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Editorial

The year started off with fresh vigour and determination at MUI, to perform better, stronger, on a wider scale for our seafaring community. We at MUI look forward to the worldwide commercial shipping graph showing an upward trend.

Having said that we all, as stakeholders, need to pay particular attention to increasing instances of abandonment of seafarers by unscrupulous owners, as well as those who attempt to run ships, with unsound financial footing. Seafarers being detained overseas multiplies our efforts multifold. Access to such seafarers poses unique and monumental challenges. MUI is determined to step up its efforts to provide physical access and support to abandoned seafarers through relevant government departments and service organizations.

Meanwhile, MUI would like to caution officers to not fall into the trap of certain “manning agents” who take money as “charges” with a promise of providing placement on ships. It is to be understood that it is these same people who will simply put up their hands when the owners fail to run his/her ship. Not only will you fail to get your wages for months, you will be simply abandoned and forgotten in the port overseas or in India.

The return of five seafarers after being detained for fourteen months in Athens, Greece was the culmination of great effort by The Maritime Union of India (MUI), a multitude of government departments, ITF, social service organisation and individuals. These five seafarers were a classic case of Abandonment of Seafarers. They were detained, based on alleged charges of the vessel carrying

explosive material, which the court declared as false after fourteen months.

MUI held familiarisation and interactive meetings for its members and seafarer officers in Mumbai and Kolkata. This provided a healthy platform for both; Officers and the Union, to come together and familiarise more with each other not only on a personal level, but discuss issues which directly affect the lives of the seafarers, and how MUI can provide remedies for such issues. On the whole both the meets were appreciated by all. Here, MUI would like to appeal to all its members and to-be members, to step up their efforts to connect more with their Union. It is only then, that we can evolve, add strength to our efforts, and ensure that your work and wage conditions are not taken for granted.

We have introduced a financial assistance scheme for children of member officers who sail on Japan owned ships under the IBF-JSU-MUI-NUSI-IMMAJ CBA. MUI Head office can be contacted for further details.

We are in the process of signing agreements with country flag unions and ship owners. This will ensure support and action from MUI to its members. At present, even though Indian officers may be members of certain foreign unions, support has to be generally sourced by MUI itself. Therefore it is very important that such agreements are signed directly with MUI and this will ensure more membership and funds based on the negotiations.

Let us hope for the best in this year and I would like to appeal to all Officers, that The Maritime Union of India will go beyond call of duty and help its members whenever there is need to provide support and assistance.

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Seafarer officers, who desire to avail this facility, may please contact the head office of the Maritime Union of India.

Thanking you

For the Maritime Union of India

Sd/-

Amar Singh Thakur - MUI

General Secretary

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RIDE THE SHOTGUN...THIS YEAR

By PUSHPIKA VIJJAN

"I'll be riding shotgun underneath the hot sun

Feeling like a someone..."

There was an instantaneous fan following of George Ezra's mood-elevating hit number-Shotgun. Though it was released in the middle of the year, the lyrics did buoy up millions including me and the vibes were infectious enough to seep in deep...I am still humming it, while I step into another year, all geared up! My hands are full with my to-do lists, and I am still in a bubble of gratitude for getting another fresh start to life, another chance to get it right!

Isn't life a jigsaw puzzle? Moreover, we are one of those fabulously complicated jigsaw puzzle pieces, with stunning colours, wildly serrated edges, oceans of emotions, seas of talent, and complex energies. It is all about fitting the right pieces together. Maybe we cannot pull rabbits out of our hats, but we can pull off some sort of magic in our daily lives to have a smooth ride. Ride the shotgun maybe?

As I scribble away, I get a text message from one of my childhood friend who is not only the ultimate multitasker but also the busiest. She sends me anniversary wishes much in advance which happens to fall on Republic Day and blames it on the signal congestion the historical day brings with it. All I wonder at her wonder woman skills is that in this rush of scoring and completing tasks, wanting and accomplishing in life, she is missing out on the real essence of life, the value of a moment!

Wouldn't we all love to enter a time warp and rewind our clocks to relive some of the glory of yesteryears? The glory of basking in the warmth of a friend's birthday wishes on a birthday card, the comfort of a letter from home when away in a hostel or on the daunting Indian border, the glee of admiring a glazed paper photograph of a newlywed friend or relative, the joy of watching our children come out on the streets to play or frolic in the nearby park. Life was so simple, yet it connected us to everyone somehow. We had time for every little detail!

Even now we remain connected maybe in a better way of technology and this year too will once again take us ahead in a world of sophisticated technology. Some of the gadgets we own and use today are providing the backbone for what will follow tomorrow and how we will work, rest and play in ten

years. Yes, it is healthy to progress, but then we don't abandon the old, the roots of it all. Do we? Then why be so serious and mechanical. Life does not give us a second chance. It is time to create magical moments now!

We welcome the New Year with many resolutions, with most of them fizzling away. Instead, let us fix the puzzle differently this time. Why not share a smile with a colleague, play a few pranks on your friend, pay a compliment, wrap someone in a hug, send peace, give love...be the light! Your to-do lists this year? And if you say you don't have time, you mean you don't have time to fuel your car because you are so busy driving it?

Too many of us are consumed by needless and endless worries. This drains out most of our energy and enthusiasm. The energy required to sip coffee with your spouse without worry of the next day's presentation or snuggle with your darling kid under the cosy quilt in winters to make shadow puppets with your hands or give him a ride on your shoulders. It is just like your car tyre if it is inflated well it cruises, but even a leak would wobble you away and stop you abruptly, so save your energy the way you save your tyre! Shake your life a bit on that serious note; tune it to a glee station. Ride the shotgun to shoot away cobwebs and grudges, loosen a bit and Vroom again...

The slides on which children play giggling away, made me ponder. Why not have a slide fixed in our mind (Thank god I am not Einstein) so that whenever a negative thought brushes across, we just let it slide down into nothing and replace it with a positive one immediately. That's how the cycle works. What say? You would experience the same amount of joy and adrenaline rush, what these children experience when they run up and down on these slides. The petrol hike will not bother you when you go vroom on these slides!

Let us celebrate each New Year in a way that it leaves indelible memories for us to savour for a lifetime. After all, we have just one life, why be so serious. We are not here forever...

"Time flies by in the yellow and green
Stick around, and you'll see what I mean..."
Humming along...

Happy reinventing!

FIVE INDIAN SEAFARERS DETAINED IN GREECE FOR FOURTEEN MONTHS, RETURN HOME



Five seafarers of vessel M.V. Andromeda who were detained in Athens, Greece arrived in Mumbai on 24 March, 2019.

The vessel was detained in Athens and the seafarers were detained on alleged charges of the vessel carrying explosive material, which ultimately was found to be raw material for firecrackers, legally transported by the vessel. The five seafarers spent a total of fourteen months in jail, in addition to not being paid for the period spent on board as part of their contract.

The Maritime Union of India (MUI), under the dedicated guidance of Mr. Amar Singh Thakur – General Secretary, played an important role of

pursuing the case, following up and ensuring their safe return to India. MUI would also like to place on record the role played by the Indian embassy in Greece, Ministry for External Affairs, Capt. Sanjay Prashar, Mr. Harmesh Singh, Mr. Maghar Gandhi from Greece based Indian Group Team, and Mr. Stephen Cotton – General Secretary - ITF, London, all of who, over the months, kept in touch with the seafarers and paid them visits while in detention.

Every one of the five, Jaideep Thakur, Rohtash Kumar, Mr. Bhupinder Singh, Gagandeep Kumar, Satish Patil, had something to say, ranging from not being able to be present at wedding of his sisters, last seeing his daughter when she was just four months old, contemplating ending life, loosing faith in life in general, payment of legal fees; time period after which they will be released, not being present during demise of father when serving on the ship and then being hijacked, the list of worries being very extensive, which is very natural. One consolation was that there was no physical torture. The company which owned the vessel and the one who did the manning, simply did not help. Mr. Amar Singh Thakur said that MUI is in the process of establishing a mechanism, whereby, official procedures are established by the relevant government ministries with MUI. This will help to

ensure provide speedy legal, material, financial, moral support to the seafarers who are detained / abandoned overseas.

against the concerned parties in Greece, to ensure that no Indian seafarer is unjustly held in this manner.

MUI will pursue this matter further by filing charges

The Maritime Union of India holds Introductory and Familizarisation Meeting For Its Members in Kolkata



The last big gathering of MUI members at Kolkata was held way back in the year 1989 at Kolkata Marine Club to celebrate MUI Golden Jubilee, as per my reckoning.

Since then, after a long span of time, it occurred to our present General Secretary to invite our members for a familiarization meeting over cocktails and dinner at a suitable venue in Kolkata, which was heartily accepted by one and all. Many had remarked that now MUI is making its presence felt in Kolkata.

The event eventually took place on the evening of 11th January 2019 at Regenta Orkos, beside Accropolis Mall, Kasba, Kolkata. The attendance of members and some company executives with their families at the venue had been a little over two hundred. From MUI Kolkata office, Mr. S.D. Sharma, Kolkata Branch In Charge, Mr. Jaydur Rahaman, Liaison Officer, Ms. Priti Kumari Rabidas, Assistant were present.

The General Secretary, Mr. Amar Singh Thakur was garlanded on his appearance at the banquet hall.

After MUI head office officials were seated on the dias, they were presented a bouquet each by MUI Kolkata Officials. After a brief introductory speech by the M.C., Ms. Rajrupa Sarkar. Mr. Amar Singh Thakur came to the podium and offered a heart warming speech which was very friendly and effective in providing confidence to the members and their families in terms of protection and assurance by MUI. Subsequently, Ms. Reshma Nilofer Naha, the first lady river pilot of Kolkata Port Trust was duly honoured and felicitated by the MUI General Secretary which was followed by a brief speech by her. After that, there was an open interaction of question and answer session between the members and the General Secretary, which was followed by an audio visual presentation of the achievements and facets of MUI.

Soon, the entertainment phase of the program commenced and Ms. Kausani Ghosh took over the stage along with her musical band and started belting out popular Hindi songs one after another while the participants enjoyed their cocktails and snacks. This phase was also utilized by lot of people to update each other about their personal aspects, since their last meeting. Familiarization became true to it's sense. Before leaving, we had ensured that everyone had their dinner from a sumptuous spread that was waiting for them in the buffet hall.

Most of the people left with the opinion that there should be more such functions in future, since they will help to develop better rapport between MUI and its seafarers.

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The Maritime Union of India and National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) hold workshop “Mission Naari Shakti” for women activists



A two day workshop of women activists of the ITF Indian National Co-ordinating Committee of the ITF Affiliates on the theme “Strong Unions need Women” was facilitated by MUI and NUSI.

The workshop was inaugurated by Mr. Amar Singh Thakur -General Secretary - MUI.

The Guests of Honour were Smt. Surekha N. Jadhav, Nagar Adhyaksh, Lonavala. Ms. Smita Patil - Superintendent of Police (Training), Khandala spoke on “She Inspires”, which was a talk on role of women who have inspired. Ms. Nishi Kapahi from ITF New Delhi elaborated on #Thisisourworldtoo : ITF’s Equality Campaign.

A panel discussion on Why women in transport sector need to be organised?. Group discussion on topics of Violence and harassment in the world of work, with a brief update on proposed ILO Conventions. Dr. Vrushali



Bhosale gave an enlightening talk on womens health issues. The entire workshop was appreciated by one and all and everyone hopes to attend such a workshop every year.

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The Maritime Union of India holds Introductory and Familiarisation Meeting For Its Members in Mumbai



Mr. Amar Singh Thakur, General Secretary of The Maritime Union of India held a get together at Hotel The Park, Navi Mumbai for its members and spouses.

In his welcome address Mr Thakur thanked all making it a point to attend the familiarization meet. Mr Thakur explained that since he became the General Secretary in July 2016, he has taken a number of initiatives to ensure that all issues faced by MUI members are provided concrete solutions for issues faced by them. He said that MUI has played a vital role in taking up and resolving all issues and has fought for justice.

To begin with the issues taken up - Panama Maritime Authorities withdrew a controversial circular, whereby Sikh seafarers had to submit their photographs without their turbans. MUI took up this issue and resolved it.

Income Tax issue for seafarers who fulfil NRI status now do not have to pay tax as per CBDT circular, High voltage course is now not mandatory. An officer has to appear for it only on need basis. MUI has also taken up the issue of inclusion of Electro Technical Officers (ETOs) in Safe Manning Document through the ITF to be placed in the IMO.

Other complaints ranged from non-payment of

wages, stranded/abandoned/missing Seafarers from various companies.

In cases of abandonment of seafarers, issues related to a number of companies were resolved. MUI provided them provisions, legal advice and managed to get their wages paid amounting to Rs. 81,88,729.

In the case of the sinking of a vessel with loss of ten lives, MUI ensured that appropriate death compensation was paid to the families of the deceased seafarers.

Privatisation of DCI was taken strongly with the relevant government authorities and today DCI still functions as before.

Trolleys were provided at port of Dahej for seafarers to carry their personal luggage during sign-on and sign-off.

MUI has also provided financial assistance of rupees ten lakhs to the Kerala chief minister disaster relief fund as flood relief.

Apart from these cases, MUI has taken up the issue of five Indian seafarers who have been detained in Athens, Greece on a Tanzania flagged vessel. MUI is working in close co-ordination with ITF, London in the matter. The matter is in Athens court and MUI is doing its best to speed up the process to facilitate release of the seafarers.

Mr. Thakur also highlighted the journey of the Maritime Union of India, since the year 1939 under the name of Indian Merchant Naval Officer's Association with Mr N M Joshi as President, Mr V B

Karnik as General Secretary, and Mr R Balakrishna as Field Officer. He said that MUI is affiliated to the International Transport Workers Federation, i.e. ITF, based in London, since the year 1944. It is a federation comprising of over 600 transport unions worldwide and also affiliated to the Hind Mazdoor Sabha (HMS), New Delhi. MUI represented on Government and Semi Government Maritime Boards and Committees and also liaise with seafarer training institutes and welfare organizations.

Mr Thakur appealed its members to make MUI Union efficient, reliable and stronger to serve them better in all respects and to assist the members in taxation, legal, and also career matters and also appreciated the MUI-WW initiative which adopted in 2017.

Mrs. Saleha Shaikh, w/o Capt Zubair Sheikh is head co-ordinator Maritime Union of India - Women Wing (MUI-WW).

In her address, Mrs. Saleha Shaikh, said that MUI-WW believes; 'Empowered Women make an Empowered Nation' and has charted the course in Women Welfare such as 'Voice of Women' & Dignity@Sea', a 24X7 emergency assistance programme under which families of member seafarers can reach out to Women's Wing of MUI for any emergency assistance through its Helpline number +91 8433884890 or email : mail@maritimeunionofindia.com, ast@maritimeunionofindia.com.

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MUI Womens Wing holds seminar on 'Managing Unconscious Bias'



The 56th National Maritime Week was ushered in with a Seminar on 'Managing Unconscious Bias', a joint effort by MUI-Women's Wing and Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA) India, (in association with the office of DG Shipping, with the support of NMDC (C) Committee and the Shipping Corporation of India).

It was held on Wednesday, 27th March, 2019 at Shipping House, SCIAuditorium.

With the focus on the IMO theme for World Maritime day 2019, which is 'Empowering Women in the Maritime Community', the organisers, MUI-Women's Wing and WISTA India intended to find

solutions through discussions and deliberations with active participation from distinguished personalities from the shipping fraternity like Shri Amitabh Kumar, IRS, DG Shipping (In-charge), Ex-DG Dr. Malini Shankar, IAS, Board Member, IL & FS, Capt. Anoop Kumar Sharma, Chairman and Managing Director, SCI,

Capt. Rajesh Tandon, Global Director, V Group and Chairman, IMEC, Capt. Harish Khatri, Nautical Advisor, MMB, Mr. SPS Jaggi, Director-Personnel & Administration, SCI, Ms Ghazalah Moloobhoy, Director AS Moloobhoy Pvt. Ltd. Ms Jasveen Kaur, Voyage Manager, Maersk Tankers India

Mr Ivor Misquith, Founder-CEO, Logistics Kart India.

An enlightening talk by the keynote speaker of the day, Ms. Anupama Kapoor, Founder & Chief Mentor, Reboot, threw light on what Unconscious Bias is all about,

how 'Biases' are conditioned within us subconsciously, and how we operate through those biases, get judgemental and form opinions.

She brought forth the point how hiring more women can bring more creative and innovative solutions.

A message from Ms Reshma Nilofer Naha, first lady marine pilot, about how lady seafarers can deal with bias by way of asserting their rights, taking challenges head on and proving their worth through hard work and determination.

The Panel Discussion, moderated by Capt. Harish Khatri, and having members from varied areas of the shipping fraternity, elicited very thought provoking insights and perspectives and set a very interesting tone to the topic of the seminar.

Capt Harish Khatri, as moderator was very

instrumental in getting the panelists share their perspectives.

Mr SPS Jaggi, gave an excellent perspective of SCI, for providing employment to women seafarers, from their cadet days. His perspective was very heartening, as it comes from India's largest shipping company and all were pleased to know about the healthy platform provided to women by SCI.

Ms Jasween Kaur, Voyage Manager, Maersk Tankers India, as an ex seafarer, brought forth her views related to her experiences onboard as a lady seafarer. She threw light on the fact that Navigation is not rocket science where one needs to be an intellectual, rather navigation is like any other skill which you learn and get better at with practice. She added that lady seafarers have lots to prove to male colleagues and seniors. She also added that if you are good at your job, no one will say 'Oh she is a girl'. She also shared that we women also have an unconscious bias about themselves, where we think that a particular person does not like me because I am a woman. Her advise is that women seafarers need to shed that unconscious bias.

Ms Ghazalah Moloobhoy, Director AS Moloobhoy Pvt Ltd, was very articulate and expressed her view that there does exist a tendency to look at employment and womens work performance in general. However, generally there are positive developments too.

Mr Ivor Misquith, Founder-CEO, Logistics Kart India also narrated his experiences and expressed views about employment of women in every field as something beneficial and essential for all.

Ms Sumit Sharma - India Head-WISTA co-ordinated a very educative discussion with Mr. Amitabh Kumar and Mr. Anoop Kumar Sharma on stage, who, given their extensive experience, spreading across decades,, expressed their views about challenges faced by women in general and in shipping.

This was a joint initiative by MUI Womens Wing and WISTA India conducted by Ms. Saleha Shaikh from MUI-WW and Ms. Sumit Sharma - President, WISTA India and Ms. Sanjam Sahi Gupta - President-WISTA Asia.

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Application shall be submitted either to the Secretariat of the Trust or to our office (Hong Kong Seamen's Union).

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Ref.: QMS EACQP WPI-8.5-02A-02	Examination, Assessment & Certification (EAC) Branch	IS/ISO Clause No. 8.5.1
	Subject: Requirement of ETO TAR Book for Trainee Electro-Technical Officers	File No.: ENG/EXAM-CIRC 25(01)/2017(Pt)
Authorized by the Chief Examiner of Engineers	Instructions to Examiners - Circular No: 145 of 2019	Dated : 09.01.2019

1. Introduction and Requirement:

- (i) RECALLING that the International Maritime Organization has effected major amendments in the year 2010 to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW, 1978) and one of these amendments have prescribed requirements for the issuance of Certificate of Competency as Electro-Technical Officer (ETO) under STCW Regulation 111/6. The said 2010 amendments of STCW 78, named as Manila amendments, had entered into force on 1st January 2012. The transition period for complete compliance with the 2010 Manila amendments was until 3 December 2016.
- (ii) RECOGNIZING that the Regulation 111/6, Paragraph 2.2 of STCW 2010 amendments stipulates requirement for sea-going service of trainee ETOs to be well documented in a Training and Assessment Record Book (TAR BOOK).
- (iii) NOTING that in order to give effect to the STCW 2010 amendments, the Government of India has notified the Merchant Shipping (STCW) Rules, 2014 on 30th July 2014 and the requirement for the sea going service for trainee ETOs to be well documented in a Training and Assessment Record Book (TAR BOOK) has been specified in paragraph 2(b) of the Rule 48 in Chapter III of the said rules.
- (iv) NOTING ALSO that the Directorate has received communication that MMDs are not verifying the TAR book during eligibility assessment of candidates applied for ETO examination stating that the DGS circular 131

of 2015, which is used for assessment for ETO examination, does not explicitly mention the requirement of TAR book.

- (v) NOTING FURTHER that the Directorate has approved the ETO onboard training TAR Books in August 2015 and since then same is made available to Trainee ETOs through the Institute of Marine Engineers (I), Nerul, Navi Mumbai.
- (vi) RECALLING FURTHER that the DGS circular 131 of 2015 refers to the Training Circular no. 1 of 2011 dated 10.02.2011 on subject "*Guidelines for conducting presea Training and Certification of Electro-technical officers for Merchant Ships*" which clearly specifies the on board training and the requirement of TAR book in clause 6.4.
- (vii) IN CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE ABOVE the Directorate clarifies that the DGS circular 131 of 2015 is to be read with the associated circulars as referred therein i.e., it is to be read with STCW Training Circular No.01 of 201 and dated 10.02.2011 and 08 of 2011 along with the Merchant Shipping (STCW) Rules, 2014 which mentions the applicability of the TAR book and that it is binding on all the ETO candidates.

2. Applicability of the ETO TAR Book :

The DGS approved ETO onboard TAR Book is applicable to the Trainee Electro Technical Officers, who have performed sea going service on or after 31 August 2015.

Sd/-
(Satish Kamath)

Engineer & Ship Surveyor-cum-Dy. DG (Tech.)

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Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India, Mumbai

Ref.: QMS 7.0 Page 1 of 2	Examination, Assessment & Certification (EAC) Branch	IS/ISO Clause No. 7.1
	Subject: Admission Schedule for MEO Class-I and MEO Class-II preparatory courses	File No.: TR/CIR/6(5)/2017
Issued by the Director General of Shipping, Govt. of India	Training Circular No. 03 of 2019	Dated : 28.02.2019

- Noting that the MEO Class-I and MEO Class-II preparatory courses are of two months and four months duration respectively. The Directorate grants approval to Maritime Training Institutes (MTI) to conduct these courses at a frequency of six batches per calendar year for MEO Class-I preparatory course and three batches per calendar year for MEO Class-II preparatory course.
- Noting that the MEO Class-I and MEO Class-II preparatory courses are conducted in the form of monthly modules.
- Noting that a good number of candidates are required in class for such courses to encourage discussions.
- Whereas the Directorate has received several representations from the aspiring candidates and from the MTI that a considerable time is lost if a candidate fails to get admission for a particular batch.
- Whereas the Directorate intends to simply existing procedures to facilitate seafarers and MTI for ease of business.
- In view of the above, the Directorate has prepared yearly schedule for the admissions in MEO Class-I and MEO Class-II preparatory courses as given in Annexure to this Training Circular. The Annexure on yearly schedule gives details of the batches to be conducted, start date of the batch including those joining in between batches, the end date for the course and the specific batch number to used for uploading batch details.
- MTIs conducting MEO Class-I and MEO Class-II preparatory courses are directed to strictly follow the schedule as per the Annexure. The approved intake capacity / batch for a particular course shall not be exceeded at any time.
- This Training Circular shall enter in to force with immediate effect.
- This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping.

Sd/-
(Ashish Wankhede)
Deputy Director General of Shipping

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ANNEXURE

MEO Class-I admissions yearly Schedule

BATCH	Course start date / Candidate joining date	Course end date	Batch number to be used
BATCH 01	01 January	28 February	011
	01 February	31 March	012
BATCH 02	01 March	30 April	021
	01 April	31 May	022
BATCH 03	01 May	30 June	031
	01 June	31 July	032
BATCH 04	01 July	31 August	041
	01 August	30 September	042
BATCH 05	01 September	31 October	051
	01 October	30 November	052
BATCH 06	01 November	31 December	061
	01 December	31 January	062

MEO Class-II admissions yearly Schedule

BATCH	Course start date / Candidate joining date	Course end date	Applicable Batch number
BATCH 01	01 January	30 April	011
	01 February	31 May	012
	01 March	30 June	013
	01 April	31 July	014
BATCH 02	01 May	31 August	021
	01 June	30 September	022
	01 July	31 October	023
	01 August	30 November	024
BATCH 03	01 September	31 December	031
	01 October	31 January	032
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	01 December	31 March	034

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REASONS NOT TO IGNORE FUNGAL NAIL INFECTIONS

Fungal nail infections, also known as onychomycosis, occur when fungi attack your nail or nail bed. Fungal infection can affect both fingernails and toenails but is more common in toenails.

Most people assume that a fungal nail infection is related to poor hygiene and is contagious, but that is not necessarily true. Many factors can up your risk of a fungal nail infection that ranges from poor hygiene to use of contaminated water and infections. Here is a quick update on the common causes of fungal infection, why you should not ignore fungal infections and tips to prevent nail infections caused by a fungus.

CAUSES OF FUNGAL NAIL INFECTIONS

It is a well-known fact that fungus thrives in places that are warm and moist, which in turn increases the risk of fungal infections. You might be at high risk of suffering from fungal nail infection if you:

Shower in public showers like those at the gym due to contamination of the water.

Use public swimming pools as these pools might contain water which is not cleaned for a long time and thus, can harbor fungus.

Walk barefoot through these places as the contaminated water can get in touch with your feet and this can lead to a fungal infection of the nail as water along with dirt can get accumulated in the nail creases.

Wear socks and tight shoes, especially during summers which can increase the chance of fungal nail infections, because the hot and humid weather conditions and excessive sweating during the summer season can act as an ideal environment for fungal growth.

Go to salons for pedicure or manicure which do not clean their instruments well before each use as this is one of the easiest ways to cause fungal nail infection.

FUNGAL NAIL INFECTIONS : SIGNS TO WATCH OUT FOR

As fungal nail infections can affect any number of nails it is important to check your fingernails or toenails regularly for any of the following warning signs:

Yellow streaks appearing on the nail.

Yellow or white spots at the bottom of the nail.

Increase in the thickness of the nail.

Separation or splitting of the nail from the skin.

Odour emanating from the nail.

TREATMENT OF FUNGAL NAIL INFECTIONS

Fungal nail infections treatment does not guarantee to rid you of the problem forever, but it can relieve your symptoms and prevent future problems.

An over-the-counter medication is not recommended as it is not likely to give you the best results.

Fungal infections of nails can be hard to treat and require long term treatment.

Hence, visit a dermatologist or a podiatrist (also known as foot and ankle surgeon) who will find out the extent of damage to your nail or nail bed and give you a prescription that is appropriate for your condition.

In addition to following proper foot care hygiene, there are few natural remedies that are known to help treat and reduce the severity of fungal infections which includes:

COCONUT OIL

It is a commonly used home remedy for fungal nail infections as it is believed to have strong antibacterial and antifungal properties.

Apply pure coconut oil on the infected area at least four to five times a day for 2-3 days for the signs to show improvement and hasten the healing process.

TEA TREE OIL

This is an essential oil that is packed with powerful anti-fungal properties.

Commonly available in stores, it is advised to use

this oil in diluted form and not in concentrated form to reap its benefits.

Add 1-2 drops of tea tree oil to 10 ml of any carrier oil like almond oil or coconut oil, mix and apply it to the infected area.

Do this twice a day till the infection starts to heal.

WHAT HAPPENS IF FUNGAL NAIL INFECTIONS ARE NOT TREATED ?

Most people do not treat their infection because they assume it will either go away on its own or it won't affect their lives that much.

But a fungal nail infection can eventually become a cause of pain and discomfort.

Sometimes, even walking or standing could cause you a lot of pain, let alone wearing shoes.

The fungus can also very easily spread to your other unaffected nails.

In some cases, leaving the infection untreated for a long time can result in serious permanent damage to your nail and nail bed.

Fungal nail infections can also be accompanied by pain, which is a sign that the infection is getting worse, which in turn can increase the risk of complications in the foot.

Also, most people think that white spots on the nails are caused due to nutrient deficiency and hence, tend to ignore it.

However, if these dots are growing in size, fail to improve over weeks or appear frequently, it is a sign of fungal infection and can lead the infection to spread to the entire nail.

TIPS TO PREVENT FUNGAL NAIL INFECTIONS*

WASH YOUR FEET WITH WARM WATER

You can even add a few drops of an antiseptic liquid to clean the feet or use a milk soap for the same.

Make sure you do not use too much of the antiseptic

liquid or use a harsh soap as it can cause the skin to become dry.

DRY FEET PROPERLY

Make sure you dry your feet well after washing your feet or taking a bath, especially in the area between the toes.

These places are often neglected which in turn can act as the ideal ground for fungal infections.

ANTI-FUNGALS

Use antifungal powder to prevent infection as it helps to keep you toes dry.

This lowers the risk of infection.

PROPER FOOTWEAR

Wear open footwear like floaters, slipper and sandals as it not only allows the skin to breathe.

It also helps to keep it dry.

VENTILATE AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE

If you wear shoes more often, then opt for the ones made from leather as it helps to keep the feet dry.

Also, give your shoes a rest by opting different pairs as it helps the shoes to breathe and keep it dry.

If your feet get sweaty after a walk or workout, then change it as soon as possible.

USE CLEAN & DRY COTTON SOCKS

Wearing the same socks day in and day out can increase the risk of fungal infections due to the accumulation of sweat.

Hence, it is advised to wear a clean pair of cotton socks every day.

HYGIENE AWARENESS

If planning to get a pedicure or manicure, then make sure you pick a nail salon that maintains a reasonable level of hygiene.

These places can increase the risk of fungal nail infections.

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SIMPLE WAYS YOU MAY BE HARMING YOUR BODY EVERYDAY

The daily activities of our life often become habits which we fulfill automatically without thinking. We never wonder if what we are doing on a daily basis has any harmful impact on our bodies or not. Now is a good time to go through some of our daily habits that actually have an adverse effect on our bodies. Since these are activities we do every day of our lives, the accumulated negative effect on our bodies adds up in the long run.

Here Is How You May Be Harming Your Body Every Day:

WRONG BRUSHING TECHNIQUE

Never brush your teeth immediately after eating something acidic like lemon, orange, and milk.

It can destroy the enamel of teeth.

Use a soft brush to clean your teeth twice a day.

NOT BREATHING RIGHT

Yes, that's right.

Our most basic requirement for survival is often done incorrectly.

Most of us are guilty of shallow breathing, that is using only the upper part of the chest to breathe.

Deep breathing that involves not just the chest but the stomach has a positive effect on the body like lowering stress and blood pressure and increasing stamina.

WASHING YOUR HAIR DAILY

Washing your hair every day is not recommended.

This is because it washes away the oil of the scalp which then causes the scalp to produce sebum.

Sebum makes the hair greasy.

Washing your hair twice or thrice a week is enough.

SITTING FOR LONG HOURS

No matter how much exercise you do, it turns out that sitting for long stretches in a day can decrease life expectancy.

It also increases the risk of lifestyle diseases like diabetes and cardiovascular risk.

Make sure that you get up from that work desk to take a short brisk walk every hour.

TOO MUCH EXERCISE

This one will come as a surprise.

Apparently, working out every day of the week can lead to over-exertion of the body.

This will harm the body more than the benefits of exercise.

Four days of moderate exercise in a week is enough.

NOT GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP

The importance of getting enough sleep is well-known.

Yet a majority of working adults cut back on sleep to work, watch TV or stare at computer screens.

Research has shown that a lack of sleep affects memory, creativity, and learning.

Lack of sleep causes IRREVERSIBLE CHANGES to our body WHICH CANNOT be made up with more sleep LATER.

AVOIDING CERTAIN FOOD GROUPS

With the advent of many diets that stress only on certain food groups like protein and recommend cutting out others completely like carbohydrates and fats.

It is important to remember that the body needs all the food groups.

It is never a good idea to skip one group altogether.

USING ANTIMICROBIAL SOAPS

Using anti-microbial soaps tends to wash out the good bacteria which are needed by our bodies to fight off infection.

This is also true for hand sanitizers.

Do not OVER-USE these products.

Always Remember, That "BALANCE" Is The Key Factor; Even Medicine Out Of Proportion Can Act As Poison & Poison In The right Moderated Amounts Is Known To Work As Medicine.

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

MSC Crewing Services visits old age home



MSC Crewing Services office staff under the leadership of Managing Director Capt. M.P. Bhasin paid a visit to the old age home located at Andheri East, carrying thoughtful gifts for all residents of old age home.

The head sister explained in details about the background of the home and how they manage the in-house system.

After initial introduction, MSC team started with serving the breakfast to all the residents along with old age home office staff. The MSC team was carrying gifts for all the residents and same were distributed to each resident post breakfast.

They greeted us with a smile, we started with entertaining conversation and same followed by singing of song, which they actively participated,

and later residents bubbled with energy, It was a different kind of satisfaction altogether, to hear their joyous laughs, their toothless smiles and hushed giggles. During interactive session, we heard them as they poured their hearts out to us. The purpose of this visit was being achieved.

A photo session was done with all the residents for everlasting memories. Some elderly people were in making of artificial flowers, same were purchased from them. MSC team also attended special prayers with the old age group residents, this prayer was especially organized for MSC team. At the time of farewell Thank you speech was given by Managing Director Capt. M.P. Bhasin.

MSC assured the residents and staff that there would be many more visits from MSC to the old age home in year-2019.

It was really a poignant experience for all the MSC staff to visit the old age home and interact with residents. After spending many hours, This visit was really a huge learning experience for the MSC team.

The visit left a deep impact on our consciousness. We are more sensitive now than what we were when we arrived; sensitive towards the elderly. The visit was an epiphany.

We received tons of satisfaction by capturing invaluable happiness.

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on page nos. 33 and 34

BRAIN TEASERS - DID YOU KNOW?

WILDLIFE BY THE MONTH

JULY –THE ARCTIC

Life at the World's most Northerly Outpost

On Ellesmere Island in the Canadian Arctic, snow covers the ground throughout the year in many places, and the surrounding seas are never free of ice. Only 756 kms. from the North Pole the island rivals Greenland for the title of the world's northernmost land mass. Yet this forbidding landscape, twice the size of Iceland, is far from being empty of life. Hardy Lichens grow beneath the snow all year, and as July's high summer sun melts the snow in the more sheltered valleys there is a flush of colours. The deep green of grass and moss contrasts with the purple and white flowers of heather, the red and yellow of poppies, and the fluffy white of the cottongrass.

In the brief northern summer the island provides, a rich profusion of herbs, marsh grasses and lichens. But the caribous' survival here in winter depends ultimately on their ability to find rich supply of lichens, known as reindeer moss, growing under the snow, which they dig out with hooves and antlers.

Caribou's are said to be able to detect its pungent smell an arm's depth below the surface. Grazing alongside Caribou are musk Oxen, relatives of mountain goats and sheep standing about 4 ft. 6 in. high at the shoulder and weighing up to 400 kg. A musk Ox has dense woolly hair overlaid by an immense cape of thick matted hairs that sweeps the ground round its ankles and provides it with a warm quilt against the cold.

AUGUST– NORTH AMERICA

Killer Whales Hunt in a Pack

Throughout the day on August 5 every year, fishing boats gather in Johnstone Strait between Vancouver Island and the Canadian mainland. By evening there is flotilla of about 300. They are waiting for 6 pm the start of the fishing season, when they can begin catching the summer run of millions of sockeye salmon returning unerringly from the Pacific Ocean to the river in which they hatched. Also in wait are the resident killer whales.

Killer Whales or Orcas, are the longest of the Dolphins. A bull, recognised by its tall, straight dorsal fin can be up 32 ft. long and weigh 10.5 tons. There are 19 groups of Killer Whales living all year round in

Johnstone Strait and Puget Sound to the south. Each group consists of 4-40 closely related animals, and each has its own home range where it hunts for squid and fish.

To survive, each Killer Whale must eat the equivalent of 1/20th of its body weight daily. So every day a bull Killer Whale needs about 75 salmon, each weighing 7 kg. The key to the resident killer whales' successful survival is that each group hunts cooperatively. When searching for food the group swims close to the surface, each animal about 37 meters from its neighbour. Among them are youngster learning from their parents how to conduct the hunt.

SEPTEMBER –SOUTH ASIA

The Shrinking World of the Giant Panda

On a mist-shrouded mountain in Sichuan, central China, a Giant Panda sits upright with arms reaching forward, looking for all the world like a cuddly toy. Munching doggedly at a bamboo shoot, it sits alone among the dense, damp undergrowth beneath tall trees, its dark eye patches giving it a doleful look. This female giant panda is having a final meal before she retires to give birth in a cave. It is September, and the two cubs conceived in April will be born any day now – blind, smaller than hamsters and scantily covered with white fur. The mother will rear only one, leaving the other to die. The lucky one will be up and about in three months, weaned at six months and fully independent in a year.

Growing to a thickset 5 ft. 6 inch from nose to rump, a Panda ambles along with a pigeon-toed gait. Because the bamboo shoots it relies on are fibrous and largely indigestible, giving little nourishment it devotes much of its solitary life to eating. Its jaws are powerfully developed to manage all this chewing. Sugar cane, reeds, bulbs, a few insects and the odd bamboo rat may supplement Panda's diet, but despite the apparent plenty its numbers have shrunk to less than 1500.

Much of its original range has been lost to farming and housing, and what remains is in separate pockets cutting off groups of Pandas from one another. This limits the chances of females in season meeting a mate. The Panda's place in evolution is hotly debated. In its build and walk the Giant Panda resembles a bear, but the much smaller Red Panda looks very like a Raccoon.

OUR AMAZING WORLD

THE VICTORIA FALLS, AFRICA

The British explorer David Livingstone was lyrical in his description. "This is the most marvellous sight I have ever beheld in Africa," he jotted in his notebook in 1855 as he stood on an island in the river gazing in awe at the thundering mass of water of the Zambezi as it cascaded into a narrow gorge. Deep below he saw two rainbows against a backdrop of a dense white cloud with a column of vapour 300 feet in height rising aloft the upper portion of which took on the colour of dark smoke.

Crossing Africa from the Atlantic to the Pacific, The Englishman was the first European to reach the legendary falls on the Zambezi river, the largest in Africa. The sound of falling water was deafening to the extent that the natives, fearful of the mighty spirits at work, dared not to venture near. They called this wonder of nature Mosioa Tunya meaning The Smoke That Thunders.

Since Livingstone's time the falls have remained largely unaltered except for luxury hotels such as Mosioa Tunya Intercontinental and a new highway almost at the brink of the falls. A railway bridge has also crossed the narrow section of the falls since 1904 linking Zambia and Zimbabwe. A picturesque jungle track in Zambia leads to Knife Edge, a slippery rock path between the first and second canyon of the Victoria Falls.

Exceptionally lush vegetation still surrounds Victoria Falls as described by Livingstone. Clouds of mist cause fine rain to fall over an area with a radius of more than 18 miles from the Falls, creating a great wealth of plant life. The entire area on both sides of the Zambezi are now protected National Parks. On the Zambian side the Mosioa Tunya and the Victoria Falls National Park on the Zimbabwe side. The tourist centre for Zambia is Livingstone, less than five miles from the Falls.

MIXED BAG

Answer to the last MATCH PRACTICE

Match the Musical Instruments with their Forerunners

Shehnai X Zurnai

The 'Shehnai' of North India is a wind instrument used in various forms amongst tribal and rural people all over the country. Sometimes called the Indian Oboe, its major South Indian counterpart is the 'nadaswaram'. It is said to derive from a somewhat similar central Asian instrument called the 'Zurnai' or 'Surnai'.

Sarod X Rabab

The 'Sarod' is described as the Hindustani lute whose prototypes are very ancient. A widespread and unsubstantiated theory goes that Amir Khusro modified the ancient Indian folk instrument, the 'Rabab' and created 'Sarod'.

Santoor X Vana Veena

The 'Santoor' is identified by some as the descendent of the 'Vana Veena' which had 100 strings of 'munja grass', and had to be struck with a bamboo stick to be played. Others say it may have evolved from the 'Sapta Tantri Veena' (Seven

Stringed Harp) that was common in the days of the Mahabharata and Ramayana and is mentioned in the 'Gullila Jataka', a Buddhist chronicle.

Tanpura X Ektara

The 'Tanpura' is said to have evolved from a single-stringed folk instrument, the 'ektara'. The four-stringed 'Tanpura' functions as a drone, to cue the musicians to the right pitch.

FUN FACTS

- 1) An average office desk has 400 times more bacteria than a toilet.
- 2) The best time for a person to buy shoes is in the afternoon. This is because the foot tends to swell a bit around this time.
- 3) The only king without a moustache in a deck of cards is the King of Hearts.
- 4) 85 per cent of Valentine Day cards are purchased by women.
- 5) A coffee tree yields about one pound of coffee in a year.

- 6) A lump of pure gold the size of a matchbox can be flattened into a sheet the size of a tennis court.
- 7) A person swallows approximately 295 times while eating dinner.
- 8) A woodpecker can peck 20 times a second.
- 9) A species of earthworm in Australia grows up to 10 feet in length.
- 10) Queen Elizabeth 1 passed a law which forced everyone, except for the rich, to wear flat cap on Sundays.

SOME MATCH PRACTICE TILL WE MEET AGAIN :

MATCH THE WILD ANIMALS WITH THEIR HABITATS

Asiatic Lion	Chang Chenmo Valley
Hangul	Little Rann of Kutch
Chiru	Dachigam National Park
Thamin.	Keoladeo Ghana Sanctuary
Siberian Crane. . . .	Sasangir Sanctuary
Khur	KeibulLamjao

Answer in the coming issue

TAXATION AND YOU

Jayant Menezes FCA Chartered Accountant

On 1st February 2019, the caretaker Finance Minister Mr. Piyush Goyal presented the Interim Budget for Financial Year 2019-2020 (Assessment Year 2020-2021) in the absence of Mr. Arun Jaitley who was ill and had gone abroad for treatment.

Some of the Salient features of the Interim Budget are as under:

1. There will be no tax on you a resident individual with net income of upto Rs.5,00,000/-after taking all possible deductions. Thus you will have a tax saving of Rs.13,000.
2. If you are a salaried tax payer , the Standard deduction which was Rs. 40,000/- has been increased to Rs.50,000/-
3. Now even if you have two houses with one locked up, you will not have to pay tax on notional rent on the second flat.
4. If you earn Long Term Capital Gains on sale of residential house property of upto Rs. 2 crores,

you can save tax by buying two houses. The tax payer can avail of this saving only once in a life time.

5. The new limit for tax deducted at source on rent has been increased to Rs. 2,40,000/- per annum.
6. The new limit for tax deducted at source on interest on Bank Fixed Deposits /Post Office Deposits has been increased to Rs. 50,000/- per annum.
7. Small and marginal farmers will get Rs. 6,000/- per annum under the Kisan Samman Nidhi.
8. A new Pension Plan for those workers earning upto Rs. 15,000/- in the informal sector will get workers a Monthly Pension of Rs. 3,000/- on a small monthly contribution by them.

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YOU SHOULD INSURE YOUR CERTIFICATE

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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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MUI Membership No.: _____

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1. Name in full : _____
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 2. Date and Place of Birth : _____
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If so, please give particulars : _____
: _____
: _____
: _____
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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_____



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I will 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.

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Signature of the Authorised Signatory

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