

From Womb to Tomb - and sometimes beyond

NATIONAL UNION OF SEAFARERS OF INDIA

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Sub: NUSI Celebrates Grand Reopening of Its Kolkata Branch at Newly Owned Premises on the auspicious Day of the Seafarer

National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) marked a proud milestone with the grand reopening of its Kolkata Branch at its newly owned premises on 25th June 2025. This significant occasion reaffirms NUSI unwavering commitment to serving Indian seafarers and their families with enhanced infrastructure, improved accessibility, and dedicated support.





The ceremony was graced by esteemed maritime leaders - Capt. Rajesh Tandon, Varuna Awardee and Chief Executive Officer of the Foreign Owners Representatives and Ship Managers Association (FOSMA), and Capt. S. M. Halbe, Chief Executive Officer of the Maritime Association of Shipowners, **Shipmanagers and Agents (MASSA)** – who jointly inaugurated the branch.



Adding further prestige to the occasion, Shri Shubhankar Bhattacharya, IPS (2010 Batch), Joint Commissioner of Police, Kolkata, joined the function as Guest of Honour, extending his best wishes to the seafaring community and lauding NUSI contributions to maritime welfare.

The newly inaugurated premises represent more than just a modern office - they symbolise NUSI growing reach continued efforts to uplift the seafaring community in the eastern region of India. The event commenced at 11:00 AM with the followed cultural programme fellowship lunch, celebrating unity and solidarity among stakeholders in the maritime sector.

Shri Milind Kandalgaonkar, General Secretary-cum-Treasurer of NUSI, extended heartfelt gratitude to all dignitaries, seafarers, and guests who attended the celebration. He stated that this milestone marks yet another chapter in NUSI rich legacy of service and advocacy for the welfare of Indian seafarers.



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The reopening also coincided with the International Day of the Seafarer, adding a deeper symbolic significance to the occasion for the Indian maritime community. A special highlight of the event was a heartfelt speech delivered by the young and dynamic children of seafarers on the theme "The Role of a Seafarer." They expressively emphasised the invaluable contribution of seafarers to the Indian economy and shed light on the sacrifices they and their families make in the service of the nation. Their moving words served as a powerful reminder of the strength, resilience, and dedication that define the lives of seafarers and their loved ones.



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Long Live NUSI,

Long Live Seafarers Unity

With warm regards and solidarity,

Yours sincerely, (Milind Kandalgaonkar)

General Secretary-cum-Treasurer

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