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MUI participation in various meetings

Visits to Visakhapatnam, Kochi and Kolkata 12th and 13th January 2023

Capt. Pradhan alongwith MUI officials visited both the cities and met senior officials from various relevant organisations and closely interacted with them.

- Chairmen of Visakhapatnam and Kolkata Port and Dredging Corporation of India (DCI).
- Interacted with Seafarers residing at Marine Club, Kolkata.
- Capt. Joseph J. Alapat Deputy Conservator Cochin Port Authority.
- Mr. S.S. Parihar Administrator Lakshadweep Development Corporation Limited
- Mr. P.M. Mohammad Haneef Working President of The Cochin Port Staff Association. Capt. Pradhan also addressed a meeting with officers from Kochi and Lakshadweep, which was arranged by Mr. Thomas Sebastian - Cochin Port Staff Association - General Secretary and ITF Inspector.

Bharat Pravah 18th January 2023



To highlight the cultural, social and historical significance of ports, shipping and waterways in the lives of common people across the country, the **Institute for Governance**, **Policies and Politics (IGPP)**, **New Delhi** is beginning a series of dialogues, conferences and events called **Bharat Pravah**, with the support of the **Ministry of Ports**, **Shipping and Waterways**.

Capt. Pradhan was invited to talk on Diversity and Inclusion in maritime. He stated that less than 2% of women are employed as seafarers worldwide and we

need to attract and retain more women. Role of maritime training institutes, companies, mentoring and coaching was highlighted. MUI Womens Wing, which is set up by MUI plays an important role to empower women seafarers through seminars and workshops. One of the panelists with Capt. Pradhan was Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan – Secretary – Ministry of Ports, Shipping, Waterways – Government of India). The lecture was very well received and appreciated by the large number of guests who attended.

Interview on MSC 107 - MASS Project 6th February 2023

Capt. Tushar Pradhan attended the online interview related to ITF MASS project for IMO MSC 107. As representative of Seafarers, MUI presented its views on what seafarers need to develop for Maritime Autonomous Surface Ship (MASS) related regulations and policy at different levels of regulatory bodies and policy making authorities.

The outcomes of this project are aimed to be presented at the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Maritime Safety Committee at its 107th session.

Topics such as training of officers for operating instruments, accuracy in detecting small targets and fishing nets on radar, minimum manning on such ships, conducting regular drills and training of crew pertaining to LSA and FFA. Issues related to stress and decline in mental health and wellness, length of contracts, shore leave, crew change crisis affecting the limited staff on board was also taken into account. Recommendations in case of possible future pandemic situation were also discussed.

JSU-IMMAJ Administrative Committee Meeting 08 February 2023

The 7th Administration Committee Meeting under the IBF JSU/IMMAJ/NUSI/MUI CA was held in Mumbai exclusively covering ships sailing under Japanese owners.

President of International Mariners Management Association of Japan (IMMAJ), Chairman of Japan Seamens Union (JSU), General Secretary and officials of MUI and NUSI attended. Both, JSU and IMMAJ acknowledged the invaluable contribution of around 6500 Indian seafarers serving on Japan owned ships. Capt. Pradhan talked about enhanced simulator based training for Officers, Green Shipping, enhancement of welfare and medical schemes for seafarers, higher age limit for children of seafarers undergoing professional courses.

The Maritime Union of India felicitated Capt. Anil Choudhary and Mr. Dinesh Khanna of vessel M.V. Helios Leader for carrying of rescue of 300 persons who were stranded on their fishing vessel, in the South China Sea on 7th November, 2022 in adverse weather conditions.

Open House Discussion on Human Rights of Indian Seafarers by National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) 22nd Februray 2023



Capt. Tushar Pradhan, General Secretary of MUI was invited to participate and spoke at the Open House Discussion on Human Rights of Indian Seafarers held by National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on 22nd February at Manav Adhikar Bhavan, New Delhi.

The event was attended by dignitaries; Mr. Mandeep Singh Randhawa – Director - Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India, Shri Amitabh Kumar - Director General of Shipping, Dr. D.M. Mulay – Honourable Member of NHRC, as well as from Protectorate General of Emigrants - Ministry of External

Affairs, and representatives from Associations of shipping companies, alongwith Honourable Member, Joint Secretary and Director of NHRC.

The topic being Life of Women at Sea, Capt. Pradhan spoke about pertinent challenges faced by women at sea in the merchant marine.

He elaborated that:

- *Though the parents are supportive, the community and society are discouraging women from joining the sea. Moreover, there exists reluctance of male co-workers to accept women as equal colleagues as per ICS and ITF guidelines.
- *Workplace bullying and harassment (as referred to by ICS and ITF) *Under-reporting of harassment cases
- *Steps and initiatives that can be taken to make work life easy for women at sea
- *Strict policy for protection of women seafarers
- *Grievance redressal
- *Mentoring and coaching
- *Increasing the number of Women in Leadership Positions on board and in office.

An impactful speech by Capt. Pradhan resonated the commitment of MUI towards working for safety and welfare of women seafarers at sea.

Payment of death compensation, e-migration system, lack of interest taken by local police stations to register cases by next of kin against companies who abandon seafarers were also discussed.



Narottam Morarjee Institute of Shipping (NMIS) Convocation and Prize Distribution Ceremony **25 February 2023**

The Institutes 43rd Convocation ceremony at SCI auditorium was attended by Capt. Pradhan.

Capt. Anoop Kumar Sharma - Ex-CMD, SCI was Guest of Honour. Chief Guest was Capt. Anoop Kumar Sharma – Ex-Chairman and Managing Director – SCI, Guest of Honour was Capt. B.K. Tyagi – Chairman and Managing Director - SCI

Successful candidates of the institute were awarded passing certificates and meritorious students felicitated with medals and cash prizes. The Maritime Union India is sponsoring 50% fees as scholarship to financially needy students. Capt. Pradhan was presented a plaque in appreciation of the support provided by the union.

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Hind Mazdoor Sabha (HMS) National Working Committee Meeting 28th and 29th January, 2023

National Working Committee Meeting of Hind Mazdoor Sabha (HMS) was held on 28th and 29th January, 2023 in New Delhi, under Chairmanship of Shri Raja Sridhar – President – Hind Mazdoor Sabha. Redressal of long pending demands of various sectors were discussed in detail. Capt. Pradhan delivered a speech related to maritime industry.

The International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN) awareness workshop for young Cadets 01 March, 2023

ISWAN-South Asia workshop entitled "Setting Sail: Seafarers' Education and Awareness Session", was held on 1 March, 2023. Its goal was to raise awareness among young seafarers about the various challenges they may face while at sea and to provide them with the tools to address those challenges effectively.

Capt. Shiv Halbe – CEO – MASSA, was the Guest of Honour, Mr. Michael Pinto, [I.A.S. (Retd.), Trustee ISWAN], moderated a panel discussion with industry experts including Capt. Venkat Keshav (AFNI Fleet HSEQ-Risk Manager), Capt. Subroto Khan (Director, TS Chanakya), Capt. Tushar Pradhan (General Secretary, The Maritime Union of India), and Rahul Dwivedi (Marine Engineer).

The panellists discussed the importance of being vigilant on board, as well as punitive measures that can be taken against fraudulent agents. The workshop concluded with a Q&A session in which the panellists and guests answered questions from the young cadets.

3rd Conference of Future Skills Maritime (FSM) 2023 17th and 18th March, 2023



Capt. Pradhan participated in the 3rd editon of Future Skills Maritime (FSM) 2023 - maritime industry's largest conference on future skills and future of work held by The Naval Connection (TNC) in Goa on 17th and 18th March, 2023. It was attended by representatives from shipping companies and seafarers associations in India. Capt. Pradhan presided as speaker at the inaugural session.

Meeting of women activists of the National Co-ordinating Committee of the Indian ITF affiliates

24th and 25th March, 2023

The Maritime Union of India (MUI) and National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) provided a platform for women activists in Lonavala. The Naari Shakti - Women Empowerment meeting was inaugurated online by Brother Stephen Cotton, Sister Jodie Evans and Sister Baker Khundakji.

The role of women in todays work force, various challenges and issues faced by women, their contribution to society, family and the world as a whole was discussed. Women workers from road, rail and air sectors actively participated. Short video clips projecting challenges faced by women at work and society were screened.

Capt. Tushar Pradhan inaugurated the function with an inspiring speech. He hosted the programme -"She Inspires". The role of inspired women was held by Dr. Seema Shinde, Sister Varsha Desai -Principal - Kaivalya Vidya Niketan - a school run by Kaivalyadham Yoga Institute, a 100-year old Yoga Centre and Ms. Surekha Shinde - Police Sub Inspector - Lonavala City Police Station.. He concluded the programme by handing over Naari Shakti Puraskars to all Unions / Associations alongwith other dignitaries present.





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Resolution of grievances by MUI

MEDICAL HELPAND RELIEF

A 2nd Engineer approached MUI as company he was sailing in was not arranging his visit to doctors even after reporting his condition to company and not arranging repatriation.

After MUI intervention, company arranged the port doctor visit and officer was relieved within a week from port in Argentina on medical grounds. Company continues to take care of his treatment and sick pay as per agreement.

REPATRIATION

A 3rd Engineer sent us email to us and requesting for repatriation. He had completed 8 months on board and due to pregnancy of wife he request sign off at the earliest. His company was not responding to him after many reminders. MUI took up the matter and he was signed off from Fujairah.

DOCUMENTATION

Two seafarers approached us regarding the CDC renewal delay from the Shipping office. MUI staff personally visited shipping office and requested early intervention since officer wanted to join with new CDC, or else he would not be able to fulfill requirement of acquiring NRI status. As a result of follow up by MUI, both documents were received by officers in time to join the vessel.

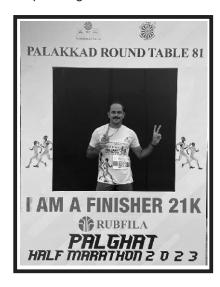
Chief Engineer from Dehradun visited us as he was facing issue regarding Seafarers Identity Document (SID) due to technical reason. We took appointment from Shipping office along with officer and issue was resolved. ***

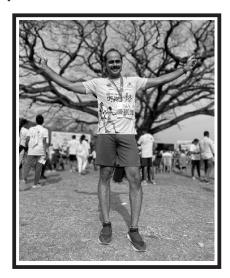
MUI Member participates in half marathon

Mr. Anand Pallithazhath Jayachandran, currently working as 2nd Engineer on LNG Carriers of Qatar based shipping company, Nakilat. He has participated and successfully completed the Palghat Half Marathon 2023 organized by Palakkad Round Table 81, held in Palakkad, Kerala on 5th February, 2023.

The Palakkad Half marathon is a running event which has been taking place in the month of January-February from 2016 onwards. All the fund raised has been spent for charity activities.

Mr. Jayachandran has been participating in 5KM, 8KM running events regularly and this is his longest run so far. He is planning to run a full marathon later this year.





Women On Wheels (WOW) Car Rally through North Eastern States

Women On Wheels - The 40-women WOW Drive was Flagged Off their seven-day journey on 14th January 2023 from Rajbhavan, Guwahati. by the Hon. Governor of Assam and Nagaland Prof. Jagdish Mukhi ji & Smt Nandita Gorlosa, Hon Minister, was the Guest of Honor at this function.

The All-Women team, from different parts of the country embarked on a car rally across three northeast states assembled on the morning of 'Uruka' at Raj Bhavan and embarked on a tour across three states of the Northeast –

Assam, Meghalaya, and Arunachal Pradesh. It's a 'WOW' moment celebrating woman power this Bhogali Bihu!

Notably, the seven-day-long "WOW Drive", organized by







the Amazing Namaste Foundation, marked the celebrations of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The National Commission for Women and State Women Commissions of the respective states are supported the event. The Maritime Union of India supported this rally, by highlighting the role of Merchant Marine Seafarers in the North-East region of the country.

Speaking on the occasion, Governor Mukhi recalled how Prime Minister Narendra Modi had always referred to the Northeast as the country's future.

"These eight states, which are named 'Ashtalakshmi', are witnessing phenomenal works of development. In particular, the infrastructure work in this area in the last few years has been exemplary.

The industry and commerce sector has benefited greatly from road, rail, and air connectivity, water, and the internet. Along with it, employment opportunities have also increased manifold," he said.

The Governor complimented the Amazing Namaste Foundation and said, "This is a great and innovative concept. I am happy that this unique event started from Guwahati with the blessings of Maa Kamakhya on the auspicious day of Bhogali Bihu to commemorate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. I am sure all the participants will experience the warmth of the people of Northeast and the unique culture of the region".

Minister Gorlosa, while speaking on the occasion, highlighted the importance of the program, which has the inherent component of promoting 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'.

Welcoming the participants, she urged them to be the ambassadors of the Northeast region and spread the message of friendship and camaraderie to the people outside.

Chairman of the Amazing Namaste Foundation, Atul Kulkarni, while speaking on the occasion, gave a brief outline of the activities of the Foundation.

After the huge success of the path-breaking North East on Wheels (NEW) motorcycle expedition last year, the organization decided to organize this all-women event to highlight the region's changing landscape.

The participants were divided into two groups and appropriately named after the rivers they passed by – Kameng and Kopili.

During the week-long rally, the Kameng group drove through the Pakke Tiger Reserve, Tezpur, and Itanagar, while the Kopili group traversed places such as Mawlynnong, Dawki, and Haflong.

Several events have been organized on both routes, which include jungle safaris at Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, music and dance events by locals, and interactions with local artisans.

As the last lap of our journey, we had a beautiful end in the presence of Padma Vibhushan Awardee & Honorable Member of Parliament - Dr. Sonal Mansingh.

Her presence and wise words not only encourage us to explore the uncharted territories of the North East but also empower every woman with a sense of freedom and upliftment.

8 days of lifetime experience. 8 days full of adventure, timeless bonds, and inimitable spirits.

As this trip ends, the participants of the #WOW drive 2023 returned to their homes with the blessings of Maa Kamakhya.

While we reminisce about our fresh memories, we would like to strengthen our engagement with the North East Region through Amazing Namaste Foundation.

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TAXATION & YOU

Jayant Menezes - B.Com; FCA Chartered Accountant

The Union budget was presented by the Finance Minister on 01/02/2023. In the budget the government gives details regarding-

- 1) economy
- 2) government finances
- 3) changes in taxation policy and
- 4) financial laws so that there can grow and thereby develop the economy
- 5) the budget also deals into infrastructure development to develop the economy
- 6) The Budget also looks at financial sector for development of economy.

Highlights of the budget

- 1. Rate of personal taxation have been changed. If one invests intelligently and properly then there is no tax up to Rs. 7 lacs. For those who are salaried there can be no tax up to Rs 7.5 lacs if properly invested.
- 2. The new tax regime will be a default tax scheme
- 3. The highest surcharge has been reduced to 25%. This will help the rich.
- 4. New posts in the Income Tax Department are being created for appointments to be made for Joint Commissioner of (Appeals) and Additional Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals).
- 5. No transfer from electronic gold receipt to gold and vice versa
- 6. No Deduction for LIC Premium u/s 80C will be available for those paying premium exceeding Rs. 5 lacs from 01/04/2023.
- 7. Section 80CCH has introduced for Agnipath & Agniveer scheme.
- 8. Exemption u/s 54 (arises where you can claim a deduction in respect of capital gains arising on transfer of capital assets being long term residential house property and
- 9. u/s 54F -tax deduction is allowed on long term capital gains earned from transfer of any capital assets other than house property).
 - This limit has been increased to Rs.10 crores for (8) and (9) above.
- 10. Start up dates for claim of loss has been extended
- 11. Taxation of online gaming is now covered under tax
- 12. The penal rates of tax deduction at source for those not requiring filing returns will exclude any person not required to file Income Tax Returns
- 13. Tax credit at source u/s 206C has been increased from 5% to 20% for foreign tour packages, besides all remittances sent aboard will have to undergo (TCS) Tax Collected at Source, (excluding medical and education expenses)
- 14. Section 43B for payment of statutory dues by payment of such dues before dates for filing of Returns will include MSME. (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises)

New Tax audit limits will now be as follows-,

- a) Business increased for 300 lakhs
- b) Professional increased to Rs 75 lakhs

c) Domestic transaction now covers co-operative societies for conducting Primary Agriculture Specified Credit Society or a Primary Co-operative Agriculture & rural development bank can give cash loans upto Rs. 2 lakhs.

New Tax Rates Default Tax Regime

SI.	Total Income	Rate of Tax
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1.	Till Rs. 3,00,000/-	Nil
2.	Between Rs. 3,00,001 to Rs. 6,00,000/-	5%
3.	Between Rs. 6,00,001 to Rs. 9,00,000/-	10%
4.	Between Rs. 9,00,001 to Rs. 12,00,000/-	15%
5.	Between Rs. 12,00,001 to Rs.15,00,000/-	20%
6.	Above Rs.15,00,000/-	30%
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For those opting for old tax regime there is no change in rates of taxation

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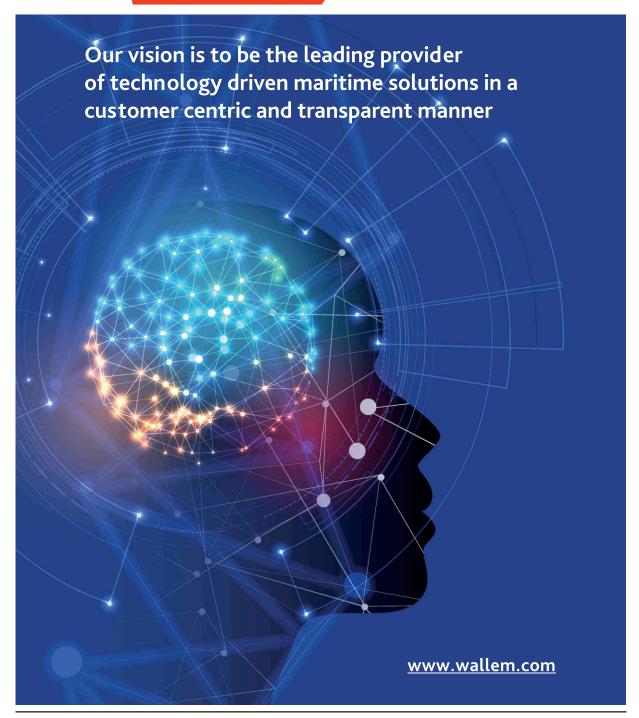
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