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# *Editorial*

MUI continues to work towards betterment of its seafarers on all fronts. Our gamut of requests for assistance relate to wages, abandonment in India and overseas, unfair sign-off, sign-on, documentation/renewal of certificates, issues related to courses of MTIs, taxation, death and disability compensation.

MUI has opened a liaison office in Dehradun in the month of April. Officers staying there and around can approach this office for membership as well as for any queries and grievances.

We approached the Ministry of Health, New Delhi to appeal for early administration of COVID-19 booster dose after second dose. This will help seafarers join ships earlier.

MUI has signed a Collective Bargaining Agreement titled MIC, with Indian Coastal Conference Shipping Association (ICCSA). This Agreement will be valid from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2024 and is applicable to Indian officers serving on coastal ships.

Since the easing of pandemic related restrictions worldwide, prospects for employment of Indian seafarers are again improving. Let us continue to strive harder to recover lost ground and pray that the pandemic does not raise its ugly head again.

We look forward to second half of the year with positivity and wish you all the best.

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For the Maritime Union of India

Sd/-

Amar Singh Thakur - MUI

General Secretary

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# Resolution of Grievances by MUI

1) Our member Chief Officer was called by the company for take over of vessel in March 2022 and joined the ship. However due, to dispute between owners and charterers the take over got cancelled and officer was repatriated to Mumbai and thereafter he joined another company. Consequently, salary for 11 days during the takeover was not given by company even after several follow ups by officer. Officer approached MUI, and our team visited the company office and spoke to owners. After repeated intervention, salary got credited in officer's account within two days.

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2) One of the prestigious company arranged the repatriation of chief engineer on board vessel without intimation. The Officer approached MUI through ITF. We called the company for explanation and were informed that they will be transferring Officer to another vessel after repatriation. However, we strongly objected and demanded a valid reason for transfer, without intimation.

Because of intervention by MUI, company cancelled his transfer and decided to continue with same chief engineer throughout his tenure on same vessel.

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3) An Officer had applied for CDC replacement in February 2022. However, his sign-on was getting delayed as he was required to join around 2<sup>nd</sup>

week of April 2022. Officer approached MUI on 06<sup>th</sup> April 2022. MUI team went to shipping office with his application and meet the Shipping Master and requested them to facilitate faster processing of the matter, since the Officer needed to join vessel. After MUI efforts, he got his CDC replacement and was able to join the vessel.

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4) An Officer approached MUI for repatriation due to medical emergency in his house. Officer's wife and two small twin children were sick and no one was there to take care of them. The vessel was in UK where the crew change was possible due to visa on arrival. Thereafter vessel was heading towards ports where sign off was practically impossible due to travel restrictions. We spoke to company and understood that the owners were reluctant to sign him off. We took up this issue strongly with company and made them understand the seriousness of the situation. Officer was then signed-off.

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5) An Officer approached MUI stating that his company has deducted his salary in 2<sup>nd</sup> month of his joining by USD 500/-. This was a case of serious breach of MLC 2006 and agreement with the company. MUI took up this matter very strongly with company and insisted on payment of salary as per contract, or else we will take action against them. Due to MUI's strong action, company has sent confirmation email to officer assuring him of full salary without any deductions.

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## **Mr. Amar Singh Thakur felicitated by maritime organizations in Chennai and Kolkata**

Mr. Amar Singh Thakur - General Secretary was invited by Indian Seafarers Welfare Organization (ISWOT) in Chennai. ISWOTs prime purpose is to promote seafarers welfare in Indian ports since the last ten years.

Mr. Thakur presided as Guest of Honour and presented a Lifetime Achievement Award as part of the 59th National Maritime Day 2022, which is celebrated on 5 April every year. At an event on 10 April, 2022 in Chennai. The function was presided by Hon'ble Thiru. M.M.Rajendran I.A.S (Rtd.), Former Governor of Odisha & Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu, Chief Guests were Hon'ble, Thiru. P. K. Sekar Babu Hon'ble, Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments-Govt of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble, Thirumathi. Priya Rajan, Hon'ble Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation Govt of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble, Thiru. Tammineni Seetharam - Hon'ble Speaker -Govt of Andhra Pradesh alongwith special invitees and other Guests of Honour from MMD Chennai, Chennai Port Trust, FOSMA, Maritime Board of Andhra Pradesh, Deputy General Manager of Anglo Eastern Ship Management.

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Mr. Amar Singh Thakur - General Secretary was invited as Guest of Honour for an event on 30 April, 2022 in Kolkata. He was honoured by the maritime fraternity of Kolkata and was a proud moment for MUI.

Eastern Zonal Association of Marine Engineers, Kolkata was formed in the year 1998 and comprises of highly experienced professionals from different areas of maritime fraternity, holding key positions in various reputed companies in India and worldwide.

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## **The Maritime Union of India opens Liaison Office in DEHRADUN**

The Maritime Union of India (MUI) is proud to announce that a MUI Liaison Office was opened in DEHRADUN on 16 April, 2022.

A celebratory function was held with Shri Ganesh Joshi - Minister of Soldier Welfare, Agriculture and Rural Development, Government of Uttarakhand graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

All seafarers residing in Dehradun can contact and/or visit the office for renewal / fresh membership.

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## **A HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT**

**The Maritime Union of India (MUI)  
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Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) – (MIC) effective from  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024  
This agreement will cover Indian Flagged Coastal Vessels**

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### **MUI appeals for early administration of booster dose for COVID-19**



India's leading union of Merchant Navy Officers, The Maritime Union of India has requested the Health Ministry of India to reduce the gap between second dose and booster dose of COVID-19 vaccination in the country.

"Mr. Amar Singh Thakur met Honourable Health Minister of India Shree Mansukhbhai Mandaviya and requested his Ministry to reduce the gap between second dose and booster dose of COVID-19 vaccination from current 09 months to 06 months. "Such a policy decision, if taken by the Indian government immediately, will certainly prove to be extremely beneficial for the Indian seafarers," said Mr. Thakur.

Amidst the spurt witnessed in COVID-19 infections in India currently, leading doctors and scientists have started questioning the government of India-mandated 9-month gap between second vaccination shot and the booster dose, as they call for a reduced or shorter gap on the grounds that immunity declines after 4-6 months of the jab.

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**DGS OrderNo. 14 of 2022****Sub.: Violation of minimum safe manning requirement -reg.**

1. Safe manning is the number of qualified and experienced seafarers necessary for the safety and security of the ship, crew, passengers, cargo and property and for the protection of the marine environment. Accordingly, ships are issued with a Minimum Safe Manning Document (MSMD) under the provisions of regulations Ch V/14 (2) of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended. All vessels are therefore required to be manned as per the manning scale specified for each ship provided in the MDMD issued to the vessel.

2. Vessels may be issued with single MSMD or multiple MSMD. Vessels having multiple MSMDs are required to use the applicable MSMD for the trade in which the vessel is deployed. While switching between trades having different MSMD requirements, the master of the vessel shall make a suitable entry in the Official Logbook of the vessel which will be evidence of the MSMD in use.

3. A vessel waiting for employment, or solely trading within the limits of the port or adjacent ports within overlapping port limits, may change over to harbour MSMD while the vessel is within the notified port limits. However, if a vessel during the course of its employment enters or waits within harbour limits, it does not permit such vessel to change its manning requirements to harbour MSMD.

4. It has been observed that some vessels operate without the requisite manning in violation of the MSMD issued to the vessels. It needs to be noted that a ship which is not manned as per the applicable MSMD issued to the vessel adversely affects the safety, security, safe navigation, operations at sea/port, prevention of human injury or loss of life, the avoidance of damage to the marine environment and to property, and the welfare and health of seafarers through the avoidance of fatigue.

5. As a deterrence towards WILFUL violation of MSMD requirements, the following provisions shall apply to a vessel violating the provisions applicable in respect of MSMD for the vessel:

5.1 Any Indian flag vessel found willfully violating the MSMD requirements in Indian waters shall be DETAINED for the period of up to one month.

5.2 Any violation of statutory requirement should not result in the company benefiting from the violation. Accordingly, the wages saved during the period of violation of MSMD requirement shall be paid to the Central Government, through Bharat Kosh payment system.

5.3 As the gross wages includes basic wages and various allowances which could be variable, the amount to be paid to the Government shall be determined on the basis of the highest BASIC WAGES specified as per the latest INSA-MUI agreement in respect of officers and NMB agreement in respect of crew members in the particular grade which was short manned. Accordingly, three times the highest BASIC WAGES for the period vessel was short manned shall be paid to Central Government through Bharatkosh payment system.

5.4 Furthermore, the vessel will need to pay the fee of INR 8,00,000/- as per principles provided at section 25 of the Annexure to D. G. Shipping Circular No. 13 of 2010 pertaining to Fees for miscellaneous survey and inspections carried out by Government Surveyors as operation of such ships in violation of MSMD requirements make the ship unseaworthy.

5.5 The master/owner/operator/charterer may also be prosecuted under the relevant provisions of statute.

1. Safe manning is the number of qualified and experienced seafarers necessary for the safety and security of the ship, crew, passengers, cargo and property and for the protection of the marine environment. Accordingly, ships are issued with a Minimum Safe Manning Document (MSMD) under the provisions of regulations Ch V/14 (2) of the International

Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended. All vessels are therefore required to be manned as per the manning scale specified for each ship provided in the MDMD issued to the vessel.

2. Vessels may be issued with single MSMD or multiple MSMD. Vessels having multiple MSMDs are required to use the applicable MSMD for the trade in

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### **ORDER OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPROVAL AND DE-RECOGNITION OF INSTITUTE**

The Directorate had accorded approval to the MTI "M/s. Ramana Academy of Maritime Studies" (MTI No. 204022) located at Plot No. 5, Gut No. 85/0, 86/0 +96/1 Aakurli New Panvel, Navi Mumbai for conduct of Post-sea courses from 2007. The MTI belongs to the Trust Ramana Academy of Maritime Studies. The Trustees of the said Trust are 1. Mr. S. Venkatesan and 2. Ms. Sudha Venkatesan.

The Directorate General of Shipping withdraws all the approvals and de-recognized the institute.

*Kindly refer to Directorate General of Shipping website for the full Order of withdrawal.*

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**Subject : Non-operational Automatic Identification System (AIS) on ships in Indian waters reg.**

Automatic Identification System (AIS) is required to be fitted as per Regulation V/19 of the SOLAS Convention, which lists out the navigation equipments to be carried on board ships, according to ships type.

2. IMO Resolution A.1106 (29), provides revised guidelines for the on-board operational use of shipborne Automatic Identification Systems (AIS). The said revised guidelines also empower the master to switch off the AIS in certain circumstances pertaining to safety and security. The relevant section of the said Resolution is as follows:

*"AIS should always be in operation when the ships are underway or at anchor. If the master believes that the continual operation of AIS might compromise safety or security of his /her ship, or where security incidents are imminent, the AIS may be switched off Unless it would further compromise the safety or security, if the ship is operating in a mandatory ship reporting system, the master should report this action and the reason for doing so to the competent authority. Actions of this nature should always be recorded in the ship's logbook together with the reason for doing so".*

3. In case of situations where the master of ship of any flag, in Indian waters or transiting through Indian waters, decides to switch off the AIS, or the AIS of the ship becomes **non-operational**, the master of the ship is required to intimate the same to the nearest Indian MRCC immediately and DGCOMM Centre. Entry of the occurrence should also be made in the ship's logbook.

4. Any vessel in Indian waters or transiting through Indian waters with non-operational AIS, could be intercepted and detained, as such vessels could pose a threat to security.

5. A vessel in dry-dock will also intimate about the Switching off of AIS to **MRCC and DGCOMM centre prior entering and subsequently when it is switched on.**

6. Considering the security implications, the following provisions shall apply to vessels with non-operational AIS, or AIS switched off without informing the concerned authorities.

Sd/-

(Amitabh Kumar)

Director General of Shipping &  
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Considering the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic situation in India, the Steering Committee of this Office has extended the scheme till 30.06.2021. The other terms and conditions and eligibility criteria for availing benefit under this scheme remains same.

All the seafarers and stake holders are requested to take a note of this.

  
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# Importance of connection and communication in the life of a seafarer

- By *Laxmi Todiwan*

The pandemic has had an impact on our lives and it has been tougher for the seafaring community. Many were away from homes and didn't manage sign offs even after completing their contracts due to the socio-political situation. It made me look at the lives of people, both, the men that go to the sea and their families back home specially the spouse. What really made us sail through the tough times has been the developed resilience over the years and communication, all thanks to the different channels that are available now. They say when everything fails a good heart to heart talk becomes the last straw.

Today if I need to communicate with my husband who is a sailing master, I can video call him, drop an email or a text message even call the vessel number in case of an emergency. He can be contacted within a few minutes. They may not have their internet connection active throughout the day but the vessel connects to the internet regularly to communicate with their head office or charterers. The message will reach him.

I remember when we got engaged, during our courtship as well as early years of our marriage; hubby was Chief Officer then. He had limited access to the internet, (in fact he didn't want to use the captain's computer for accessing his emails) so didn't receive emails from him at all. But he would call using the satellite phone or using calling card when the vessel was at a port.

In the olden days it seems communication wasn't that easy, people had to write letters. When I listen to the ladies who wrote letters to their husbands and waited long to hear from them, I feel we are blessed to be having such efficient technology at our disposal. I also know of ladies who send emails to their husbands, at least one every day, just letting them know of the happenings on the home front or how the kids

are growing up, or sharing special moments concerning their children. These ladies keep the communication healthy. They know what their husbands careers demand and are playing their roles of being the better halves the best that they can!

## Life of a seafarer's spouse

Every marriage is a package deal; there are issues that need to be addressed and managed. The solution lies in the understanding that the two individuals have about each other and how they adjust or adapt themselves to make things work for them. It's not about compromises but adjustments are the key.

The relationship journey for a seafarer's wife may begin with adjusting in a new environment if the man joins work soon after marriage; she needs to familiarise with the family and fit into it. She may often feel bouts of loneliness. In fact Some choose to join their husbands and sail with them. It's a good get away from home whereas it may not be possible for someone who is employed or has a professional career.

Things change when children become a part of the family. Even that is an experience in itself and an adventurous one. Some of them go through the entire pregnancy all on their own. They get emotional when they see other ladies accompanied by their husbands for doctor visits. Some may have gone through the delivery without their husbands reaching home, in spite of planning things well in advance. The seafarer may not have been able to make it for the D-day. The new dad feels the same emotions but he may never express it. The mother is there welcoming her child and the little bundle of joy is with her but the poor father is miles away from home, missing the big moment and worrying about his wife and child.

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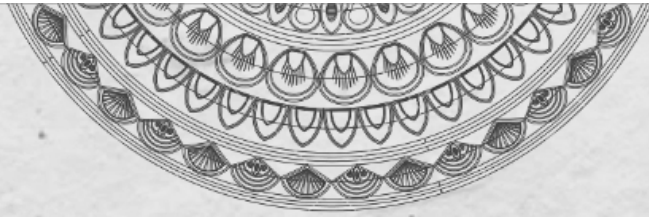
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### **KNOWING AND TACKLING MELASMA / PATCHY SKIN**

Each one of us dreams to have perfectly healthy, glowing and spot free face. However, more often than not, our face may have some discoloration or dark patches. While some discoloration is normal and is often due to exposure to harsh sunlight, sometimes it could be due to melasma.

#### **WHAT IS MELASMA ?**

\*Melasma or chloasma is a common skin condition that causes dark and discolored pigmentation on the skin.

\*The discoloration is more frequently seen in pregnant females and is more common in those with a darker complexion living in areas exposed to sunlight, although men can get it too.

#### **WHAT ARE THE CAUSES OF MELASMA ?**

Although the exact cause is unknown, several factors are noted to cause melasma like hormonal drugs such as oral contraceptive pills, hormonal replacement therapy medicines, estrogen pills, pregnancy, other medical conditions that alter hormonal levels are also said to increase the chances of developing melasma, cosmetic products such as fragrances and perfumes, exposure to the sun, sunbathing and stress.

#### **HOW DOES MELASMA LOOK LIKE ?**

\*Melasma causes discoloured patches on the skin.

\*They are darker than the usual skin colour and seen symmetrically on both sides of the face.

\*Melasma is commonly seen on:

- Forehead
- Cheeks
- Chin
- Bridge Of Nose
- It may also appear on the arms and neck or

any areas exposed to prolonged sunlight.

\*The discoloration is harmless and is not raised above the skin.

\*However, the appearance makes the person uncomfortable which makes them visit a dermatologist.

#### **IS MELASMA HEREDITARY ?**

\*Yes, melasma can run in families, making it an inherited condition.

#### **HOW IS MELASMA DIAGNOSED ?**

\*Melasma is diagnosed by the characteristic patchy appearance on the face.

\*Your dermatologist may take a small sample of the skin (biopsy) to rule out other conditions.

#### **WHAT IS THE TREATMENT FOR MELASMA ?**

\*At present there is no cure for melasma; however, several treatment options can help to improve the condition.

\*In some women, melasma disappears on its own, especially when caused by pregnancy or contraceptive pills.

\*Creams or topical steroids that will lighten the skin.

\*One of the most common treatments for melasma is sun protection.

\*This means wearing sunscreen every day and reapplying the sunscreen every 2 hours.

\*Suncscreens with at least an SPF of 30 or above are recommended.

\*In addition, techniques like microabrasion, chemical peels, dermabrasion can also be considered.

\*Laser therapy can work in treating melasma but produce only temporary results.

### **ARE THERE ANY HOME REMEDIES THAT HELP IN MELASMA ?**

\*One can use simple ingredients found in one's kitchen to lighten the skin.

\* They can help to treat melasma without any side effects.

#### **Some Items That Can Be Used Are:**

##### **LEMON JUICE**

\*Lemon juice acts as a natural bleach that helps in peeling of the outer layer of the skin and lightening melasma pigmentation.

\*Use the juice of one lemon and generously apply on the face, rubbing gently for 2 minutes. Leave it for 15-20 minutes and wash with lukewarm water.

Use this twice a day daily for the next 3 weeks.

##### **TURMERIC**

\*Curcumin, the active ingredient found in turmeric is known to have strong antioxidant properties that help in reducing melanin pigmentation.

\*Make an instant face pack by mixing 2 tbsp of turmeric with 5 tbsp of milk to make a thick paste.

\*Apply all over the face and let it dry out completely.

\*Rinse with lukewarm water.

\*Additionally, you may add some gram flour to turn this into an exfoliating mask.

##### **ALOE VERA**

\*The polysaccharides present in aloe vera help in reducing blemishes, reduce dark spots caused due to prolonged sun exposure and keep the face clean and healthy.

\*Apply aloe vera gel on the face and rub it gently in circular motion for 2 minutes.

\*Leave for 15 to 20 minutes and rinse off with lukewarm water.

\*Repeat this daily for the next few weeks until the patches start to fade away.

If Your Melasma Is Making You Self-Conscious Or Affecting Your Image In Public, It Is Best To Visit Your Doctor Or A Dermatologist.

### **WHAT NOT TO EAT ON AN EMPTY STOMACH**

What do you usually do after you wake up in the morning? Grab a cup of chai, right? But drinking tea first thing in the morning is not a healthy idea. Wondering why? Well, it is loaded with compounds which increase the acid levels in the stomach and can irritate the stomach lining. This, in the long run, can lead to heartburn and vomiting. Hence, it is advised to not have chai on an empty stomach.

**But This Is Not The Only Food You Should Avoid, So Here Are A Few Common Things Which You Should Not Have On An Empty Stomach.**

##### **COFFEE**

\*Just like tea, even coffee is not advised first thing in the morning.

\*If you are a coffee lover and can't think of

starting your day without coffee, then drink coffee after having your breakfast.

\*This is because coffee, when had on an empty stomach, increases the production of stomach acid.

\*It not only damages the lining of the stomach but also increases the heart rate and blood pressure.

##### **SWEETS**

\*Most people believe that eating sweets on an empty stomach provides a boost of energy to kickstart the day.

\*Although it is not wrong, it can lead to a drastic spike and sudden fall in the blood glucose level,



which can lead to irritability and fatigue.

\*It can ruin the rest of your day and can also make you less productive at work as it lacks healthy nutrients and fails to sustain the energy throughout the day.

\*Moreover, eating sweets in the morning regularly can harm the teeth as it can increase the risk of cavities.

### **MELONS**

\*Most people who run, jog or exercise in the morning tend to start their day with fresh fruits and fruit juices as it gives instant energy.

\*However, fruits belonging to the melon family such as watermelon and muskmelon are a strict no-no, especially in the morning.

\*The high levels of fibre in these fruits can affect the digestion process and lead to gas and burping throughout the day.

### **CHILLED DRINKS**

\*It is wise to start your day with a glass of water but not with a glass of chilled water or iced beverages.

\*Chilled drinks not only make your digestive system sluggish but also harm the mucous membrane.

\*Instead, have lukewarm water or fruit juices (except melons) on empty stomach and chilled drinks preferably after meals.

### **SPICY FOOD**

\*Love spicy food? If yes, then ensure you do not

have it for breakfast.

\*Spicy food when had on an empty stomach can irritate the lining of the stomach and can lead to an upset stomach.

### **GREEN VEGETABLES**

\*Some people who are calorie conscious and want to eat healthy, start their day with green vegetables thinking it will help.

\*Eating salad loaded with greens at least once a day is a good idea to stay healthy and fit.

\*But eating such high fibre (roughage) food without the accompanying carbs for breakfast leads to abdominal discomfort and makes you gassy.

### **MEDICINES**

\*Last but the most important thing to keep in mind is medicines.

\*Certain medicines such as antibiotics and painkillers are not recommended on an empty stomach.

\*The reason being these medicines can irritate the intestinal lining and can cause stomach ulcers.

\*Moreover, the chemicals in the medicines can be rendered ineffective.

\*However, not all medicines should be avoided.

\*Medicines such as antacids and antiemetics can be taken on an empty stomach when advised by a doctor.

\*So talk to your doctor about the right time to take medicines

## **SIGNS THAT SUGGEST YOUR KIDNEYS MIGHT BE IN TROUBLE**

Kidneys perform a number of vital functions in the body in addition to just processing the waste materials out of the body. They regulate salt, potassium, and acid levels; keep blood pressure in check; produce vitamin D and

control the production of red blood cells. When kidneys are in trouble, there are usually no signs or very subtle signs and by the time the problem gets diagnosed, there is usually already a serious damage done to the kidneys.

## **Here Are Some Signs That Could Suggest That Your Kidneys Are In Trouble:**

### **PROBLEMS WITH URINATION**

\*You may notice changes in your urination habits.

\*These include strong urge to urinate but being unable to do so, passing urine that is darker than usual, passing foamy urine, passing urine that contains blood, painful urination or difficulty passing urine.

\*These symptoms could suggest that something is not right with your kidneys and you need thorough clinical evaluation.

### **SWELLING DUE TO FLUID RETENTION**

\*In kidney diseases, fluid gets accumulated in the body causing swelling or bloating.

\*This is called EDEMA.

\*It usually appears in feet and around ankles, but can involve hands, face and other parts of the body.

### **FEELING VERY TIRED OR SLEEPY**

\*One of the many functions that the kidneys perform in the body is to maintain healthy hemoglobin levels.

\*If there is anything wrong with your kidneys, your hemoglobin levels can fall, causing you to feel excessively tired or sleepy.

\*Fall in hemoglobin levels can also cause dizziness and difficulty concentrating.

### **LOWER BACK PAIN**

\*Having pain in the lower back or along the sides could suggest a kidney trouble and should not be taken lightly.

\*The pain is characteristic and you may feel a severe cramping pain that spreads from the lower back into the groin.

### **UNEXPLAINED RASHES AND SKIN ITCHING**

\*Having unexplained skin rashes, itching and

other skin problems could be pointers to an underlying kidney problem.

\*Renal failure causes waste build-up in your blood.

\*This causes severe itching and skin rashes.

### **HAVING AMMONIA BREATH**

\*Kidney disease interferes with the body's ability to properly break down wastes, leading to an excess of urea in the blood.

\*This can lead to urea being broken down to ammonia in the mouth by saliva, thus leading to urine-like bad breath called ammonia breath.

\*It is also usually associated with an unpleasant metallic taste in the mouth.

### **FEELING EXCESSIVELY COLD**

\*You may feel excessively cold all the time.

\*This could be due to low hemoglobin levels (due to a kidney problem) or an underlying kidney infection causing fever and chills.

\*Extreme fatigue and exhaustion can also be responsible for this symptom.

### **SHORTNESS OF BREATH**

\*You may experience breathing difficulties like shortness of breath.

\*This can be a result of fluid retention in the lungs or due to low hemoglobin levels (both a consequence of a kidney disease).

### **NOT FEELING HUNGRY**

Loss of appetite, or feeling nauseated could also indicate kidney trouble.

This happens when waste products start to build up in the body due to the inability of the kidneys to get rid of them.

So, Do Not Ignore Them As It Is Always Best To Seek A Doctor's Opinion Who Will Assess The Health Of Your Kidneys And Rule Out Any Possible Kidney Problem.

## APPROPRIATE WAY OF TAKING YOUR MEDICINES

The food we eat plays an important role in the way the drugs we take affect our body. A food-drug interaction can prevent a drug from working the way it should or can cause side effects. Which is why a lot of time our doctors give us specific instructions to have our medicines empty stomach or full stomach. Or they ask us to avoid certain foods while we are on medication.

### HOW DOES FOOD REALLY AFFECT THE DRUGS WE TAKE ?

#### TAKE A MEDICINE EMPTY OR FULL STOMACH

\*Some medicines are affected by whether or not you are empty or full stomach.

\*It can alter their absorption.

\*For eg: thyroid medication is always to be taken empty stomach to ensure complete absorption.

\*On the other hand, some drugs can cause your stomach to get upset if taken empty stomach.

\*Always ask your doctor if you can take a medicine empty stomach or not.

### WHAT DOES A "EMPTY STOMACH" MEAN EXACTLY ?

\*Empty stomach means when your stomach is not in the process of digesting food.

\*When asked to take a pill empty stomach, you should take your pill 2 hours before or 2 hours after eating.

\*For example: if you eat your lunch at 1:00 PM take the pill at 11:00 AM and eat at 1:00 PM; or have your lunch at 1:00 PM and take the pill at 3:00 PM.

\*In both the cases, your stomach will be empty enough to absorb the drug.

### PAINKILLERS ON AN EMPTY STOMACH : IS IT HARMFUL ?

\*Painkillers are divided into various categories

and all of them have a different mechanism of action.

\*Analgesics like paracetamol can be taken empty stomach to get a faster reaction, however, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs like ibuprofen should always be taken after eating something since they can cause your stomach to be upset.

### SOME FOOD AND DRUG INTERACTIONS TO BE AVOIDED

\*While the absorption of drugs is affected by whether or not we have eaten anything, it is also affected by what we eat.

\*For eg taking milk with antibiotics makes it difficult for our body to absorb the antibiotic.

\*Similarly taking food rich in vitamin K like green leafy vegetables with blood thinners, makes the drugs ineffective since blood thinners work by suppressing the activity of vitamin K.

### ALCOHOL AND MEDICATION

\*Yes, alcohol affects the way your medication works.

\*Any alcohol took while, before or after swallowing the pill, will affect the medication.

\*It can alter its activity and also cause side effects.

\*Always tell your doctor about your alcohol consumption.

The Complex Interaction Between Food And Drugs Makes It Difficult To Determine The Actual Effect They Have On Your Body.

Always Ask Your Doctor For The Right Method To Take Your Medicine, It's Proper Doseage, And How often It Has To Be Taken And For What Duration... Also Ask For Any Dietary Modification To Be Made If Needed.

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## DG Shipping “Seafarers Grievance Redressal Mechanism”

1. Possible means of receipt of “Seafarers Grievances” may be by following means:
  - a. DGS Online grievance portal
  - b. Email
  - c. Twitter
  - d. Hard copy (letter)
  - e. Social media (as Whatsapp etc.)
2. On receipt of grievance by other means than the “**Online grievance portal**” such as other means as Emails, Tweet, Hard copy (letter) and Social media etc., the concerned seafarer who has raised grievance by other means may be advised by email or call by DG Shipping Official / Shipping Master to raise the grievance through the “DGS Online grievance portal” for quick and easy disposal of case online.
3. Step by step process guide for raising online grievance:
  - a) Login to E-Governance system by using User Id and Password provided by DG Shipping for other modules ([www.dgshipping.gov.in](http://www.dgshipping.gov.in) E-Governance)
  - b) Go to the link --> “Grievance Redressal Mechanism”
  - c) Enter relevant details (\*marks details are compulsory)
    - d) Select Company Name
    - e) Select the option “type” of grievance
    - f) Fill up all relevant details and ‘Submit’
    - g) Upon submission of data, system would display “Reference No.” and same application would be sent to the concerned “Shipping Master”
    - h) The concerned “Shipping Master” would examine the matter within two (02) working days and provide necessary solutions
    - i) Grievances would be processed and seafarer would be queried back within two (02) working days with details or closure details would be communicated online
    - j) Seafarer can “view” the status of grievance by clicking “view” status
    - k) If queried back requesting further details, the same may be provided by the seafarer
    - l) If grievances are un-answered, you may contact the respective jurisdictional Shipping Masters by following email id after two (02) working days:  
sm-mum-ship@gov.in for Mumbai,  
sm-kol-ship@gov.in for Kolkata,  
sm-chn-ship@gov.in for Chennai

*For annexures refer to : [www.dgshipping.gov.in](http://www.dgshipping.gov.in)*

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## HAVE YOU KEPT YOUR MUI MEMBERSHIP UPDATED? ENSURE CONTINUITY OF YOUR MUI MEMBERSHIP

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### FOR MUI MEMBERSHIP :

Officers can visit MUI Head Office in Kolkata

Liaison offices in :

Chandigarh, Chennai, Dehradun, Kochi, Lucknow, Patna, Tuticorin, Visakhapatnam

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**KINDLY SEND ALL YOUR MEMBERSHIP RELATED QUERIES TO:  
[membership@maritimeunionofindia.com](mailto:membership@maritimeunionofindia.com)**

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## **YOU SHOULD INSURE YOUR CERTIFICATE**

Because : The Maritime Union of India provides COC protection to you against Competency Certificate affected by any Court of Law and/or Authority.

### **BENEFITS**

1. Suspension of Certificate : A maximum compensation of Rs.3,20,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Twenty Thousand only) which is spread over 8 months.
2. Cancellation of Certificate : A maximum compensation of Rs.6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh only) over period of 18 months.
3. Certificate replacement : Certificate replaced by the lower certificate upto Rs.22,500/- (Rupees Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred only) per month not exceeding 8 payments as Compensation. Provided that this MUI COC Protection Application is in force on the day of the incident giving rise to an official inquiry into a Shipping Casualty (or was in force at least six months prior to same).
4. Legal Assistance in India : Legal assistance in India before any Court of Inquiry where Competency would be disputed upto a sum of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh only).
5. Legal Assistance outside India : Legal assistance outside India before any Court of Inquiry where Competency would be disputed upto a sum of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh only). MUI COC Protection Application covers Competency Certificates only, but not against cancellation of disciplinary misconduct or legal offences. The Maritime Union of India is not bound to give notice for renewal of premium.

### **REMEMBER :**

1. **THE RENEWAL DATE** so that you may remit your annual premium at least one month before the due date
2. To keep membership up-to- date. MUI COC Protection Application is extended only to fully paid members of the Union.



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**APPLICATION FORM**  
**CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY (COC) PROTECTION**

**Important : Please ensure that all columns are filled up for acceptance of this application  
by office of The Maritime Union of India**

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**MUI Membership No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Valid Upto :** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name in full : \_\_\_\_\_  
(BLOCK LETTERS - *Surname first*)
  2. Date and Place of Birth : \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Permanent Address for correspondence : \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Grade, Number and Complete : \_\_\_\_\_  
description of certificate : \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Date and Port of Issue : \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) INDOS No. : \_\_\_\_\_
  6. Has your Certificate ever been : \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Suspended? : \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Cancelled? : \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Successfully defended in an : \_\_\_\_\_  
(d) official Enquiry? : \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, please give particulars : \_\_\_\_\_  
: \_\_\_\_\_  
: \_\_\_\_\_  
: \_\_\_\_\_
  7. Have you ever been in a ship that has : \_\_\_\_\_  
met with an accident in respect of which : \_\_\_\_\_  
there has been an official enquiry? : \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, please give particulars : \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, please give particulars : \_\_\_\_\_
  8. Name of your present ship : \_\_\_\_\_
  9. In what capacity are you now serving? : \_\_\_\_\_
  10. Name of Owners / Agent : \_\_\_\_\_
  11. How long have you served with them? : \_\_\_\_\_
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**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that the above details are in every respect true and correct, and that I have not withheld any information calculated to influence the decision in regard to this proposal.  
I pay herewith the sum of Rs. 200/- (Rupees Two Hundred only) being the first application cost and agree to renew it every year.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



**MEMBERSHIP FORM**  
[ TO BE FILLED IN BLOCK LETTERS ]

# THE MARITIME UNION OF INDIA

Regd No.: BY-II-198-A 30-3-1941

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Website: maritimeunionofindia.com

Affiliated to The International Transport Workers' Federation, London & Hind Mazdoor Sabha, India

**Membership Fees : Rs. 1800/- per annum**

**Entrance Fees (For first time members - one time payment) : Rs. 500/-**

Please Affix  
your recent  
photograph

Full Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Surname first

Date of Birth and Place : \_\_\_\_\_

INDos No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status : ☐ Married ☐ Unmarried

C.D.C. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Issue : \_\_\_\_\_ Issued on : \_\_\_\_\_ Expires on : \_\_\_\_\_

Passport No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Issue : \_\_\_\_\_ Issued on : \_\_\_\_\_ Expires on : \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate of Competency (COC) No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Place & Date of Issue : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your present company : \_\_\_\_\_

Present Rank : \_\_\_\_\_ Employment Code No. : \_\_\_\_\_

Particulars of your last company : \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Landline Nos. : \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Nos. : \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse / Next of Kin \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address : \_\_\_\_\_

**Details of Next of Kin declared by you at the time of joining the Company**

| Sr. No. | Full Name | Relationship | Mobile & E-mail ID |
|---------|-----------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1       |           |              |                    |
| 2       |           |              |                    |
| 3       |           |              |                    |
| 4       |           |              |                    |

The details are required to assist you in case of contingency and/or in case of emergency.

I will be abide by the rules and regulation of constitution of the Union, I agree, undertake and confirm that all agreement/s entered and or executed by MUI towards representation of its members shall be binding and enforceable by/upon me and accordingly, I authorised MUI to directly collect my membership from me and/or through my employer.

I therefore request you to enroll me as the member and/or renew my membership of the The Maritime Union of India.

Date : \_\_\_\_\_ Place : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant

COC Protection is extended to fully paid up members only. Certificate protection fees of Rs.200 (Rupees Two Hundred only) per year payable on or before renew date.

**FOR OFFICE USE**

Membership No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Received \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_

Place : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Authorised Signatory

## **FOR ATTENTION OF MUI MEMBERS AND SEAFARER OFFICERS**

You can tear the MUI Membership form in this issue along the dotted line,  
fill it up and post it to MUI Mumbai Office alongwith  
a Demand Draft or Cheque in favour of : The Maritime Union of India to :  
Udyog Bhavan, 4th Floor, 29 Walchand Hirachand Marg  
Ballard Estate, Mumbai 400001.

Kindly ensure that your Maritime Union of India (MUI) membership is kept validated every year.

This will ensure that you are supported in case of eventualities that may occur during your service on board vessel or after sign-off. In case you need to resolve any matter with your ship owner/Agent, interceding by the MUI can effectively assist you more effectively, if you are a fully-paid up member Officer of the Union.

**MUI REQUESTS ALL OFFICERS TO ENSURE THAT  
SUFFICIENT BALANCE IS PRESENT IN THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS  
WHEN A CHEQUE IS ISSUED BY THEM OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, FOR  
MEMBERSHIP TO THE MARITIME UNION OF INDIA**

This will ensure faster and efficient delivery of  
MUI Membership Card to your residence

**When corresponding with MUI offices for your grievances, inquiries or  
for any other purpose, kindly ensure to mention your :**

- 1) CDC Number**
  - 2) MUI Membership Number**
  - 3) Rank**
  - 4) Name of your Company**
  - 5) Land line, and mobile numbers, email identity**
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