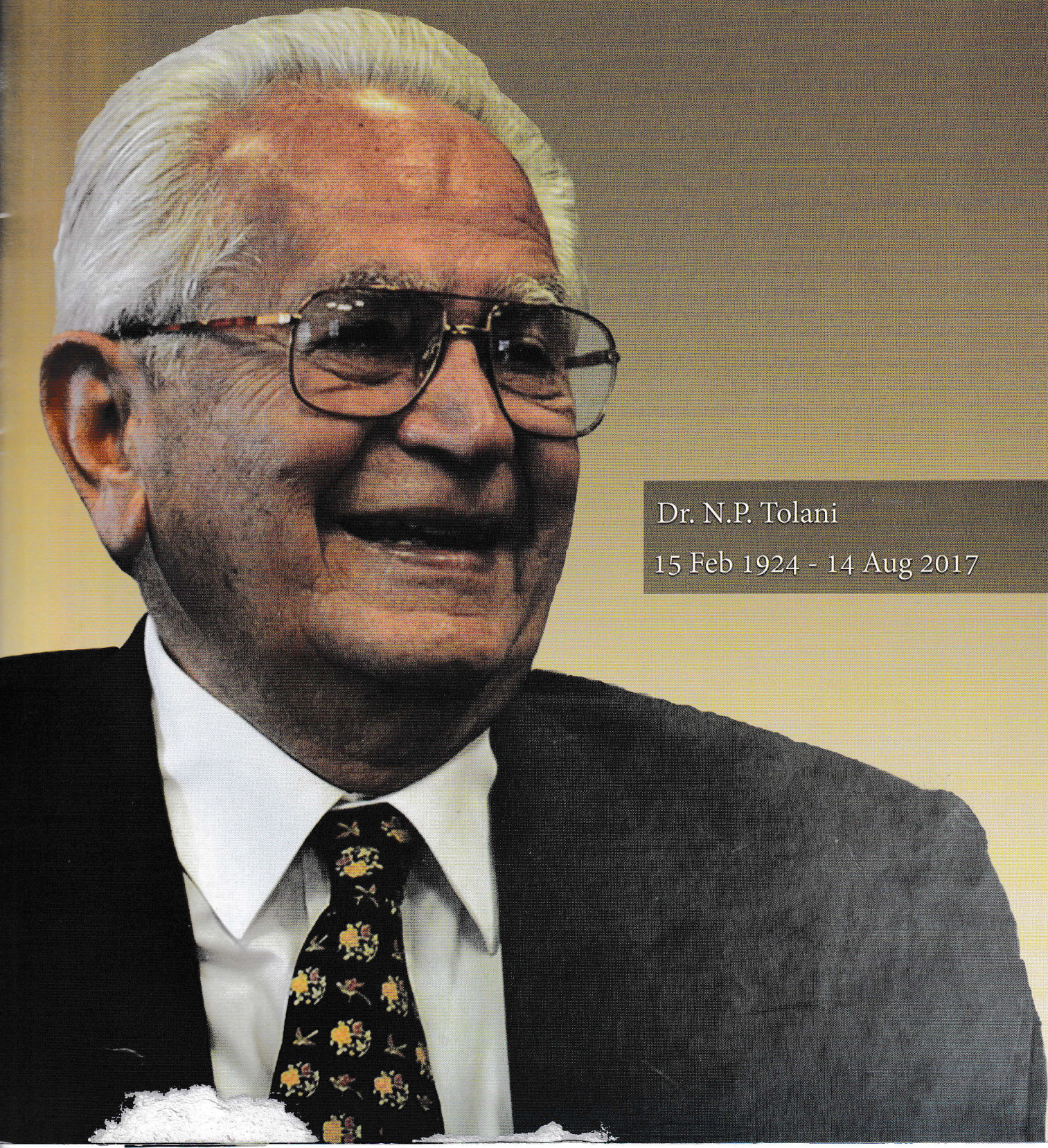


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EDITOR'S NOTE

It is rightly said, 'A superior man is modest in his speech, but exceeds in his actions'. Dr. N.P. Tolani was one such visionary whose unparalleled thinking and contributions set him apart.

Amidst moments of grief and glory, rekindling emotions and new emerging spirits, we present to you this year's first edition of MARITIMES dedicated to Dr. N. P. Tolani.

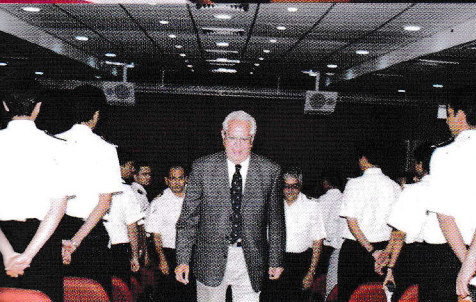
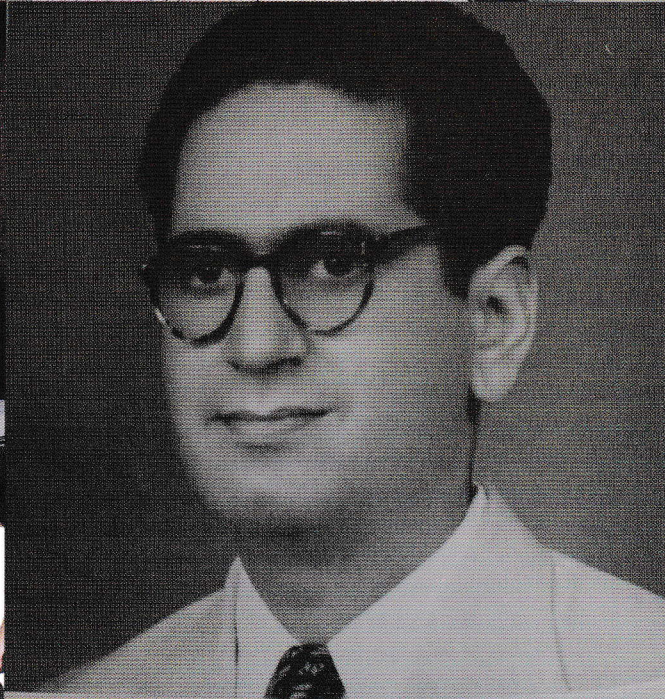
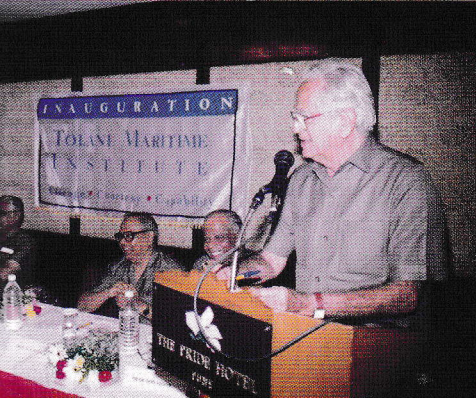
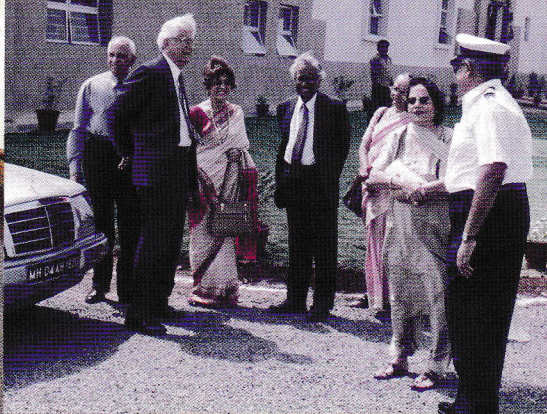
We are back with some new looks, features and of course, the fresh new faces. Like always, we promise to give you a glimpse of the happenings in TMI. I would also like to thank Cdr. S. Dasgupta (Retd.) for taking out some time to have a gripping chat with us.

From an exhilarating and fortuitous past year as well as the coverage of events marking the beginning of a new chapter, we have tried our best to capture every single moment at TMI.

All this wouldn't have been possible without the guidance of the faculty advisors and the efforts and hard work of my diligent team. I hope our efforts pay off with this issue.

So go on, start turning the pages. Let the ride begin.

MILIND BASSON



Remembering Dr. Nandlal Pribhdas Tolani

Son of Pribhdas and Puni Tolani, Dr. Nandlal Tolani hailed from a district town called Larkana, in the province of Sindh, in undivided India. Born in 1924, into a family of Zamindars with a modest life style, he grew up among six siblings and 38 cousins, flying kites all summer, relishing mutton and rabri and had his first beer at the age of 17. He graduated from Agricultural College in Sakrand with first class honors with distinction and stood second in the university. His enthusiasm for further education took him to Cornell University to complete a Masters in 1947, returning to a partitioned India.

A salaried job was not going to cater to the responsibilities he had to fulfill, so it was the construction business that he ventured into. With a new bride in 1950, he entered into earthen dam construction which took them to the interiors of India living in the wilderness in a thatched hut with the fields for a toilet and a kerosene lantern for light. An intellectual giant, a glutton for work with natural leadership qualities and the courage to take up challenges established the company as a quality and reliable business house.

Averse to corruption, which became a raging disease in the construction business, he returned to his alma mater for a PhD, which he completed in 22 months, a record that is still held till today. On his return to India, looking for a cleaner business, Dr. Tolani entered shipping. A high level of fleet maintenance and a humane approach to the human resources were the key to his success.

While leading a flourishing business house, Dr. Tolani had the ability to take on bridge, sailing, and swimming with the same zeal as he did his business. Love for land and understanding its value led to the acquisition of property at Vasind, which he developed out of his own vision and experience.

Guided by his father's philosophy that business has no place in society unless it contributes to societal development and that education was the only way India could progress, he continued his father's legacy by establishing the Tolani College of Commerce and Tolani Maritime Institute, both of which are institutes of high caliber today. Traveling to TMI was a pilgrimage for him.

With his commitment to promote sailing and bridge, he set up platforms for competition and training of the youth. At 75 a severe head injury almost took him away from us, but timely and appropriate medical care and his will power gave us 17 more years of Dr. Tolani, during which he saw Tolani College of Commerce being reaccredited with an A grade, and also saw the growth and flourishment of TMI for which he was conferred the Varuna Award, and unfortunately he also witnessed the worst recession shipping has ever seen.

On August 14, 2017 Dr. Tolani's soul left his body but having touched so many lives, he lives on in each one of us.

INAUGURATION OF SPORTS CALENDAR

ASHUTOSH RANJAN



On 8 September 2017, Tolani Maritime Institute witnessed the inauguration of the sports calendar 2017-18 with Capt. S. Subedar as the Chief Guest. The four houses led by their captains marched gallantly in tune with the band, showcasing their hard work, dedication and house spirit. The march past competition was followed by a mass demonstration by all the houses, each highlighting the social concerns of India.

The Best Sportsman Award for the year 2016-17 was bagged by Master House Cdt. Aaron Alphonso. Morarjee House received the trophy for the Best house in Sports whereas Mudaliar House bagged the best overall house trophy. The results of the march past and the mass demonstration were announced with Cassim House as the champion, beating Master house by a meagre edge. Mudaliar and Morarjee house occupied the third and fourth places respectively. A special mention must go to the Master house mass demonstration that left everyone teary eyed and received special appreciation from the Chief Guest, Provost and the Principal.

The event concluded on a very pleasant note with Principal Dr. B.K. Saxena and Provost Capt. Razdan congratulating the participants and the band for the stupendous display.



MILIND BASSON, ARYAVARTA GIRI



The buoyant moment for another accomplished batch of Tolani Maritime Institute arrived as the cadets of 2013 Marine Engineering batch graduated on 26th August 2017. The parents of the graduating cadets, all ecstatic and gleaming with satisfaction and pride, saw the four years of routine training finally paid off, as they held with them their degrees and certificates.

The graduation ceremony was embellished by the esteemed presence of the Chief Guest Dr. Malini V. Shankar, IAS, DG Shipping, Govt. of India, the Guest of Honour Prof. (Dr.) G Sundar (Director, Off - Campus Program & Industry Engagement & Director, BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus) & alumnus of BSME 2008 Mr. Naman Upadhyaya, IFS. Dr Abdul Rahim (Regional Manager of South Asia, Class NK Mumbai) was also present on the occasion to felicitate the spirited performance of our meritorious cadets.

The ceremony started with Principal Dr. B.K. Saxena's inspirational speech for the batch. The course report was presented by Dr. Sanjeet Kanungo, PCME, stating 95% placement of the batch. Prof. G . Sundar commended the class by awarding them their Graduation Degrees. Dr. Abdul Rahim also distributed the Class NK project awards to the cadets.

The Chief Guest felicitated the prize and scholarship winners. The cadets awarded for their excellent performance were:

Aditya K. Baranwal : Vasant J. Sheth Memorial Gold Medal for Best Academic Performance.

Aadesh J. Srivastava : Chairman's Silver Medal for All Round Performance.

Former ICC, Karan Singh gave the valedictory speech which enthused everyone. The ceremony ended with the vote of thanks by Provost, Capt. Raj Razdan.

RENDEZVOUS WITH CDR. S DASGUPTA (RETD.)



INTERVIEWED BY MILIND BASSON,
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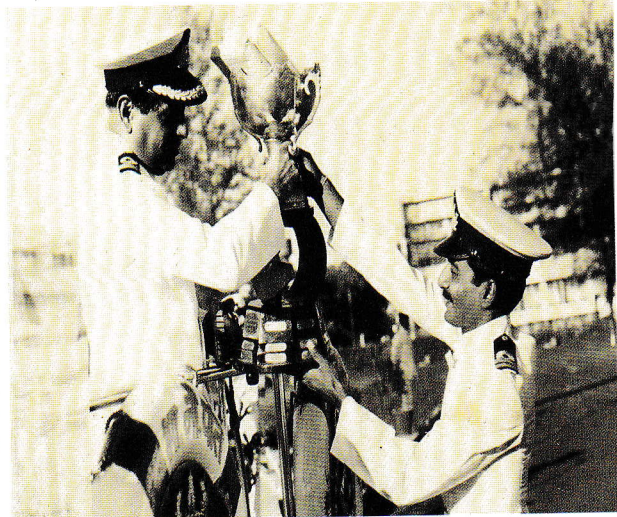
Cdr. S. Dasgupta (Retd.) needs no introduction. Beginning his journey as an NDA cadet, he went places beyond the expectations of many and experienced myriad seasons in life. A man with many hats, he is an eternal source of inspiration and energy to all. We managed to have a chat with him and tried getting insights on various fronts.

How was your school life?

I was an extremely naughty kid back then, I held a datum in naughtiness. I once saved and petted a white mouse and then arranged bouts for it with other mice. I loved challenges and studied only if there was a good bait. I will never trade my school life for anything and would love to relive each moment.

How did your parents deal with a notorious kid like you? Were they worried about your future?

My parents were very worried about my mistakes and amusements, but although my father was strict, he overlooked many of them. Although the complaints reached him, he never clipped my wings. My father wanted me to do Plastic Engineering which had very little scope back then. Because of my odd studying habits, I scored on a brim in the 10th Board examinations. The Registrar of my school, Wing Commander Ansari believed that I would make it to NDA. When I cleared my SSB and made it to the merit list, I was in the top 50 of the country. My written examination didn't go well, but I suppose the SSB went exceedingly well, that's how I made it to NDA.



For a kid with a reputation as yours, did NDA change things for you?

Even in NDA, my mischief didn't stop and the change was gradual. I was once caught by my seniors trying to get honey out of a beehive. To my amazement instead of punishing me, they shared the prize. But in the 6th term I had a sudden change in my habits as we had naval subjects. I was already told that it would be very tough for me to get through. The idea of sharing a classroom with my juniors made me start studying. To everyone's surprise, when the results were declared, I was honoured with an anchor which was awarded to the top 5 cadets. Suddenly I wanted to do engineering and once I started focusing, I came first in the engineering subjects as well I have either seen less than 50% or more than 75%. NDA and the Navy changed me. It brought me on track and gave me a value system. So, whatever I stand for today, it is all because of the same and I am grateful to these.

While deciding a career in the Forces, what made you choose Navy over the other two?

This happened randomly. In my school, everyone filled their preferences in the order - Air Force, Army and the Navy. But I had to be different so I filled Navy as all my preferences. I got selected in the Navy on the basis of merit.

Do you regret missing out on practising your skills as an artist while serving in the Indian Navy?

See, you can't have everything in life. Also, NDA had a very flourishing Art Club where I nurtured my skills. What I missed out was, I couldn't exhibit my creations. I used to go to the Jahangir Art Gallery in Mumbai and I wanted to showcase my work in its exhibition. The waiting period back then was about two years and by the time my chance was up, I got transferred. This made me realise that the chances of portraying my artistic skills were very bleak.

How was your time in the Navy?

My time in the Navy was very fulfilling because I was doing well, in both, academics and sports. I was usually rewarded with the All Rounder Trophy. Later in my career, I got Nuclear Physics as my subject for higher studies. I became a specialist in Nuclear defence which took me places. I played an active role in various missions because of my knowledge in Nuclear Physics. Adventure and thrill were something that encouraged me to do more.

What's your game plan to deal with situations when they get tough?

I don't think situations are tough. The problem arises when we don't know how to tackle them. Thanks to my training in NDA, I consider death as the worst possible outcome of any situation. So when you are accepting it in the first place that you could die, there is no ambiguity and the efficiency increases manifold. I have tried to inculcate the same logical thinking in my kids.

Did studying Nuclear Physics open new doors for you?

In BARC there was a lot of pressure on me because I had to break the general perception that men in uniform do not excel in academics. Throughout the 32 week course, there was a final examination every week. I managed to emerge as the batch topper in the very first examination of Nuclear Physics. Soon I was teaching my fellow batch mates as I had practical knowledge of machinery. I loved teaching back then as well. I feel there is nothing else which could compound your knowledge better than teaching.



Is that how you developed the desire to teach? And how did TMI happen?

I went to Naval College of Engineering (NCE), INS Shivaji to teach because I had very much affinity for that place. After hearing about my excellent feedback from the students, my tenure was extended. There was a time, when even the Army wanted me to teach for them. When I quit the navy, I really wanted to do something with my creativity. I took a job of Graphic Designer in Mumbai and eventually took up a Managerial post of the same firm. Even though the pay was great, I was not satisfied. Then one day, my wife found an advertisement for the vacancy of a steam engineer in TMI. So, here I am.

What role does art play in your life?

Art plays a pivotal role in my life. Things run in parallel, from the moment I wake up, while I am teaching, while eating dinner every time until I go asleep. If I find something worth, the artist inside me appreciates it. Now even my wife knows about it.

We know for the fact that apart from teaching, you've got your hands full with a lot of other things. What is the secret behind this endless source of energy?

At times people tell me that God is unfair to have given you so many talents, but I feel that the two major ingredients of being so divergent are to have belief in yourself and the desire for excellence. I have made a garden in my backyard which has a pond, waterfall, fishes and continuous water flowing which I completed just 3 months backs. I like playing the saxophone, I have learnt martial arts and know how to use nunchaku and I even do carpentry. It is just the desire that has driven me so far.

Are there any cheat days in your life, do you ever feel low?

Never. There's just no time for it. If you don't have any wants, you won't get denied and eventually you will not feel low. Yes but I do feel low if I notice injustice or inequality anywhere and then I fight, I fight a lot. People think of me as a rebel because I point out things straightaway.

Was this mindset present in you right from the beginning or you developed it over time?

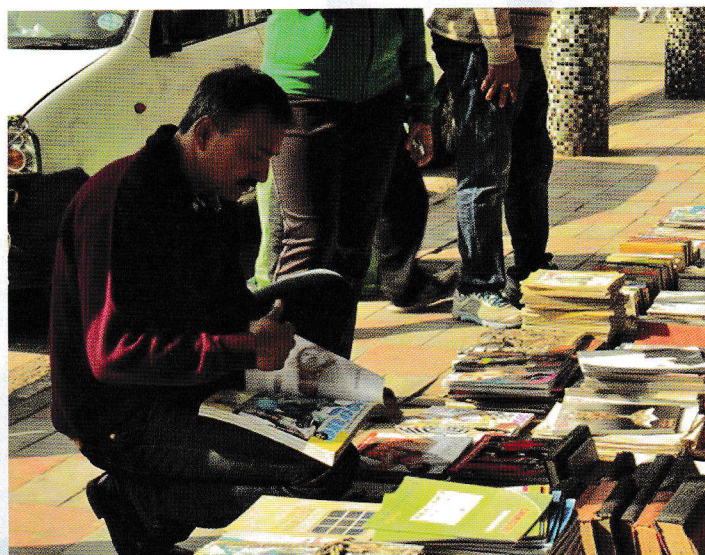
I heard my father telling this to someone and this thing really moved me. I was very contented from the beginning, we had four chairs in the dining hall for me my father, my mother and my elder brother. So if we had a visiting, I was the one to vacate the seat and had to sit on the ground.

Is there anything left on your bucket list?

I would really love to invest some more time in learning saxophone and one day would love to perform on the stage.

Is there any message you want to give to the cadets?

I would just like to say that there is no shortcut to success and that there is only one life, whatever you want to do, do it now. Do not postpone anything, even if you want to enjoy right now, enjoy to the fullest. Spend every hour wisely, so there are no regrets.





IWCEM 2017 was held from 3rd to 5th June, 2017 at Hotel Crowne Plaza, Jaipur. This was the 10th technical seminar that was jointly organised by the Manipal University, Jaipur and the Tolani Maritime Institute, Pune. The proceedings were chaired by Dr. B.K. Saxena, Principal TMI. Dr. G Satheesh Reddy, Scientific Advisor to the Defence Minister, Govt. of India, was the Chief Guest for the event. Dr. S Guruprasad, Director General, DRDO and Cmde. Rakesh Anand (Retd.), CMD, Mazagon Docks Ltd. were the Guests of Honour.

The event was attended by Flag officers of Indian Navy, Indian Army, Indian Air Force and the Indian Coastguard, CMDs and senior management personnel from shipyards, DRDO and other defence R&D organizations, and academic institutions. As the inaugural session progressed, Vice Admiral S.K.K. Krishnan, AVSM, VSM (Retd.) and Rear Admiral R.K. Shrawat, AVSM (Retd.) were felicitated for their respective contributions. Capt. Clark O Troyer, Commanding Officer, Office of Naval Research, US Navy and Dr. Samir Degan, President, NACE International, also addressed the gathering. The technical sessions were divided into four groups. Mr. G.B. Jadhav and Mr. Somnath Nirali, Faculty, TMI also presented their technical papers in the seminar. A team of 23 students from TMI participated in the Students Technical Seminar (STS) and presented 14 of the total 25 technical papers Eight out of ten awards were won by TMI students. The winners were -

Session 1 First : Cdt. Snehadri Banik, Second: Cdt. Shikhar Swaroop

Session 2 Second : Cdt. Prabhjit Virmani, Cdt. Yohaam Ramdas

Session 3 First : Cdt. Mohit Sharma, Second: Cdt. Siddhant Srivastava

Session 4 Second : Cdt. Sagar Karnati

Overall Second : Cdt. Prabhav Seth, Cdt. Rahul Joshi

Overall First : Cdt. Rishabh Jhangra

Honourable mentions include cadets Prabhav Seth, Shraddha Kant Singh, Pratyush Sharma, Nikhil Agarwal, Pranjal Sharma, Arya Sen.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2017

RUBAL KHATRI

“Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.” - Warren Bennis

On 14th August 2017, the First Year cadets witnessed the Investiture Ceremony at the Tolani Maritime Institute. The ceremony began with Principal Dr. B.K. Saxena, Provost Capt. Raj Razdan, PCME Dr. Kanungo and PCNT Capt. K. Iyer being welcomed by the cadets. The cadets were glowing as the Institute honoured them with the uniform and once in uniform, discipline and self-conduct come from within. The cadets in their immaculate turn out took their positions for the age-old tradition of oath swearing, which talked about maintaining and improving the name and honour of the institute, which was primed after much dedication and hard work of the faculty and the alumni. Every face displayed new heights of courage, confidence and determination. The oath was followed by an address by the Principal who welcomed the cadets to the profession of sea faring and told them the importance of discipline and commitment. Capt. Razdan, Dr. Kanungo and Capt. Iyer also motivated and blessed the cadets for a healthy journey. A sense of social responsibility was instilled in the students

by their simple yet powerful words.

The cadets then marched out of the auditorium, where after a short while their epaulettes were unveiled and the cadets were euphoric. It was a solemn occasion as the young cadets donned the mantle of leadership and prepared themselves to overcome any crest or trough they may face further in life. It was indeed a very proud moment for the cadets who walked into the doors of this profession amidst an air of enthusiasm and anticipation. The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem, a chorus of congratulations and a dawn of new responsibilities for the young leaders.



AKHIL BALAKRISHNAN



The 71st Independence Day on August 15th was marked by a variety of commemorative events in various places across the country. The Adventure club of Tolani Maritime Institute headed by Mr. Kailas Mehendale organised the 'Independence Day Cycle

Ride', which was open to both faculty and cadets. The ride led by Mr. Sankar Subramanian was flagged off at 0545 hrs. The total ride was of 42 kms, whereby the cyclists had started from TMI clubhouse, travelled to Sudha Dam and then to a village nearby. They reached the village by 0700 hrs, had some snacks and continued their journey refreshed and energised. They returned by 0900 hrs, in time for the flag hoisting ceremony. The paths were muddy and rain kept on pouring for most part of the ride but their spirit to spread the message of freedom made this event a very memorable and fun experience.

INTERNATIONAL FERRY DESIGN COMPETITION

AKHIL BALAKRISHNAN

The Worldwide Ferry Safety Association conducted the Fourth Annual International Ferry Design Competition in which TMI also took part. With the aim to design a safe and affordable ferry to be operated on the Chao Phraya river in Thailand, the team consisting of Cds. Abhishek Banerjee, Achal Agnihotri, Pranav Rao, Rishabh Jangra, Saksham Kiroriwal worked under the guidance of Cdr. Bhaskar Walimbe, Faculty TMI. To keep in compliance with the constraints of the project the team designed a catamaran named M.V. Singha. Major aspects towards designing this vessel included safety and cost effectiveness. With guidance regarding the safety protocols from Capt. S.G. Deshpande, easy access to required softwares by CAD Lab and continuous support and enthusiasm from



Principal Dr. B.K. Saxena and PCME Dr. Sanjeet Kanungo, the team managed to submit a commendable design on time. It was a job well done, thanks to the amazing teamwork and guidance of the faculty members.

TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS

ANGADBIR SINGH



“A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind and touches a heart.”

Commemorating the ‘Guru - Shishya’ relationship, a function was held to acknowledge the immense importance of Teachers’ Day on 6th September 2017 in the auditorium. The welcome speech and introduction to the day was given by Cdt. Mebin David. Subsequently, the legacy of former President of India, Dr. S Radhakrishnan, his thesis on Vedanta philosophy and the future he envisioned for his motherland that won him the title of ‘Great Philosopher and Teacher’ was talked about. Cdt. Saurabh Dwivedi enlightened the audience as to why Teachers’ Day is celebrated in his memory. This was followed by an enthralling classical performance

of tabla and tanpura, vocal melodies and a dance performance by the dance troupe consisting of Cdt. Satwik Kathuria, Sahil Nanglia, Nihal Thamatham, S Vaidehi, Megha S. A. and Bhavna stand up was also performed by Cdt. Saurabh Dwivedi and Apoorv Tripathi that sent the audience into hoots of laughter. Not only the cadets but also faculty members like Mr. Harish Deshpande presented a soulful rendition. The celebrations culminated with ICC Cdt. Vividh Sinha’s speech, followed by a gift presentation from the Class of 2017 Marine Engineering Batch.

FRESHERS' CUP 2017

ANSH BHATNAGAR



Overcast skies, bustling avenues and the four houses fighting for the age-old tradition of the Freshers' Pride. The Freshers' Cup 2K17 was an aplomb induction into the Tolani legacy for the next generation of cadets, showcasing glimpses of utter brilliance and true dedication as coming of age stars. The actual tournament commenced on 5th August 2017, however, the buzz lighting up hostel corridors vying for house supremacy and the grind to glory initiated weeks before.

The games were held in various disciplines - Table Tennis, Squash, Badminton, Football and Basketball - with Morarjee and Master holding dominance in the Racquet Sports category.

Football was the first game to be held in the tournament. Through a series of single knock-out matches, Morarjee and Cassim reached the finals, with the boys in green emerging victorious. The same story seemed to be repeating in basketball. It was a hard run for Master and Mudaliar as the other two houses defeated them by a great margin to reach the finals. In the battle of the Hostel-1 houses, Cassim triumphed to lift the Freshers Cup.

The victory parade saw immaculate sportsman spirit with bitter rivals Cassim and Morarjee lay arm in arm, celebrating a new life at TMI. From absolute strangers to brotherhood, an enthralling four year journey began.

At the end of the tournament the final house standings were :

1. Cassim
2. Master
3. Morarjee
4. Mudaliar

VISITS

01-Jun-17	Vice Admiral AR Karve, AVSM	Flag Officer Commanding Southern Naval Command
22-23 Jun. 2017	Mr. Divakar P. Amin Ashish B. Matta	Ship Surveyor, ClassNK Ship Surveyor, ClassNK
08-Jul-17	Captain S. S. Jairam	Director, Seaarland Shipping Management, Mumbai
03-Aug-17	Mr. Anand Mani	CEO, Geden (Global Synergy)
06-Aug-17	35 members	Association of Retired Members from Public Health Department, Gov. of Maharashtra
14-Aug-17	55 Direct Recruit Officers	New India Assurance Company
16-Aug-17	56 Direct Recruit Officers	New India Assurance Company
18-Aug-17	54 Direct Recruit Officers	New India Assurance Company
22-Aug-17	54 Direct Recruit Officers	New India Assurance Company
26-Aug-17	Dr. Malini V. Shankar, IAS Prof. G. Sundar	Director General of Shipping, Govt. of India Director, Off-Campus Programmes and Industry Engagement & Director, BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus
07-Sep-17	Capt. I. Fadra	d'Amico Shipping

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