

# Tolani Maritime Institute celebrates 25 years of excellence



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In a momentous celebration of its 25th anniversary, the Tolani Maritime Institute (TMI) orchestrated a memorable Curtain-Down ceremony of its Silver Jubilee Celebration on 23 September 2023.

The jubilant festivities commenced on the 22nd of September, with the TMI campus football field transformed into a vibrant 'flea market'. This market offered an array of stalls, and it was open to visitors on the 23rd of September too. Splendid performances by the Institute's band 'Bandish' with their musical talent filled the air with enchanting melodies, setting up the perfect tone at the flea market.

The celebration on the 23rd of September commenced with an assortment of activities that were thoughtfully arranged for the alumni, including boating on the serene campus lake, immersive simulator visits, and an opportunity to explore the iconic 'Prabhu Vidya' ship within the campus. Recognizing the pivotal role

that classrooms and hostels play in the life of a pre-sea cadet, TMI graciously opened its doors to alumni, evoking a wave of nostalgia. A dedicated window allowed alumni to reconnect with their faculty and friends, reminiscing about their days as cadets at TMI.

The main event kickstarted at 1630 hrs, marked by the screening of a compelling documentary video that chronicled the remarkable 25-year journey of the Institute. This captivating visual presentation served as the opening act, setting the stage for an evening filled with nostalgia, inspiration, and celebration.

The event saw a distinguished gathering of esteemed guests, including notable representatives from universities and corporate entities, members of AC and GC, retired TMI officials, and prominent figures from leading shipping companies. Among those present were Dr Malini Shankar, Capt Barve, Capt Iyer, Dr Saxena, Mr Chitnis, and a host of Institute alumni spanning





from the pioneering class of 1998 to the graduates of 2018. Their presence at the occasion held immense significance, as they played pivotal roles in achieving this historic milestone.

As they expressed their sentiments, a few among them warmly recollected the early days and articulated their admiration for the extraordinary voyage that TMI had undertaken. They spoke with eloquence and reverence about the Institution's remarkable journey, highlighting the indelible legacy left behind by its visionary founder, Dr N.P. Tolani.

Dr Sanjeet Kanungo, the Principal of TMI, set the tone of the event with an inspiring speech. Followed by the cadets, along with faculty members, greeted the guests with an exhilarating symphony of drums, infusing the atmosphere with energy and excitement.

On the occasion, an official inauguration of the TMI Alumni Association (TMIAN) took place, with Dr Sujata Naik, Chairperson of TMI, leading the ceremony alongside ex-officio members and charter members of the Association. Subsequently, TMIAN assumed the stage to provide insights into the Association's

formation and spoke fervently about TMI's enduring legacy.

The cultural event commenced with an enchanting dance performance by TMI cadets, paying tribute to Dr N.P. Tolani, the Founder of TMI. Subsequently, a mesmerizing cultural dance performance, demonstrating the traditional dances from various states of the nation became the focal point of the event.

Dr Sujata Naik held the audience spellbound with her compelling and captivating speech. Her address provided a personal touch and a profound perspective on the Institute's remarkable journey of growth.

The atmosphere was enriched with musical delight as a trio of renowned artists graced the occasion with a mesmerizing musical concert.

Capt Manoj Hirkane, Sr. Vice Principal, TMI, expressed gratitude to the guests for their presence and support. Following that, the event culminated with a lively DJ night that had almost everyone on their feet, dancing the night away.

With the conclusion of this dynamic two-day





celebration, the Institute, its cadets, faculty members, and staff eagerly await the next opportunity to create such cherishing memories. For now, these unforgettable days have etched their presence firmly in the hearts of all who attended.

TMI has successfully completed a remarkable quarter of a century, marking a significant milestone in its illustrious journey. As it stands at the threshold of the future, the Institute is not just content with its

achievements thus far; it is eagerly anticipating and working diligently towards achieving many more milestones in the years to come. With an unwavering commitment to excellence, the Institute promises to continue its pursuit of greatness and make further significant contributions to the maritime industry and education.

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