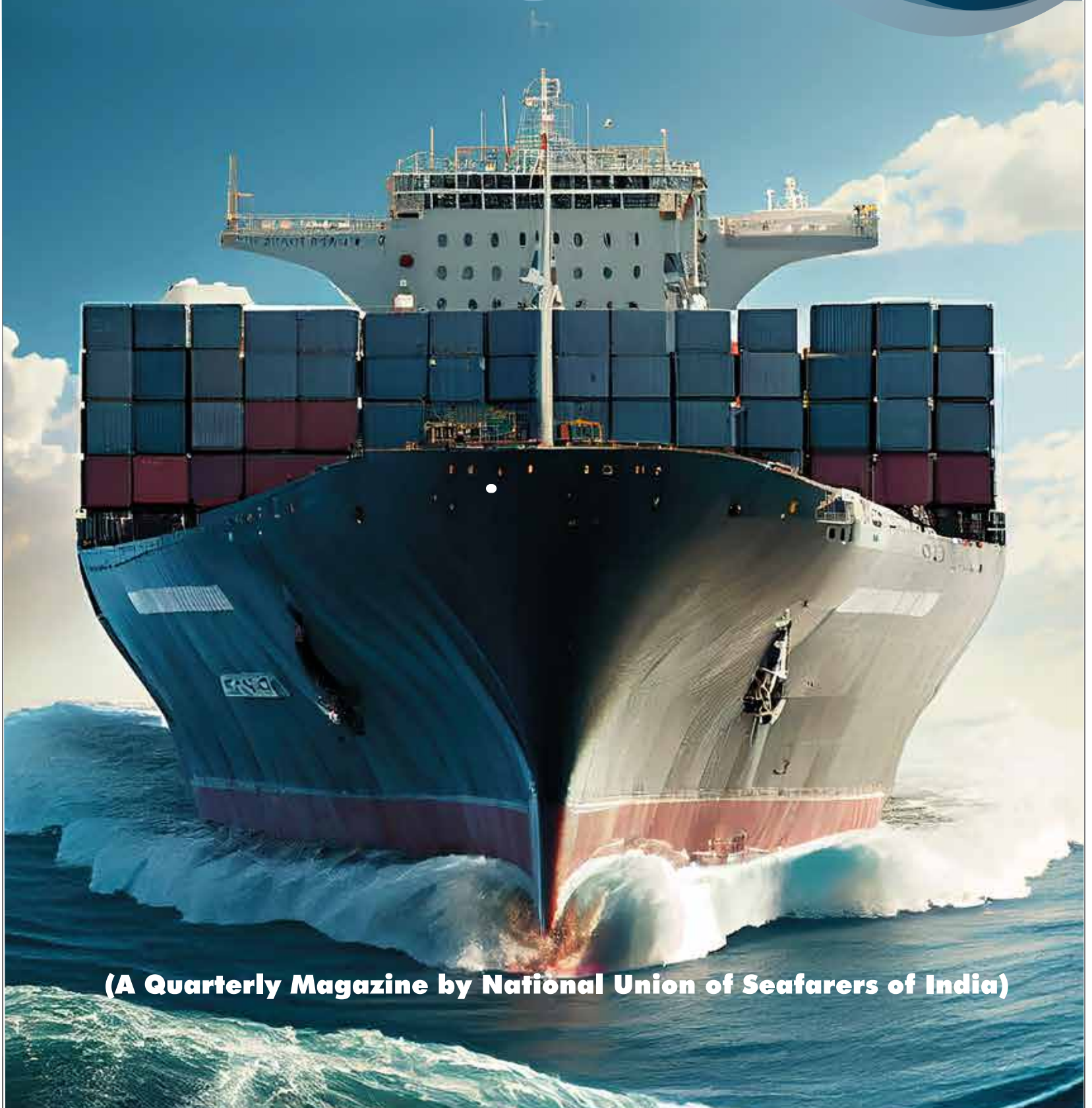




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NUSI SANKALP

Plastics,
it eats into everybody's health.
Yours and the Environment's.



NUSI SADA BAHAR (Tree Plantation)
NUSI SANRAKSHAN (Water Conservation)
"PEDH LAGAO – PANI BACHAO"
"PLASTIC HATAO – PARYAVARAN BACHAO"

Say No To Plastic - Littered Plastic Bags May Lead To Choking Of Drainage System Causing Water Logging On Roads And Rail Tracks Resulting In Disruption Of Transport Services.

Under Swyam Rojgar Yojana, families of seafarers make cotton carry bags and distributed amongst seafarers and their families and shipping fraternity in general.

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Indian Sailors Home Society (ISHS), Mumbai
NUSI Holiday Home & Sanatorium, Lonavala
NUSI Offshore Training Institute (NOTI), Panvel
NUSI Maritime Academy (NMA), Goa
Mohamed Ebrahim Serang Centre, Valsad, NUSI

NUSI SWACH BHARAT ABHIYAN

CONSTRUCTION OF TOILET FACILITIES pan-INDIA

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) is unwavering in its commitment to championing the causes of Indian Seafarers at every level – locally, nationally, and internationally. Purpose of launching "Sagarika", a dedicated platform to amplify the voices of Indian Seafarers and their families, ensuring that their concerns are heard far and wide.

We recognize the challenges many face in the seafarer community. Each year, numerous trainees fall victim to unscrupulous agents who promise employment opportunities in exchange for money. We fervently advise all our members to be vigilant. Always seek recruitment through RPSL agencies that have agreements with MUI-NUSI; these are not only free but also safe and credible.

In our previous communication, we emphasized the urgent need for environmental stewardship. Today, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the seafarers and their families who responded. Your proactive contributions, whether through tree planting, ocean cleanup, or joining the "**Plastic Hatao**" initiative under "**NUSI SANKALP**", are commendable.

"**NUSI SAGARIKA**" is committed to shedding light on diverse topics that matter to our community. We value your perspective and eagerly await your feedback. For any comments or suggestions, please reach out to us at nusi@nusi.org.in

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General Secretary -cum- Treasurer



NUSI Profile

The present day National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) traces its origins since 1896 through the Goa Portuguese Seamen's Club. The achievements of the seafarers was largely due to the personal charisma and dedication of Shri Mohamed Ebrahim Serang. He realized that the movement has to be taken on a higher platform. He decided to give the seafarers movement a proper structure of a strong trade union organization.

In the year 1926 Shri Mohamed Ebrahim Serang established the first organised trade union in the history of Indian seafarers under the name of "National Union of Seamen of India (NUSI)" and was its Founder President.

Earlier Shri Mohamed Ebrahim Serang was operating the union activities from his own premises at 47, Old Nagpada Road, Bombay 400009 (later the street was named after him in 1975). The union was receiving membership of Re 1/- from 1926 to 1948 and thereafter the membership was increased to Rs. 3/- from 1948 to 1952 to Rs. 6/-. From this subscription amount, with much difficulty, the foundation stone of the present building of the National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) was laid on 6th January, 1950. The building was completed at a cost of around Rs. 1 lakh entirely from the subscription of the seafarers and the sacrifices of all those present at that point of time. It was a proud moment for Indian seafarers to have a union building of their own.

The National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) got affiliated with the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) and the Hind Mazdoor Sabha (HMS) to give better support to our Indian seafarers even in foreign waters.

Shri Mohamed Ebrahim Serang retired from active unionism on his 80th birthday and expired on 2nd September, 1963 at the age of around 85 years leaving behind a rich legacy for which he is rightly called the "Father of Indian Seafarers Movement"



Shri Sarbananda Sonowal Unveils New CSR Guidelines 'Sagar Samajik Sahayog'

The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, introduced the 'Sagar Samajik Sahayog' – the latest Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) guidelines set by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways. This initiative aims to strengthen ports, enabling them to directly engage in CSR activities. The unveiling ceremony was attended by other notable figures including Shri Shantanu Thakur & Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, Union Ministers of State for Ports, Shipping & Waterways.

Highlighting the government's commitment, Shri Sonowal remarked, "With our steadfast dedication to minimum government and maximum governance, these revamped CSR guidelines empower ports to take proactive community welfare measures. By establishing a collaborative framework with local communities, we are aiming to transform CSR into a significant catalyst for positive change."

The new guidelines will influence projects related to activities mentioned in Section 70 of the Major Port Authorities Act, 2021. As per the new directives:

- Every major port must establish a Corporate Social Responsibility Committee, headed by the port's Deputy Chairperson, and accompanied by two members.



- An annual CSR Plan should be formulated and incorporated into the Business Plan, reflecting the social and environmental considerations associated with the port's operations.

- CSR Budget allocations are now to be determined by board resolutions, based on the port's net profit. For instance, ports with an annual net profit up to ₹100 crores will designate 3-5% for CSR activities, those with profits between ₹100 crores and ₹500 crores will allocate 2-3%, and ports exceeding ₹500 crores in annual net profit will commit 0.5-2%.

Of the total CSR budget:

- 20% is designated for initiatives such as the Sainik Kalyan Board at the district level, the National Maritime Heritage Complex, and the National Youth Development Fund.

- 78% will cater to community welfare in domains like education, health, vocational training, and infrastructure.

- 2% is reserved for monitoring the projects under CSR initiatives.

Historic Lighthouses in Gujarat to Receive Exquisite Tourism Facilities

On July 1st, 2023, tourism facilities at the historic lighthouses of Dwarka, Gopnath, and Veraval in Gujarat will be inaugurated. This move, inspired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision, seeks to transform these iconic lighthouses into global heritage tourism sites. During his 75th 'Mann Ki Baat' episode, the Prime Minister underscored the potential of lighthouses as unique tourist attractions. He announced that 72 more lighthouses across India have been recognized by the DGIL for tourism development.

This initiative, presided over by Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, in collaboration with distinguished guests, will provide a fresh impetus to the cities' rich heritage. These lighthouses, having aided mariners for generations, will now showcase modern tourism facilities, blending historical allure with contemporary amenities.

Visitors can immerse themselves in the lighthouse's storied past through interactive displays, guided tours, and captivating multimedia presentations. Additionally, an observation deck offers a panoramic view of the city and its coastline.

This inauguration signifies a united vision between various governments to create a robust tourism destination, celebrating India's unique maritime legacy.

Victory for Seafarers: Suspension of M/s Anglo Eastern Ship Management's License Revoked

To all my seafarer brothers and sisters

I write this article not just as a fellow seafarer but as proof of our collective strength and unity. The recent decision to suspend the license of M/s Anglo Eastern Ship Management, as per circular by the Director, Seamen's Employment Office, Mumbai (Circular No. MMD-MUM-14011(14)/1/2022-SEO/535/2023) dated 31st May 2023, But the unity of seafarers under the banner of National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) got back our jobs..

We fully support the ongoing enquiry of M/s Anglo Eastern by the Shipping Master which has to be done as per procedures. But suspending the license snatched the jobs of more than 20,000 seafarers working with M/s Anglo Eastern. Thousands of seafarers protested and petitioned the Government of India to revoke the suspension.

Together, with NUSI's support, we raised our collective voice against the suspension. We consistently demanded impartial investigation, which, while addressing the core issues, would not jeopardize the careers of countless dedicated seafarers who have served the maritime sector

Our united front bore fruit. The petitions from our maritime fraternity and the strong efforts of NUSI, the Director of the Seamen's Employment Office, Mumbai, in conjunction with the Ministry of Shipping, heeded our concerns. Consequently, the decision to suspend M/s Anglo Eastern Ship Management's license was revoked. This is victory of seafarers' might and unity.

NUSI did it again which is much appreciated. Their timely intervention and guidance were invaluable, ensuring our concerns received the attention and justice they deserved.

Let this incident be a reminder that in our unity is our strength. Fair winds and following seas,

A Grateful Seafarer.

- **Demand of access to shore leave to Indian seafarers in Indian ports**
- **Denial of shore leave is inhuman, frustrating and humiliating**
- **Denial of shore leave is also against Maritime Labour Convention of ILO ratified by India**

We all are aware that shore leave is an important aspect of shipping and seafaring. Shore Leave is not a luxury. It is essential for seafarers who spend many weeks onboard their ships in a very challenging environment. After challenging nature, seafarers need to go ashore to access phones, internet to contact our family members, seek social, medical, religious, psychological and entertainment support and have a break from the monotonous work environment onboard the ships. This also helps us in discharging our professional duties onboard. Denying us a much-deserved break from our stressful work environment is an abuse to our rights.

All Indian seafarers should be provided with shore leave in each and every port in India without any restrictions whatsoever.

Denial of shore leave is HUMILATING, DEMEANING, TRAUMATIC and FRUSTRATING.

Even those given shore leave have to shell out hefty sums of money to the respective authorities to get the passes. . It is said "No money pass – no shore pass".

The National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) took up the matter again very strongly. Thousands of our seafarers under the banner of NUSI sent petition to the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

NUSI is pleased to inform you that after the petition, the Government authorities in the ports and immigration had meetings with NUSI to facilitate giving of the shore passes to our seafarers. This is big victory for NUSI and our seafarers. The Director General of Shipping has also issued necessary guidelines for the issuance of the shore passes.

NUSI petition to the Hon'ble Prime Minister has given results which is much appreciated. We will keep you posted about the future developments.

Chellaram Shipping inaugurates new Class A Navigation Simulator

Navigational safety has always been the topmost priority for any organisation, so is in the case for Chellaram Shipping Private Limited. On 13th June Mr Rajiv Jalota, Director General of Shipping; and Chairman, Mumbai Port Authority inaugurated the new Class A Navigation Simulator at Chellaram office in Mumbai.

Esteemed dignitaries present were Mr. Ashish Sinha, Deputy Director General of Shipping; Capt. Ajit Topno, Nautical Surveyor-cum-Deputy Director General of Shipping; Mr. Sanjeev Mehra, Honorary Secretary, The Institute of Marine Engineers (India) Mumbai Branch (IMEI); Mr SM Rai, IMEI; Capt. Shiv Halbe, CEO, Maritime Association of Ship owners Ship managers and Agents (MASSA); and Capt. Kamal Chadha, MD, Marex Media Pvt Ltd to name a few.

Capt. Mahendra M Kedare, Senior Manager (Manning and Training), Chellaram Shipping informed that the previous navigation simulator of 2005 could not be upgraded anymore due to compatibility issues.

“Hence, this new simulator would be exclusively used for in-house training to enhance the navigational skills of Deck Officers and Ratings. This product is found to comply with Class A, which is standard certification of Maritime Simulator. The above standard is based upon requirements in STCW convention Reg 1/12 and corresponding industry standard and guidelines,” articulated Capt. Mahendra Kedare.

On the Maritime safety, “We comply the guidelines with respect to the training issued by the Directorate General of Shipping time to time, which is of great support,” stated Mr. Sandeep Malankar, Director, Chellaram Shipping.

In his address, Mr. Jalota expressed, “It’s a very proud moment for Indian shipping industry that such modern training methodologies and equipment are coming into the companies. This will definitely enhance the skills of the officers that will be getting trained on this modern equipment and devices.”

“I wish Chellaram Shipping continues to do this great work as they have been doing since 100 years and I wish them and seafarers who are getting trained here a bright future,” said Mr. Jalota.



Grand Opening of 22nd NUSI Branch Office - Historic achievement for seafarers in Uttar Pradesh

The **22nd branch office of National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) in Uttar Pradesh** was inaugurated by Shri Milind Kandalgaonkar, NUSI General Secretary-cum-Treasurer on Saturday, 8th July, 2023.

The NUSI Varanasi Branch Office is at S-5/149. A-2. KH-2, Aktha Bela Road, J. D. Nagar Colony Phase – 2, Pahariya, opposite Janki Vatika, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh – 221 007.

Branch Representative – Shri Mahendra Nath, Mobile No.: +91 88799 64113.

The event was graced by Capt. Rakesh Singh, Secretary, Indian Coastal Conference Shipping Association (ICCSA), Shri Janardan Bahirat, Elegant Marine Services Pvt. Ltd., Capt. Karan Madan, Anglo Eastern Ship Management Pvt. Ltd., Shri Suresh Solanki, NUSI Organising Secretary and more than 1500 of our seafarers. This new office is proof of NUSI's commitment in serving the needs of our seafarers and their families across the country. NUSI continues to expand to ensure that more and more NUSI members get the benefits of its Indian and foreign flag agreements and welfare initiatives. A recruitment drive organized by Fleet Management India Pvt. Ltd. gave an excellent opportunity for seafarers to explore potential career prospects and interact with industry professionals.



The event received an overwhelming response from seafarers and their families, who eagerly attended in large numbers. The large crowd appreciated the work of NUSI in protecting the rights and welfare of seafarers, as well as the trust they place in NUSI.

Shri Milind Kandalgaonkar, NUSI General Secretary-cum-Treasurer stated **“The 22nd branch office of NUSI fulfills the promise to our seafarers in North India including Uttar Pradesh. NUSI will continue to work hard for the benefit of our seafarers in particular and the shipping fraternity in general”**.

Grand Opening of 23rd NUSI Branch Office - Historic achievement for seafarers in Karnataka

NUSI Branch Offices now in all Indian Coastal States

The 23rd branch office of National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) in Karnataka was inaugurated by Shri Louis Gomes, NUSI Vice President, in the presence of Shri Bodh Raj, Surveyor-In-Charge-cum, Dy. Director General of Shipping, Government of India and Shri Sunil Nair, NUSI Assistant General Secretary on Wednesday, 19th July, 2023.

The NUSI Karnataka branch office is located at 1st Floor, JMJ Building, Near Balaji Medical Centre, Kuloor-Kavoor Road, Opp. Panjimogaru Bus Stop, Mangalore - 575013, Karnataka. SmtDeepa Raj will be the NUSI Karnataka branch representative Mobile No.: +91 99863 59972.

This new NUSI Branch office is proof of long commitment of NUSI to open branch office in Managalore, Karnataka. Now, the entire Indian coastline, together with the islands of Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep are having NUSI branch offices. NUSI continues to expand to ensure that more and more NUSI members and their family get the benefits of its NUSI Indian and foreign flag agreements and NUSI welfare initiatives.





The inauguration was graced by a large number of seafarers and their families who appreciated NUSI for opening its 23rd branch office in Mangalore, Karnataka. Senior retired seafarers were also felicitated on the occasion.

Shri Louis Gomes, NUSI Vice President stated that “the 23rd branch office of NUSI in Mangalore, Karnataka is very satisfying. Now more and more NUSI members should take maximum benefit of the welfare initiatives of NUSI” Team NUSI also had interactive meetings with seafarers and their families of Kozhikode and Cochin in the State of Kerala.

NUSI will continue to work hard for the benefit of our seafarers and their families in particular and the shipping fraternity in general.



NUSI Launches "STRI SHAKTI SUPPORT" -

Financial Support to 18 Women Ratings Initiative aims to encourage and empower women in the shipping industry.

National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) proudly introduced the "NUSI STRI SHAKTI SUPPORT" on the eve of International Women's Day on 8th March, 2023.

NUSI is pleased to announce financial support for 18 women ratings to enroll at Training Ship "Rahaman" for the GP Ratings course which started on 1st July 2023.

These deserving women ratings come from pan-India level. This initiative will not only empower these women but also encourage more women to consider a career in the shipping industry, 18 trainees have been provided appointment letters and are assured of job placement immediately after they finish the training.



The women rating candidates expressed their wholehearted appreciation for the "NUSI STRI SHAKTI SUPPORT" initiative. They assured to become shining examples and inspire more women to join the shipping industry, ultimately establishing a strong presence for women in this male-dominated sector.

With continued efforts and initiatives, NUSI aims to bridge the gender gap in the shipping industry and ensure that women have equal opportunities to flourish. This is a significant step towards gender equality, NUSI recognizes and celebrates the contribution of women ratings.

Sr. No.	Name of the candidates	State
1.	Ms. Pratiksha Vijay Bhare	Maharashtra
2.	Ms. Niha Nijam Varose	Maharashtra
3.	Ms. Sanjana Rahul Pathare	Maharashtra
4.	Ms. Joyti Vijay Adival	Maharashtra
5.	Ms. Payal Varak Babya	Maharashtra
6.	Ms. Divya Kumari	Maharashtra
7.	Ms. Shrushti Mumbaikar	Maharashtra
8.	Ms. Aarya Prakash Wad	Maharashtra
9.	Ms. Dhanashree Gautam Kamble	Maharashtra
10.	Ms. Shivani Chourasia	Delhi
11.	Ms. Sijana Sidharthan	Kerala
12.	Ms. Gopika Puthenthara Subha	Kerala
13.	Ms. Shifali Devi	Himachal Pradesh
14.	Ms. Shilpa Praveen Kumar	Himachal Pradesh
15.	Ms. Nisha Ashok Kumar	Himachal Pradesh
16.	Ms. Muskan Jugal Kishor	Himachal Pradesh
17.	Ms. Neha Desraj	Himachal Pradesh
18.	Ms. Bhashika Kashyap Biswas	Assam

Welcome meeting with Directorate General of Shipping.



We are delighted to extend our heartfelt welcome to Shri Shyam Jagannathan, IAS, who has taken charge of the important role of Directorate General of Shipping. His appointment marks an exciting new chapter in our maritime journey.

In a recent meeting, we had the privilege of introducing Shri Shyam Jagannathan to our NUSI leadership team, which included our esteemed General Secretary-cum-Treasurer, Shri Milind Kandalgaoonkar, Vice President, Shri Louis Gomes, Assistant General Secretary, Shri Sunil Nair, and Organising Secretary, Shri Suresh Solanki. The interaction was productive and emphasized our commitment to encourage a strong and cooperative relationship between National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) and the Directorate General of Shipping.

We believe that under Shri Shyam Jagannathan's leadership, we will witness positive developments and collaborations that will benefit our seafarers and their families and the Shipping fraternity in general. His substantial experience and dedication to the maritime industry are highly regarded, and we are eager to work together to address the challenges and opportunities that approach in the future.

As Brothers and Sisters of NUSI, extend your full support to Shri Shyam Jagannathan and team NUSI as we strive to enhance the welfare and prospects of our seafarers and the maritime sector as a whole.

We look forward to a bright and prosperous future under the guidance of our new Director General of Shipping.

Highlights



- **Shri Manjit Singh Saini, assumes charge as Director (P&A) SCI**

Shri Manjit Singh Saini, General Manager (SCI) assumes charge as Director (Personnel & Administration) at The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. pursuant to his appointment order issued by Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India.

- **Shri Sonowal lays down foundation stone of IW**

The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone of Inland Waterways Transport (IWT) terminal to be developed at Bogibeel in Dibrugarh, by the bank of the River Brahmaputra (National Waterways 2) in Dibrugarh, Assam. The tourist-cum-cargo IWT terminal will be developed at a cost of Rs. 46.60 crores and is scheduled to be completed by February, 2024.



- **Transworld Group and Fleet Management announce new ship management join venture**

Leading maritime companies Transworld new Ship Management joint venture, Transworld Fleet Management.

This will provide dedicated technical management services to Transworld Group's diversified fleet which includes container vessels, bulk carriers, and tankers, besides Transworld associated and affiliated vessels. The new venture would thus also support and provide value-added ship management services to many other shipowners in the region.



Chandrayaan 3 : Nation cheers launch and successful landing of Chandrayaan-3; PM says a new chapter in India's space odyssey

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has hailed the relentless dedication of India's scientists on the launch of Chandrayaan-3 on 14th July, 2023.

Sharing a tweet by Indian Space Research Organisations, the Prime Minister tweeted:

"Chandrayaan-3 scripts a new chapter in India's space odyssey. It soars high, elevating the dreams and ambitions of every Indian. This momentous achievement is a testament to our scientists' relentless dedication. I salute their spirit and ingenuity!"

A soft landing of Chandrayaan – 3's Vikram Lander on the Moon's surface was broadcasted live on 23rd August, 2023 and a proud moment for our nation. Furthermore, the Union Cabinet announced August 23rd as "National Space Day" marking the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the moon's south pole.

"The Cabinet lauds the historic success of ISRO scientists who worked for the Chandrayaan-3 mission. It is a

symbol of our strength on global stage. It (Cabinet) also welcomes the move to celebrate August 23 as 'National Science Day', Union minister Anurag Thakur said at the briefing held after the Cabinet meet.

"The Cabinet takes pride in the fact that our women scientists contributed in the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 mission. This will inspire the next generations of women scientists. The Cabinet also thanks PM Modi for his vision and leadership towards Indian Space Programme", the minister added. During his visit to the ISRO command centre in Bengaluru on August 26, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had made announcement.

"In today's era, the country which paces ahead in the field of science and technology will be charting history...To encourage our younger generation to get involved in the field of science and technology and space, we have decided that August 23, the day when our Chandrayaan-3 lander touched the moon, will be celebrated as National Space Day," the prime minister had said.

The PM had met and congratulated ISRO scientists, lauding the people involved with the Chandrayaan 3's successful landing on the lunar surface. He interacted with ISRO scientists at the Isro Telemetry Tracking and Command Network Mission Control Complex (ISTRAC). "The place where Chandrayaan-2 left its footprint on the Lunar surface in 2019 will be known as 'Tiranga Point'. You took 'Make in India' to the moon", the prime minister had said.

PM Modi had also flown down to Bengaluru on the night of September 6, 2019 to watch the planned touch down of Chandrayaan-2 mission's 'Vikram' lander. But in the early hours of September seven, barely minutes before it was slated to land, ISRO lost contact with the craft, just 2.1 kms above the lunar surface.

Adani's Sanghipuram Port To Attract Large Ships

Adani Group has announced plans to expand the captive port capacity of Sanghipuram to handle larger vessels of size 8000 DWT.

Adani Group has announced plans to expand the captive port capacity of Sanghipuram to handle larger vessels of size 8000 DWT. The investment follows the acquisition by Adani Group firm Ambuja Cements of a majority stake in Sanghi Industries Ltd (SIL) for an enterprise value of Rs 50 billion.

Ambuja Cements recently announced that it has acquired a majority stake in Sanghi Industries Ltd (SIL), one of the leading cement manufacturers from western India, at an enterprise value of Rs 5,000 crore. As per the deal, Ambuja Cements acquired 56.74 per cent shares of SIL from its existing promoter group – Ravi Sanghi & family.

Sanghi Cement has a manufacturing unit at Sanghipuram in Gujarat's Kutch district, which is also connected with a captive jetty at Sanghipuram. It has a 6.6-MTPA (Million Tonnes per annum) capacity clinker plant and a 6.1-MTPA capacity cement Plant. "We will also invest in deepening and expanding the captive port capacity in order to accommodate larger vessel sizes of 8000 DWT," said Karan Adani.



NUSI Women's Wing well-being seminar for the women family members of the seafarers held on 30th September, 2023



Government of India to set up Bureau of Port Security soon, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal Announces Comprehensive Plan to Surpas 10,000 MTPA Port Capacity by 2047.

- **Major Investment and Private Sector Augmentation Announced: Over 10 Lakh Crore**
- **Investment Opportunities Identified; Cargo Movement on National Waterways to Achieve 500 MTPA by 2047**
- **All Central Government and State Government Ports to Explore Setting up Hydrogen Hubs**
- **The Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), & AYUSH, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal unveiled a vision for India's maritime sector, outlining key initiatives that promise a transformative impact at the 19th Maritime States Development Council meeting today in Kevadia, Gujarat.**



India to explore using Piraeus Port for exploring to Europe

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Greece after attending the **BRICS Summit** in South Africa in the month of August, 2023. The visit will explore the utilisation of Piraeus port instead of the Chabahar port to send Indian Shipments to Europe faster.

The unresolved conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan, where India's trade corridor from Iran's Chabahar Port was to pass through to reach European markets, deterred New Delhi's decision makers and made them look towards Greece.

What makes this all the more interesting though is the fact that the **Port of Piraeus** is majority owned by **China COSCO Shipping**, which as of 2022, had a 67% stake of shares (16% in ex-crow shares)

India's path to the Mediterranean countries opened up after the UAE's normalisation with Israel and the formation of the I2U2 (Indian-Israel-the US-the UAE) economic grouping. This means that India could send the goods to either port at the UAE or the Adani-owned Haifa port in Israel, from where they can go to the Piraeus transshipment complex.

India's Arabian-Mediterranean (Arab-Med) Corridor to Europe is an emerging multimodal, commercial corridor that could radically reconfigure trade patterns between the Indian Ocean Region, the Middle East and Europe by creating an arc of commercial connectivity. It would span Eurasia's southern rim from India's Arabian Sea Coast to Greece's eastern Mediterranean coast. For India, this new connectivity constitutes a strategic paradigm shift of enormous geopolitical consequence that could reshape its role in the Eurasian economic order.

Distribution of Educational forms and brief on NUSI Welfare initiatives for the seafarers and their families by Shri S. Kalaikovan, Assistant Secretary and Chennai Branch Representative in Kesavan Puthan Thurai, Kanyakumari and Punnaykal, Tutcorin, Tamilnadu.



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Successfully started Spoken English classes for seafarers and their families in Punnaiakayal, Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu.



NUSI SANKALP – NUSI SADA BAHAR – 2023 – Tree Plantation Campaign by Seafarers and their families



NUSI Maritime Academy – GOA / NUSI Chiplun Branch



NUSI Kolkata Branch organized Women's Wing Committee meeting on 30th July 2023. Theme - Gynecologist briefing by renowned Dr. Shawkat Jahan

Seafarers and Families Get Together at Navi Mumbai

The National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) hosted an engaging Cultural and Family Get-Together Program of Seafarers and their families in Navi Mumbai on Saturday, 9th August, 2023. The event drew an enthusiastic crowd, as hundreds of seafarers, along with their families and children, gathered to participate.

Capt. Tushar Pradhan, General Secretary of the Maritime Union of India, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Capt. Ashutosh Apankar, Principal of T.S. Rahaman was the Guest of Honour. Other distinguished attendees Capt. Shiv Halbe, CEO of MASSA and Capt. Deepak Correia, General Manager of Anglo Eastern also attended.

The dignitaries appreciated the various activities of NUSI and expressed their wholehearted support and solidarity for various welfare and training initiatives of NUSI.

In his keynote address, Shri Milind Kandalgaonkar, General Secretary cum Treasurer of NUSI assured the seafaring community of an increased focus on welfare and training programs in the future. "We are committed to enhancing the quality of life for our seafarers and their families," he said.

For the younger attendees, a drawing competition added a dash of creativity to the day. The event also featured a musical entertainment program, cultural dance performed by seafarers and their families captivating the audience and creating an atmosphere of unity and celebration.



NUSI had organised an awareness program for "NUSI Suraksha Kavach" for the seafarers and their families. Notably, the Life Corporation of India (LIC) sent their representatives, Mr. Ramesh Tripathi, LIC Advisor MDRT USA, and Mr. Manoj Kesharwani, LIC Advisor D M

Club member, to collaborate and enlighten seafarers about the benefits of life insurance.

The team from LIC shared comprehensive information about the LIC policy, encouraging seafarers to consider obtaining life insurance for the well-being of their families. They highlighted the various advantages of life insurance, emphasizing the financial security it offers and a peace of mind, ensuring that their families are protected in times of need.

Recognizing the unique challenges faced by seafarers and the impact it has on their mental health, NUSI has initiated a special program called "NUSI Sahara" Psychological Counselling.

The NUSI Sahara team was present at the event to provide guidance and support to address the psychological and emotional challenges faced by seafarers due to their demanding and often isolated work life and highlighted the importance of mental health for seafarers and their families.

The counselling sessions were conducted, allowing seafarers and their families to openly express their thoughts and emotions. Trained psychologists and counsellors offered personalized support and guidance, helping them cope with stress, anxiety, and other mental health issues. It provides a safe and confidential platform for seafarers and their families to discuss their concerns and seek professional help.

Overall, the program was met with active participation and enjoyment from the seafarers and their families, marking yet another successful gathering in NUSI's history of community engagement.



32nd Tri-ennial Session of the Hind Mazdoor Sabha, Maharashtra Council

The 32nd Tri-ennial Session of the Hind Mazdoor Sabha, Maharashtra Council took place on 26th – 27th August 2023, at Sainik Durbar Hall in Kolhapur under the chairmanship of Hind Mazdoor Sabha General Secretary Shri Harbhajan Singh Sidhu.

The Chief Guest at the Session was Shri Sharad Pawar. The session was attended by more than 2,500 labour representatives from 107 trade unions.

At the event, Shri Sharad Pawar received a warm reception from Shri Milind Kandalgaonkar, General Secretary cum Treasurer of NUSI. Shri Pawar was also presented with a special shawl and memento by NUSI to recognize and appreciate his significant role in recovering Rs. 92.78 crores of the hard earned money of our seafarers which was lost in the Seamen's Provident Fund (SPF) scam.

Seafarers are aware that NUSI had fought for nearly 5 years to recover the amount which was lost in the SPF scam and which came to light in 2002. For 5 years, seafarers under the banner of NUSI protested, took out morcha, did agitation, dharna, gherao, strike including legal action throughout India. Finally in 2007, NUSI succeeded in making the Government of India deposit the amount of Rs. 92.78 crores back to the SPF office. This was a big, great and important victory of seafarers and NUSI. Shri Sharad Pawar had supported NUSI and the seafarers in putting pressure on the Government of India to give back the money.

In his address, Shri Pawar emphasized that workers, including seafarers, and farmers have been instrumental in the country's progress. He criticized the current government for undermining labour laws and called for collective action against anti-farmer and anti-worker policies of the Government of India.



Shri Harbhajan Singh Sidhu, the General Secretary of the Hind Mazdoor Sabha, also spoke out against the privatization of public industries, stating that this approach benefits business owners while exploiting workers. He lamented the underpayment of contract workers. Shri Sidhu highlighted India's high unemployment rate and escalating inflation as pressing concerns.

Shri Sanjay Wadhavkar, the General Secretary of the Hind Mazdoor Maharashtra Council, gave an overview of the HMS's efforts, particularly their support for various communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Among other dignitaries present were Shri Sahitya Saheb Kale, Western Railway Employees Union leader Shri JR Bhosale, National Railway Mazdoor Union leader Shri Venu Nair, ST workers leader Shri Hanumant Tate, Shri Sudhakar Ramchandra Apraj, General Secretary, and Shri Vidyadhar Vasudeo Rane, Secretary from Mumabi Port Trust Dock and General Employees Union and many more representing various facets of labour and worker unions.



Donation of Computers for needy school children

The National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) has distributed computers to the children of the New English Medium School in Sheghar, Gavhan. This initiative is a significant step towards promoting digital literacy and access to education in under-privileged communities.

In today's increasingly digital world, access to computers and the internet is essential for educational development and future opportunities. By providing computers to the students of the New English Medium School, NUSI has not only facilitated learning but has also empowered these children with the tools they need to succeed in the modern age.

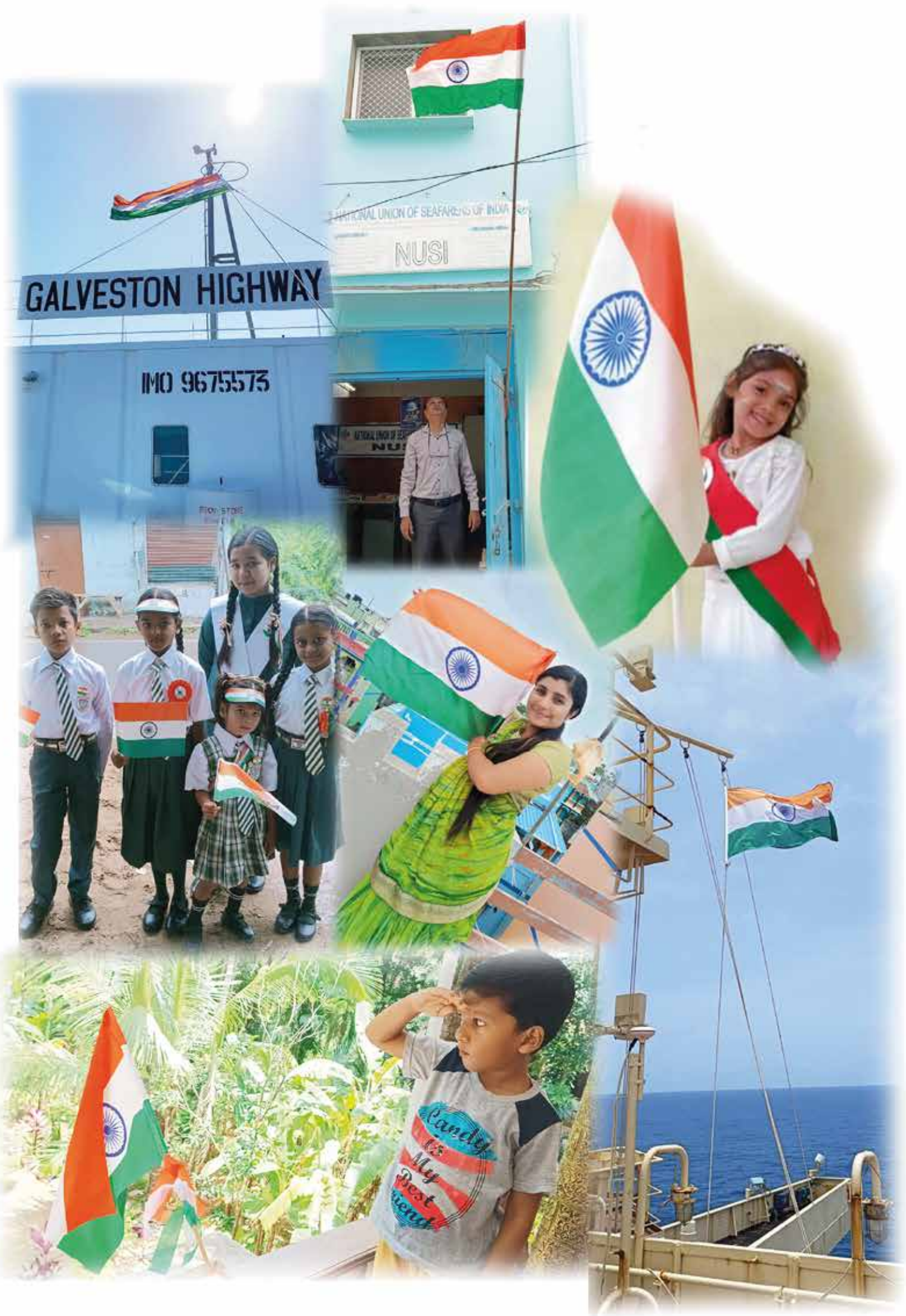
Such acts of philanthropy and community support are crucial in bridging the digital divide and ensuring that every child, regardless of their economic background, has the chance to receive a quality education and prepare for a brighter future. NUSI's efforts in this regard are commendable and reflect their commitment to the welfare and education of seafarers' families and their communities.



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Capt. S. Divakar,
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Dredging Corporation of India

On 21st September, 2023 team NUSI had a meeting with Capt. Divakar, Managing Director, Dredging Corporation of India (DCI) to raise the seafarers demand with the management.



NUSI Team visited DCI office at Visakhapatnam and had a fruitful discussion. The DCI management agreed all grievances and gave positive response on the agenda. Capt. Divakar, Managing Director of DCI and Mr. Louis Gomes Vice President of NUSI and Team represented the meeting.

Welfare and Training initiatives for seafarers and family

There are many welfare benefits for seafarers and their family members under the initiatives of National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI), the offices of the Seamen's Provident Fund (SPF) and Seafarers Welfare Fund Society (SWFS). **All benefits are strictly as per guidelines of applicable schemes respectively.** Thousands of our seafarers have benefitted over the years. But some of our seafarers are not even aware of the welfare initiatives. NUSI wants all our seafarers to be aware so that they can get the benefits as per eligibility. You can also send an email to nusi@nusi.org.in or visit our Website: www.nusi.org.in or [NUSI Union App](#): for any further guidance in these matters.

Initiatives of National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI)

For decades, NUSI has negotiated secure terms and conditions on Indian and foreign flagships. NUSI members serving on merchant ships and cruise ships can take the benefit for themselves or their family members which is at the same level for serving, retired or deceased seafarers.

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6. "NUSI SCHOLAR" Financial assistance for scoring highest marks in SSC
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9. "NUSI SEEKHO – PARDES" Financial Support to children of seafarers for studies abroad
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11. "NUSI SWAASTH SAHYOG" Financial Assistance in medical cases for seafarers and their families
12. "NUSI SUKHADALAY" Recreational Holiday Home
13. "NUSI SILAI CLASSES" Sewing Classes for family members of seafarers
14. "NUSI SAHARA" Free wellbeing counselling helpline for **all ranks** of seafarers and their families TollFree Number - **1800-102-5110** or Whats app Number – **98339 91880**
15. "NUSI SENIOR SEAFARERS" Home for destitute Senior Seafarers
16. "NUSI SAHELI SWAYAM ROZGAR YOJANA" – Self-help for women in family of seafarers
17. "NUSI SALAAH" - Professional Career Counselling for children and women family members of **all ranks** of seafarers. Send email to nusi.salaah@gmail.com
18. "NUSI SKILLS SUPPORT" - Financial assistance to NUSI members for STCW and skill courses. NUSI Skills Support link: <https://forms.gle/Bpm7x3cZ7efa7Ete9> before **31st June, 2023**
19. "MARITIME ENGLISH MADE EASY (MEME)" - A self paced online learning program nusisaksham@gmail.com
20. All NUSI agreements on Indian and foreign flag vessels have social benefits

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24/7 free of cost Psychological Counselling Helpline telephone service. All ranks of seafarers and their families can call and talk one-to-one or chat to a professional counselor on 1800-102-5110. There is a great benefit for our seafarers and their families who use this counselling facility.

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S.N.	Course Title	Course Details	Offered At
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4	Lathe and Welding Skills Training	A focused practical program meant for enhancement of a Fitter's skills in welding, gas cutting, lathe operations, etc. ✓ 6 days/42 hours.	NUSI Offshore Training Institute (NOTI), Mohamed Ebrahim Serang Centre (MESC).
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