



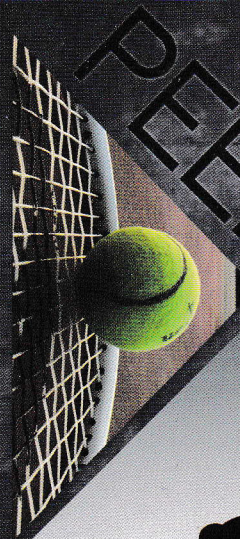
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It gives me immense satisfaction and pleasure to present to you the December issue of MARITIMES. The issue explores the archives in formal and informal senses, promising you a journey of what all has been going around you, both in and out of TMI. From victories to defeats, heart wrenching passion to rekindling vibes, we bring to you all such moments and more in this edition. Enjoy the creativity, both in our pages and outdoors. As always, we welcome your comments and valuable feedback for improvement. Cheers!

Chirag Alva

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EDITOR'S NOTE

The past six months have been no less than a haywire trigonometric function, with invigorating journeys, accolades and acclaims and soulful emotions. A lot has happened, many things have changed and some other things will continue to alter in the coming days. As rightly said by Martin Luther King, "There is no glory without grief", we continue to move ahead, in times good as well rough, with the lasting impressions of those not around us anymore.

As we mourn the loss of a visionary like Dr. N.P. Tolani, it would not be wrong to say that he continues to stay alive in our hearts, minds and thoughts. My heartfelt gratitude to the Principal, Provost , Programme Chairs and various faculty members for interacting with us and providing an insight to Late Dr. N.P. Tolani's vibrant persona and life. I would also like to thank Mr. Shishir Dutt for taking out some time to have a gripping chat with us. A special thanks to Cds. Neilkanth Ganguly and Yogyata Rani for their valuable inputs.

Amidst all the ongoing rumble of events, recapitulating important lessons that were learnt in these months, we present to you a little something that will help you stay in tune with the major happenings that have taken place in our own small world at TMI.

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Remembering Dr. N. P. Tolani

Messages compiled by Akhil Balakrishnan, Ashutosh Ranjan,
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Dr. Brijendra K Saxena
Principal

"I first interacted with Dr. N. P. Tolani in November 1998 when I met him in his Mumbai office and he explained his vision of TMI to me. TMI had already started in Sharda Centre in Pune in September 1998 with some 90 students. Seeing his passion and the intensity with which he explained what he wanted, I immediately said I will be interested to be part of this challenging journey. After a few days I, and Mrs. Saxena visited the Sharda Centre and also the site at Induri, where of course nothing was there. I subsequently joined TMI on 20 January 1999 as the Principal.

He was always concerned about the students. In the very first semester of TMI he asked me to develop a merit scholarship plan for the students. On the finalization of the proposed scheme, I was concerned that when all four years are running, the total scholarship amount will be astronomical. He just brushed aside my concern, and in fact increased the total amount. Today TMI gives out scholarships worth more than Rs. 71 lakhs per year, probably the only maritime institute offering such generous support to the students.

He was physically very fit and was always worried if the students have enough opportunities for taking part in sports and also in other extra-curricular activities. He was forever ready to provide any additional facility, if required.

Dr. Tolani usually said that any institute is only as good as its faculty. He was, therefore always concerned about their up-gradation, welfare and especially about the papers written and presented. He routinely enquired about the number of papers presented and published by the teachers.

He was totally committed to education and wanted good education to be available to the youth of the country. He never treated education as business, as for that he had his shipping company. In fact once he told me that "Education is not business, but it must be operated as a business". What he meant was, TMI must be operated efficiently and we all must use different management techniques so that TMI reaches greater heights.

Working with Dr. Tolani had been a great learning experience and I am happy and totally satisfied that the opportunity to join him came and I took it. His memories shall remain forever with us."

Capt. Raj Razdan
Provost

"It is not easy to write in brief about legends like Dr. N.P. Tolani. He lived life to the fullest whilst making a difference to the community at large and maritime community in particular. Almost all whom he came in touch with fondly recall him as a gentleman full of vigor with a desire to accomplish whatever he set his eye upon.

I recall my first meeting with Dr. Tolani in his Mumbai office sometime in September 1999. This is because I had expressed my interest in joining the project for which I confess that I did not know much about. Dr. Tolani spoke about his dream project of setting up a maritime educational institute; the passion with which he was talking said a lot about the honesty of purpose in his mind. At the end of about a ten minute talk, he said, "Will you help in achieving my dream and be part of it?" – I said Yes, but may be rather softly because then he said, "Don't look at my age and think what will happen after me as you are still young –be rest assured that my both children are equally passionate about this project and I am putting my money in it as I wish to give back to society something which I got from them." At that time I had no idea about the energy level of the person I was talking to and he did prove each and every word he told me that day.

A great man and a great teacher, he was always father like to me and I felt that I could discuss anything under the sun with him. I learnt many things about project management and managing human resources just by listening to him talking to others. It was great education to learn how to take calculated risks in business and adopt to change, in case he felt his plan was not working as expected.

I am told once, in the initial days of preparing drawing of TMI, Late Dr. CP Srivastava, a person whom he held in great esteem and the then Chairman, TMI Governing Council asked him about the project report. Dr. Tolani pointed to his head and said - It is all here. He was not only confident but knew exactly what he wanted to do, leaving no stone unturned to bring his project to a logical end. Rarely have I seen people who were effective as well as efficient – he knew what is to be done and also how to do it. I remember once we were discussing a case which could not see light of the day when with a disarming smile, he gave me the Guru Mantra - NEVER MISS WOODS FOR THE TREES.

Dr. Tolani's style of management can best be described as 'Management by Walking'; Though he was residing in Mumbai at Altamount Road but at least three to four times a week he used to visit Induri and be on site by 0830 hrs. He would walk down every road, every room, get inside the lake area, inspect virtually every contour and discuss how to use slopes, create embankment, weirs et all. Despite having such deep knowledge of construction and materials to be used, he never used to hesitate to consult experts of the field to get the best results. He always led from the front offering square shoulders.

In most of the meetings he used to enquire about availability of scholarships for students, how girls are performing in the course, do students have good sports facilities. It was always that he gave us more than what we asked for students, be it indoor badminton and glass back squash courts, synthetic track, sailing catamarans, swimming pool etc. He himself was very fond of swimming and did almost thirty lengths in the pool in his own unique free style even at the age of 85. An outstanding sailor and Bridge player, he sponsored the National Bridge team for many years.

Dr. Tolani was highly nationalist in his thoughts and approach. He always wanted Indian seafarers to do well. I must confess that at times I did mention to him that too many colleges are coming up and this will affect us as market will get flooded. But he was never worried. He said, "You do your job well and maintain quality – the world needs quality manpower more than we can train."

Amongst his other personal likings were fast cars. Also, he had great penchant for Ball Room Dancing where Mrs. Tolani used to join him. Doing Waltz on the tune of 'Blue Danube' was his favorite. A man with a tremendous sense of humour, I recall he once invited me to a party in Taj, Mumbai and asked me to come a day earlier and take care of 'girls' as many will be coming. Later, I realized that all girls were over 75 years.

Men like Dr NP Tolani come in few numbers. As a mark of respect and a true tribute to the great leader, we shall strive to live up to his ideals in future."

Capt. Krishnamurthy Iyer

Programme Chair – Nautical Technology

"Dr.N.P. Tolani was a great visionary who could think ahead of times. At Induri, he converted uneven barren land into a beautiful college, landscaped the entire area, planted over 10,000 trees and made an artificial lake. Having done his Doctorate in Agricultural economics, he took keen interest in gardening and horticulture. Tolani Maritime Institute is blessed with numerous gardens and thousands of variety of trees. He encouraged education and bestowed liberal scholarships.

A towering personality, he created a positive aura wherever he went. He believed in a transparent system and encouraged his employees to be transparent. He had varied interests like playing bridge, sailing and swimming. He even organised bridge tournaments and gave liberal prizes.

Dr. Tolani was the recipient of the prestigious Varuna award, the highest award in the maritime sector. Even though he is not physically present with us, his value system, will always be with us."

Dr.Sanjeet Kanungo

Programme Chair – Marine Engineering

"Dr. N.P. Tolani, a dreamer and an enthusiast, fulfilled his aspirations by suitably engaging people to deliver; and he also created space for his people to dream and realise their ambitions."

Cdr. Sukanta Dasgupta (Retd.)
Programme Chair – Practical Skills

“I joined the institute in 2006 and Dr. Tolani was well in his 80's by then. Age did not deter him and he visited TMI once every week. He would straightway go to various faculty members and take stock of situation from the ground level. I was surprised to see his strength and stamina. Although I did not have the opportunity to interact with him at a personal level but I had enough opportunity to observe him and understand his way of functioning.

I have read and heard stories of many great men without really knowing them. Of all the people that I have known in my life he is the highest achiever, who had the courage to dream big and matched it with his grit, determination and humility. His mere presence was the highest motivation for me. He demonstrated how much can be achieved in one life time- and that to without compromise. Salute.”

Capt. Manoj Kumar Hirkane
Programme Chair - Modular & Competency Enhancement Courses

“I will always remember the warm handshakes with him, which charged us with full energy. Whenever we had conversations, he asked if we were content with our jobs at TMI, and how can he make it more enjoyable. He was a true visionary who always worked for improving the maritime education so that the society gets benefitted.”

Dr. D.D. Mundhra
Examination Controller

“A visionary who contributed a lot towards providing affordable maritime education of global standard by founding and nurturing Tolani Maritime Institute.”

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Dr. N.D. Junnarkar
Faculty, Mechanical Area

“Dr. N.P. Tolani, a polite and soft spoken leader, was always sincere about work. His humility and simplicity knew no bounds. Even at the age of 75, during the initial stages of making this institute, he used to stand at the construction site for hours, sharing all his work experience with the management.

I vividly remember, whenever he used to visit the college to meet the faculty members, he used to wait till the faculty came to his/her cubicle and only then he would enter the cubicle. This speaks volumes of the value he had. In case of any difficulty to the employee, he used to give solutions and decisions on the spot without going into any economic calculations. He used to say - ‘PUBLISH OR PERISH’, to encourage the faculty and staff members to write scholarly articles. He believed in open culture, human relations, human values and gave them back to the society in the form of education and helping the needy.

He was a cheerful person, whatever the situation be. I have never seen or heard from anyone talking ill about him. I even experienced that the nearby villagers respected him a lot. People like Dr. Tolani take birth to set their story as an example for others to follow. His actions have inspired others to dream more, learn more, and do more. He did not believe in taking the right decisions, he took the decisions and made them right. I salute his every effort for making his dream come true.”

Mr. Kailas Mehendale
Faculty, Electrical and Electronics Area

“My cubicle was situated near Dr. Dixit’s cubicle. During Dr. Tolani’s visit to TMI, he used to surely visit Dr. Dixit, every time making sure that Dr. Dixit’s routine was not disturbed. It was such an uncommon sight to see that the Chairperson of the institute was not asking an employee to meet him but instead going to him personally. That was the greatness of Dr. N. P. Tolani, who valued human resources. I am indeed fortunate to have known him.

As a member of the placement and industry interface committee, I had opportunities to visit many shipping companies. On each occasion all senior members of the company spoke high about him and it gave me immense pleasure, knowing that I am working with the right organization and putting tremendous responsibility as well.

On the day of synthetic track inauguration function, after all the speeches, ribbon cutting etc., it was time to release white doves symbolizing peace and harmony. I still remember the innocent and full hearted smile he had. Dr. Tolani's personality was that of a nectar and light house. There are many more occasions which can be mentioned but Dr. Tolani can aptly be described as : Rightful deeds in all earning but selfless thoughts in all spending."

Ms. Swati Das
Sr. Manager – Accounts

"Dr. N.P. Tolani was indeed an extraordinary man with a great vision. The culture of an organization is particularly influenced by the its founder. Dr. Tolani created a culture of integrity and professional approach within the organisation. It is a great honor to have worked for him and the Tolani group.

Dr. Tolani has inspired many, including me, with his quality of working with passion for achieving one's dream. He also had a great quality of getting the best out of people.

For me, he was also a fatherly figure. On the morning of my wedding, he called me and blessed me with his warm wishes. It was indeed one of the happiest moments of my life. His caring attitude towards his employees was exceptional. Dr. Tolani will always have a special place in my heart."

Hon. Lt. Anand Salvi (Retd.)
Warden, Hostel 1

"I have seen him as a human being packed with qualities. Totally hardworking and dedicated to achieve his aim, a sober prodigious gentleman with a clear vision. During the hostel construction, he came to the college from Mumbai at 0800 hours thrice a week. Visiting the hostel full of ideas, sharing and talking them with the wardens, with gestures so friendly that he won countless hearts."

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Bridge Federation of India

"The Executive Committee is deeply saddened to hear the loss of one of the biggest patrons of Indian Bridge fraternity, Dr. N.P. Tolani who had been a constant force to promote the game in India. An avid and passionate player himself, his continuous support had led to organizing several national tournaments for decades together including the recently held Summer Nationals.

We pray to the Almighty to bestow us the power to overcome this grief and for his divine soul to rest in peace."

*"We cannot say that he is no more,
He is just away.
With a cheery smile, and a wave of hand,
He has wandered into a land unknown
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of there as the love of here.
Think of him still as the same, we say,
He is not with us - he is just away."*

- Anonymous

Prayer Meet

Ansh Bhatnagar

"The world has lost something invaluable", declared Principal Dr. B.K. Saxena in a very emotional moment. The song has ended but the melody lingers on.

To pay respects to our Late Chairman and Founder, Dr. N. P. Tolani, the Tolani Maritime Institute held a prayer meet in the TMI Auditorium on 17th September, 2017. The event was attended by his daughter, Dr. Sujata Naik-Tolani, who was the Chief Guest of the occasion. Upon her arrival, she received a guard of honour from the guard cadets and the institute band.

The program commenced with the lighting of the lamp by Dr. Naik-Tolani, followed by a song in prayer to the Almighty performed by the cadets. Capt. Indranath Banerjee moved the audience with his opening address. The event saw many well wishers and near and dear ones of Late Dr. Tolani coming forward to share their vivid experiences and memories of him. Dr. B. K. Saxena shared a nostalgic and intimate account of his memory of Dr. Tolani as a person and one of his closest friends. Mr. M. Pinto, Governing Council Member, TMI, reminisced his memory of Dr. Tolani as an industrious and dedicated man, how his undying zeal laid the foundations of the Tolani Shipping Company and the Tolani Maritime Institute and how he took it to great heights with his persistent attempts. Mr. Ravi Buddharaja, Executive Officer, TMI, spoke of how he believed that Dr. Tolani was the epitome of humility. He also revealed how Dr. Tolani was actively involved in the construction of the institute along with him, and how he personally oversaw the construction of every facility. Capt. Razdan's shared memoir highlighted his first meeting with Dr. Tolani, numerous incidents that reflected his praiseworthy management skills, work ethic, good sense of humor and highly nationalist thoughts. He went on to add how Dr. Tolani was not only a mentor but also a friend and father to him.

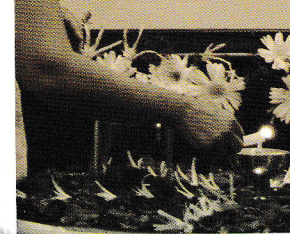
Bhajans were sung by renowned classical singers, followed by a presentation by fourth year Cdt. Rakshit Sharma, Cultural Head, which showed the glorious life of the Chairman through a montage of some never before seen pictures.

Always an endeavoring achiever looking forward to the future, it seemed a perfect homage to plant saplings at the campus he loved the most. Dr. Naik-Tolani, and the entire Tolani Family, along with the Principal, Provost, faculty members, cadet appointments and delegates of the TMI Governing Council planted seven saplings which would grow into massive trees in the future. Dr Naik, planted her sapling with Dr. Tolani's ashes mixed with the soil.

The students of the Tolani College of Commerce performed a Waltz routine - a dance form that was deeply cherished by Dr. Tolani. Dr. Sujata Naik-Tolani, in her address, spoke of her father's lifestyle and his journey, his struggles and his success. She also brought to light his book "Odyssey" and how his shipping company and training institute have changed the world. The faculty members of the Tolani College of Commerce performed a song as tribute to the great visionary and was followed with a pledge by the cadets and faculty members of TMI, on the closing address.

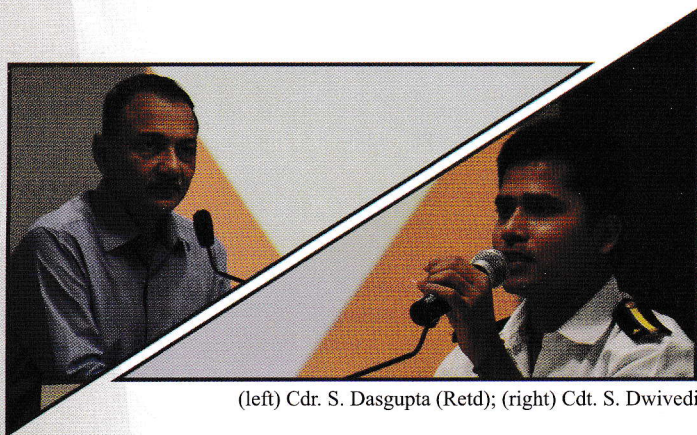
It is rightly said, "That is your legacy on this Earth when you leave this Earth: how many hearts you touch.", and Dr N. P. Tolani truly left a grand legacy behind him.

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A Talk with the Freshers

Ravi Ranjan



(left) Cdr. S. Dasgupta (Retd); (right) Cdt. S. Dwivedi

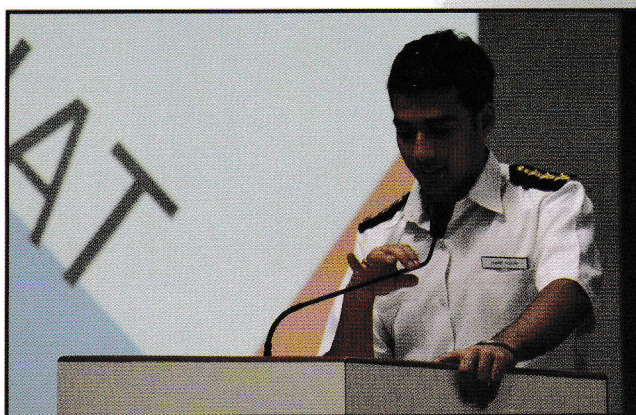
Even a brief interaction can change the way one thinks about himself, his leaders and his future. This is why an interactive session was held for the first year cadets of Tolani Maritime Institute by their seniors on 17th November 2017 in the college auditorium.

Cdr. S. Dasgupta (Retd.), who is also the mentoring co-ordinator for the first year cadets attended this session where the fourth year cadets shared their myriad experiences of TMI from their first year days, the difficulties they overcame and guided on the problems faced by their junior cadets to help them out.

The first one to take up the stage was Cdt. Apoorv Tripathi who shared his experiences and anecdotes as a first year cadet in TMI. Funny, as he is, made the time really enjoyable. Then the mike was passed on to Cdt. Saurabh Dwivedi who read a great poem and later talked about the different responsibilities one has with the self, towards his/her parents, friends and the society.

Cassim HCC Cdt. Pranav Rao explained why time management is very important in one's life. The cadets not only listened carefully but also asked for exam preparation tips as he spoke on how even little actions, whether or not taken in time can govern our fate. Then a video was played of a U.S Navy Seal which spoke about how small changes lead to another big one. ICC Cdt. Vividh Sinha came up next and ventured on how a batch should have unity but for the correct cause. He talked about not getting carried away by any incident or peer pressure. He also spoke about exams and various preparation strategies.

Cdr. S. Dasgupta (Retd.) then came up on the stage and spoke about how one gets attached to the college and how TMI is better than other institutes. He answered the questions asked by the cadets and made the session great fun.



ICC Cdt. Vividh Sinha

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In a fête-à-fête with Mr. Shishir Dutt

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Interviewed by Chirag Alva, Ansh Bhatnagar
Compiled by Ansh Bhatnagar



Onboard Cosmos Ace as a Junior Engineer

Mr. Shishir Dutt is renowned for his intriguing approach to life and inherently crisp work ethic. A DMET alumnus and never one to stop his constant endeavour to grow, he wishes to experience new avenues and learn while he is on a new project. We bring to you a few words from the man who has been instrumental in bringing a change through his duties and work.

Sir, tell us something about your childhood.

I was born in Lucknow, and I grew up near Lakhimpur Kheri. I come from a family of five, my parents and two sisters - one elder and one younger. My father, a professional graduate who chose to farm, was very concerned about my academics from day one. I did my schooling till class seven at St. John's School, in Gola Gokaran Nath. Realising that there were not many opportunities for further studies in and around, my father decided to move us to Lucknow in 1991. After the long haul of admissions I was finally accepted into Mahanagar Boys Inter College, one of the best schools in Lucknow.

What was the new move to Lucknow like? Did you face problems with transitioning?

Personally, I remember going to the same school with my sisters for as long as I'd been back home. But right after we moved to Lucknow, we were all in different schools and that was the first time I realised things had changed. Academically, I completed my class eight in Hindi medium. And taking admission in Hindi medium was a big change for me, because I'd received my entire schooling in English medium. It was a tough year, but it paid off when I got English medium the subsequent year. I, then, went on to complete my Senior Secondary Examinations from there.

How did Marine Engineering happen?

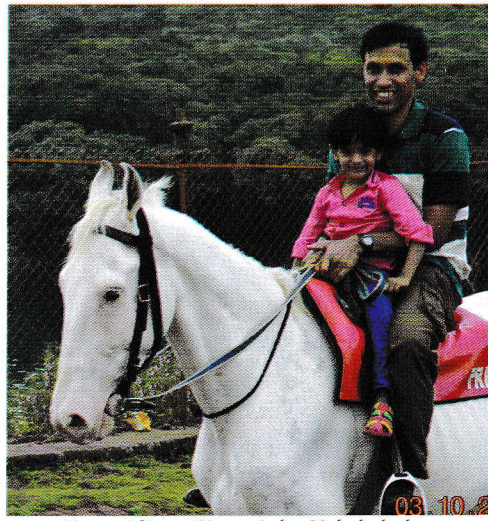
It was after class tenth that most of my classmates started joining coachings to prepare for competitive examinations, but I was regular in school. I had written quite a few entrance exams and cleared them all. My father had seen the advertisement for DMET in the newspaper and I was instantly attracted to it and filled up that form. When my IIT counselling had come to fruit, I had joined IIT-BHU Civil Engineering - and that's something I didn't like because I wanted to do something with Mechanical or Electronics. I attended classes for a week because there was a cut-off date with my admission, and then the call letter from DMET came.

Coming from an IIT, did you adjust to DMET's study pattern well?

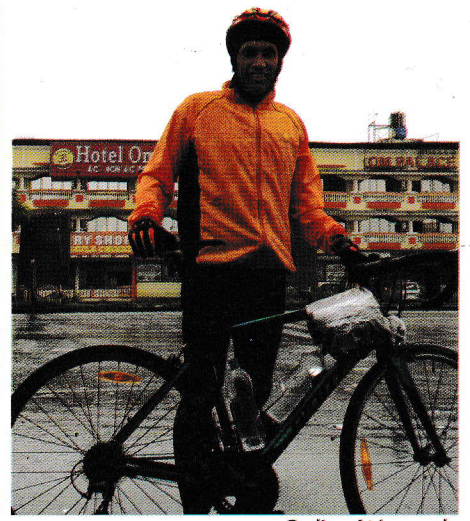
I always had an inclination towards Mechanical and Electronics Engineering. Added to that, being the son of farmer, I always had hands-on experience with machinery, so adjusting to the study pattern wasn't tough.



Onboard Cosmos ace after boiler furnace cleaning



Horse riding at Venna Lake, Mahabaleshwar



Cycling At Lonavala

Growing as a person at DMET, did you ever find yourself in trouble?

Well, there was a time in my second year that I found myself in some hot water. We had a system of Leading Cadets, much like your current system of appointments. My seniors wanted me to take up the post, but I wasn't interested. Eventually, I took up the post for my house. Appointments had hostel responsibilities on weekends and we were given a time to report to the first years' corridor and interact with them. The first years lived in an enclosed corridor with the warden, so this was the only interaction appointments had with the freshers. Due to a miscommunication, my reporting time was switched with someone else's. When I reached there and started interacting with my juniors, the warden quickly called me to his office and blasted at me because I wasn't supposed to be there. He promptly reported the matter to the higher ups and without a chance to speak, I was suspended indefinitely from my college on the grounds of ragging. My parents were worried during the two months I was at home, while I reassured them that DMET has always curtailed mishaps through scape-goating and this year, I was their scapegoat. When I was finally called back, I had just two weeks in hand for the exams and I cleared all my papers.

Any memorable experiences of yours as a Cadet?

In third year we had a system of 15 days of external workshop and 15 days of class work in college. I was assigned Calcutta Port Trust and was eager to learn something new. When I got there, I realised that the work culture there was making tea early in the morning and then playing cards all day to pass the time. Right across Calcutta Port Trust were the Khidirpur Docks, where we used to get a lot of ships. So I simply used to cross over to the docks. There were these security checkpoints and all grills and bars that needed ID. I used to present them with my college ID card with the peak cap and get inside. I would then visit ships and with the permission of the crew, open up the circuit panels, trace lines, read manuals and get involved in any maintenance job. The crew never stopped me. I even had lunches onboard many Japanese, Pakistani, Korean and ships of diverse nationalities. I also remember how the entire batch would come to me to study a night before the Electrical exam. It was a huge task and I could never study on those nights if I decided to teach my batchmates. As a result, I devised a safety plan. I would take black paper and cover the windows and grills. Then I would have myself locked inside my room by one of my friends in the next room and have him tell the rest, "Shishir bahar gaya hua hai" and then turn my lights on and study.

You've always struck as somebody curious, always experimenting. Is that your self-image too?

I am happy with what I do, but I'm never content with it. As a person, I am open to change and adapting to it. Ever since our childhood, and even in education, be it engineering, or shipping, we are too conservative in our approach, and I don't find it to be a good thing. I like to try my level best to constantly ensure that everyone around me also grows. Be it with the second years' taking the first years' musters, it is always a method to ensure that people are constantly developing. I remember cycling as a child, and coming here, my only cycling was from home to college and back home. I was initially into organic farming, gardening in my backyard. This was when I was busy with work, completing my MBA in Shipping Logistics, and spending time with my daughter. I also joined the extra first class engineers course. I bought my first MTB on 26th January, 2017 after I finally got free with everything and one Sunday morning I decided to cycle with the TMI Adventure Club with Mr. Kailas Mehendale and when Mr. Sankar Subramaniam was a part of it, to Shikrapur, about 45 km from TMI, and that's when it started. I later found about the BRM, and registered for the 400 km race from Pune to Solapur and managed to complete it under stipulated time. Over the next few 400 km races, I realised that a mountain bike wasn't letting me go faster despite the amount of work I'd put into the pedal - so I decided, being a firm non believer of cycling slow, to buy a road bike, and step up my game to the 600 km event, which too was a great ride. My next target is the 800 km BRM.

Is there any message that you'd like to give out for the cadets?

Do what you like and like what you do. You would be pleased to know how easy things become after that.

Fire Awareness Programme

Rubal Khatri

'Only a life lived for others is a life lived worthwhile.'

-Albert Einstein

No time is better spent than that spent in the service of your fellow man. The TMI Community Service Club organised a 'Fire Awareness Programme' on 9th November, 2017 for the Anganwaadi teachers from Talegaon, Induri, Chakan and other nearby localities, which was attended by more than 50 ladies. They were welcomed by Mr. Anilrao Shelke, who is the in-charge of Fire Fighting at TMI. He briefed them about the nature of fire as it is a crucial element of earth. He even explained how fire is essential in our lives.



Mr. Shelke in hands on demonstration

He told them about the potential sources that can cause fire. The Anganwaadi teachers deal with nearly 60 students everyday. And they not only handle their primary education but also have an additional responsibility of their morning meals.

The session was then taken over by Cdts. Aman Raj, Yogyata Rani, Rubal Khatri and Bhavana Ramraje, where they told the ladies about elementary first aid. They even briefed the gathering about the various myths related to fire. The session was concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Shelke and the cadets who were a part of this endeavour. 'We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give', and the Community Service Club at TMI left no stone unturned in proving it right.

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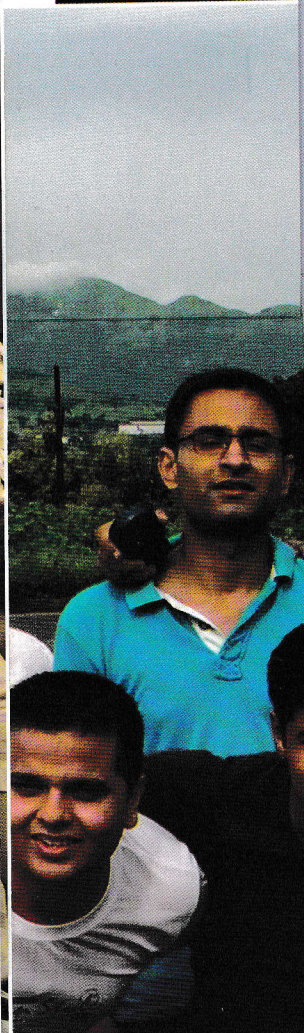
Trip to Rohideshwar Fort

Angadbir Singh

'A healthy body inhabits a healthy mind.'

-Anonymous

Always keeping the student priority as the mindset, a trip to Rohideshwar Fort was organised for the second year cadets as a clear attempt at amalgamation of exercise and fun. The cadets were taken in groups over a period of two weeks to a place around 150 km from TMI in the outskirts of Pune. Accompanied by expert guides in the form of faculty members and seamanship instructors, the cadets scaled the mountainous task with ease. The fort was located on top of a substantially high hill and so the trek was tough, though the view was worth it. Completely awestruck, everybody stared down from the fort ramparts as they viewed the sights below. After some initial 'selfie time', a tour of the fort was done. Though nothing came even close to the overwhelming and absolutely enthralling sensation of being up so high. The lunch was at a temple located in the fort itself prepared by the locals as a thanks for a little social service the cadets did. After a bit of rest, and a lot of photo sessions, the downhill trip started. Exhausted, but still jovial and chatty, the students returned in high spirits. Quite a topic of conversation and a treasure trove of memories, this trip was a definite success.



Book Reading Session

Rubal Khatri

'A book is a gift that you can open again and again.'

-Garrison Keillor

The Reading Club and the Debate Club of TMI recently came together and organised a book reading session on 31st October, 2017 in the TMI LRC, which was led by famous Indian author Ms. Rita Chhablani. Ms. Chhablani, apart from being a writer, is also a popular yoga teacher. She penned down her love for yoga in the form of a book, called 'The Joys of Yoga'.

The audience welcomed the author and her husband, Mr. Kishen Chhablani. After a brief introduction by the couple, they began talking about their book 'Despite Odds', which is a compilation of nine short stories centered around and inspired by the inherent courage of some women as they face their lives. Ms. Rita Chhablani read excerpts from the short story, 'Eyes Lead Me To You'. It was a story about a boy Rajiv, who is fascinated by a young girl whom he encounters everyday at the traffic signal. The story left the audience in tears as it touched everyone's heart. This was followed by a question and answer session where both Mr. and Ms. Chhablani disclosed the immense amount of hard work and determination put in by them for such a successful outcome of the book. Ms. Chhablani even revealed the fact that all the profit made by her book is productively used for the education of underprivileged girls. She truly believes in the quote 'Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope'. This was followed by a cake cutting ceremony. The students were eagerly waiting to get their copies of the book autographed by Ms. Chhablani. The day ended with the announcement of results of the Story Writing Competition where Cdt. Avishek Ankit was awarded the first prize. It was a great day for the students as it instilled the importance of good reading habits in them.

Blood Donation Camp

Ravi Ranjan

It is rightly said, "Though you have nothing to offer even then your blood at times is a great help."

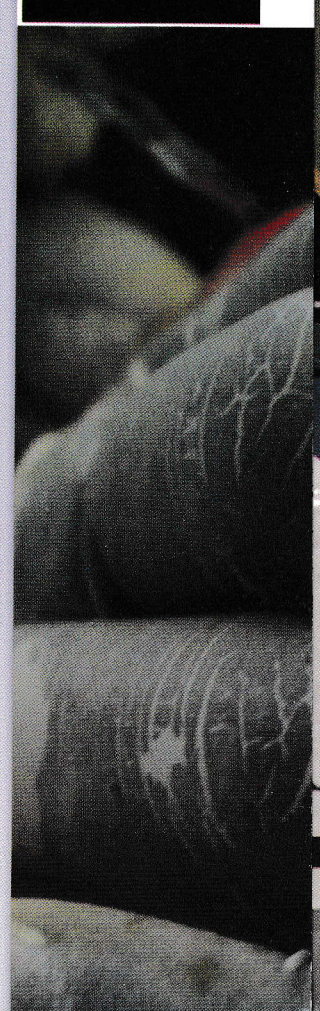
-Anonymous

This idea was a clear motive behind a voluntary blood donation camp organized in Tolani Maritime Institute on 30th October, 2017. A team of doctors from MIMER hospital, Talegaon came up for the noble cause. Forty cadets volunteered and actively participated, making the camp a success. Replying to one of the cadets the doctors said, "Donating blood doesn't cause weakness and a healthy adult can donate up to 350 ml of blood every 3 months. The satisfaction lasts much longer than that little pain of the syringe."

The donated blood will be preserved in the Garware Blood Bank, Pune where it serves to be of great help as a life saver for many people. The medical team appreciated the efforts of the institute for their willingness and support for the cause.



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Football

Akhil Balakrishan

The first sports event of the new academic year - 'The Inter House Football Tournament' was held from 11th-26th September 2017. The competition was held in two categories, A and B. The team B final was held between Cassim house and Morarjee house with Cassim emerging as the winners in a nail biting shootout deciding match. Cdt. Rishabh Singh was named the best player in the category for his stunning saves and presence of mind. The team A final saw Master house emerging victorious over Cassim in a very strongly competed match. Cdt. Himank Thapliyal bagged the best player award in the A category for his performance. As usual the matches saw the largest turnout of cadets, roaring and cheering for their houses with full enthusiasm.

The overall standings were :

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

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Lawn Tennis

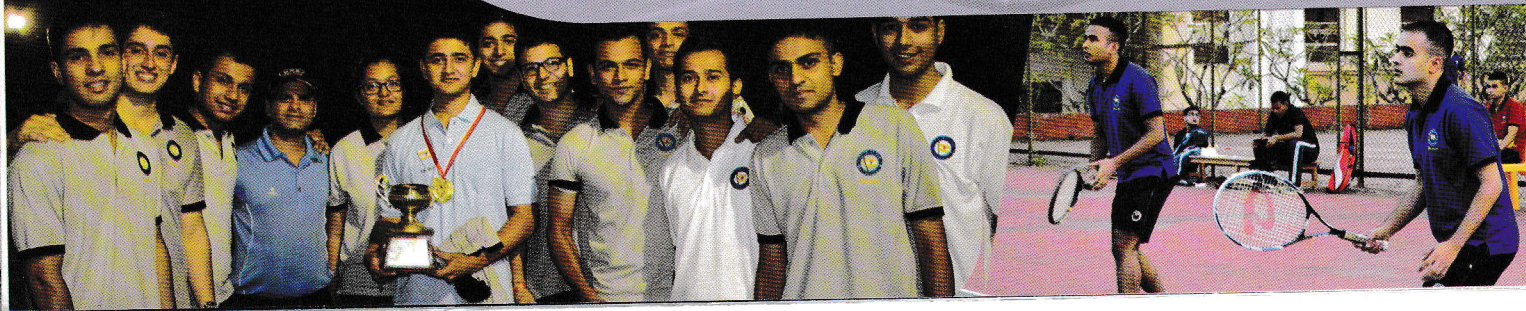
Tanvir Gaikwad

Flaring shots, handsome drives and delicate drops – It was the time again for the players to toil hard and sweat on the courts to fight for their claim in the Inter House Lawn Tennis Tournament. The tournament began on 4th October, 2017 and ended on 27th November, 2017. After a series of knock out and league matches, Master house and Morarjee house with their consistent performance and extraordinary play made it to the finals.

A total of five matches were played in the finals that included two singles, two doubles and one mixed doubles matches. Against all odds, Morarjee house triumphed by beating Master house by 3-2. Cdt. Mayuk, Nihal Joy and Shrijit Menon, Kinjal Palit and Sanjam Dhaliwal were named the best players in singles, doubles and mixed doubles categories respectively.

The final house ranking were :

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





Cross Country

Ansh Bhatnagar

The early morning shivers never managed to clear the climb, as brazen effulgence burned in the heart of every cadet pledging to conquest glory in the battle for house supremacy in the Inter House Cross Country Championship. 19th November, 2017 was the D-Day that had revved up the running practices for over a month.

At 0600 hrs, with Provost Capt. Razdan's flag-off, commenced the greatest race of the winter calendar. Brilliant displays of athleticism were matched by equally brilliant displays of sportsmanship, as non-runners took up the sidelines and cheered on enthusiastically. In the girls' category, Cdts. Shaili Srivastava and Yogyata Rani bagged the first and second positions while in the boys' category, Cdts. Vatsal Khattar, Gargi Dobhal and Vishnu Raj took up the top three spots. The event's overall winner was Master House, and second position was grabbed by Cassim House. Mudaliar and Morarjee houses occupied the third and fourth places respectively. The Institute Blue was bagged by Cdt. Vatsal Khattar of Cassim House who cleared the course in an awestruck 19:03 minutes.

A heartfelt ode was sent in the memory of the Late Cdt. Anurag Verma, as every fourth year cadet ran with their fellow's memory as an etched ink of his name on their backs. "Gone, but never forgotten", his memory forever stays alive.

Table Tennis

Aarush Thrivedi

The academic year 2017-18 already saw an extraordinary display of talent in the field of sports. One such event was the first indoor Interhouse Table Tennis Tournament conducted from 30th October 2017 to 1st November 2017.

All the four teams comprising of ten challengers, eyeing the golden laurel showed great energy and enthusiasm. Sweat fell and tensions rose as the classic rivalry between Morarjee house and Master house reached a bottleneck but it was Morarjee house that stood victorious with a score of 3-2. The chief guest Mr. N.K Mishra, Faculty TMI, graced the final day of the tournament with his presence. Amidst various spectacular game plays, the following cadets were rewarded for their performances :

- 1) Best player (Single-Men) - Cdt. Atharva Pawanaskar who was also honored with TMI blue.
- 2) Best player (Single-Women) - Cdt. Shaili Srivastava
- 3) Best player (Double) - Cdts. Manish Gupta and Heet Modi

The overall house standing were -

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

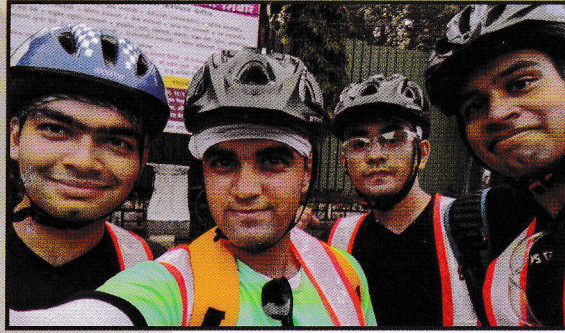


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Pune Randonneurs

Ansh Bhatnagar



Randonneurs at the Starting Line

Adventure and exploration fall hand in hand at Tolani Maritime Institute. A place devoted to constant growth and advancement, the necessity to better oneself comes instinctively - even for the faculty here! The 400 Brevet-de Randonneurs Mondiallar (BRM), a cycling event organized by the Pune Randonneurs of Audax (India) was not a race, just a long distance leisure cycling and a self-supporting ride.

The race comprised of two events - a 400 km. starting from Pune and ending at Satara, and - a 200 km. starting from Pune and ending at Satara, the route through the Katraj Tunnel, with the time limits being 13 hrs. for the 200 km. and 27 hrs. for the 400 km. categories.

The race flagged off on 9th September, 2017, at 0600 hrs. from the Pune University. Safety was ensured at all times, including a thorough safety check at the starting point. Third year Cds. Abhishek Banerjee and Rishabh Jhangra, on their maiden BRM, couldn't complete the event but received an honourable mention for completing 150 km. in the 200 km. event. Prof. Shishir Dutt, Faculty TMI, completed the 400 km event in 25.30 hrs. and was closely followed by Cds. Abhineet Mehrotra and Abdhi Sharan, who completed the event in 26.30 hrs., and all were awarded with a completion medal imported from France.

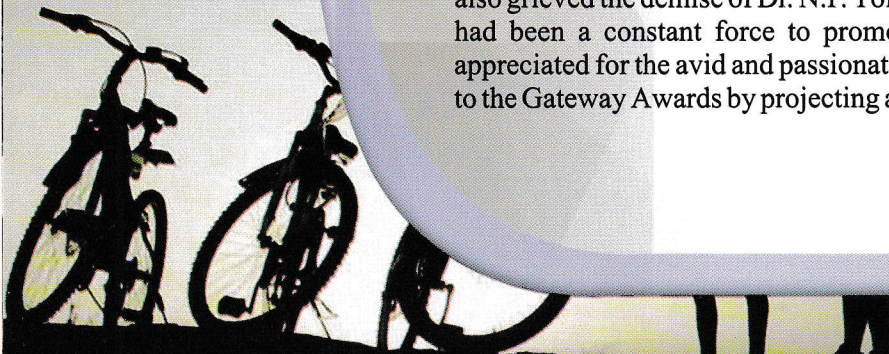
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Maritime Gateway Awards

Aryavarta Giri

The Maritime Gateway Awards honor the best practices and innovations by individuals, organizations and companies from across India's maritime industry. And this year, it was the 10th anniversary of the same. From 5th to 22nd July 2017, all Indian maritime organizations and companies were invited to nominate their business entities for evaluation by the Gateway Awards Jury. The most awaited award was for The Container Terminal of The Year which was awarded to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Container Terminal (JNPCT). JN Port owned JNPCT won the award for its proactive strategies to ease congestion, smooth delivery of containers and revamping infrastructure to support trade amidst adverse conditions.

A contingent of cadets from TMI were also a part of the event. The whole gala evening also grieved the demise of Dr. N.P. Tolani, Founder of the Tolani Group. They said that he had been a constant force to promote the maritime development in India. He was appreciated for the avid and passionate personality he was and for his continuous support to the Gateway Awards by projecting a slideshow of images of the great soul.





Technical Paper Presentations

N.C.G.SSS 2017

Siddhant Srivastava

The National Conference on Greener, Safer and Sustainable Shipping (N.C.G.S.S.S.), organised by the VELS University School of Maritime Studies, was held on 15th September 2017 in Chennai. The Chief Guest for the event was Dr P. Swaminathan and the Guest of Honour was Dr. (Capt.) S. Bharadwaj. A total of nineteen papers were presented out of which, three papers were presented by the students of Tolani Maritime Institute. Second year Cdt. Snehadri Banik, bagged the second prize for his paper. Other honourable mentions include Fourth year cadets, Sagar Karnati and Nihal Joseph Joy, and First year Cdt. Sairam, who also presented their papers with utmost dedication.

TCC

Avishek Ankit

The Tolani College of Commerce organised a two day ICSSR sponsored “National Conference on India and The Indian Ocean: Past, Present and Future” in association with the Department of Geography, University of Mumbai and the Society for Indian Ocean Studies (Mumbai Chapter) from 22nd to 23rd September 2017. The conference was inaugurated by R. Adm. S. J. Singh, AVSM, PVSM. TMI Cds. Siddhant Kumar Srivastava, Avishek Ankit, Hemang Manna, Shubham Shandilya, Snehadri Banik, Ansh Mehta and Akshit Singhania presented technical papers in the conference and received appreciation for their work. The conference concluded on 23rd September 2017 with the keynote address of Dr. Abhijit Dandekar, followed by the vote of thanks by Dr. Vijaya Krishna, Principal TCC.

SAIL SYNERGY 2017

Avishek Ankit

Sail Synergy 2K17, a National Level Marine and Technical Symposium was organised on 25th September 2017 at Sri Venkateswara College of Engineering, Chennai. It provided a platform to cadets from different maritime institutes to showcase their ideas through technical papers, models on specified themes. The proceedings were chaired by Prof. Krishnan.S, Head of Department, MEO CLASS I (MOTOR) and Prof. Sivanarayana K V, B.E. MEO CLASS I was the chief guest for the event. The event was also attended by flag officers of Indian Navy and senior management personnel from various shipyards. Cadets from TMI participated in the seminar and won accolades. In the Paper Presentation category, Cds. Akash Gupta and Avishek Ankit bagged the third and consolation prizes respectively. Prof S.Ganesh Vaidyanathan, Principal SVCE congratulated the winners and wished them good luck for the future.

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Visit to Seamen's War Memorial

Ravi Ranjan

The Annual Remembrance Day was observed at the Seamen's War Memorial in Bund Garden, Pune on 12th November, 2017 with the Wreath Laying Ceremony in memory of Indian seamen who manned merchant ships and craft during the First and Second World Wars. The War Memorial, was built by Mr. Shirish Mohile in the memory of 7955 seamen who lost their lives in the two world wars.



Paying Respects to the Lost Seamen

Chief Guest Capt. Kiran Kamath, Founder Link Shipping, embraced the gathering with his presence. He talked about the present condition of the shipping industry in India and problems faced by it today which are different than those of the time of those golden sailors. The wreath laying was done by Capt. Kiran Kamath, Capt. Sudhir Chaudhary, Cmde. C.L. Saini on behalf of the Indian Navy, Lt. Col. Mahadev Goge on behalf of the Indian Army, Capt. Shri Ram Gokhle on behalf of the Company of Master Mariners of India, Dr. B. K. Saxena, Capt. Mohan Philip, Sub Lt. Yogesh Botre, Cmde. Rajanveer, in respect of all those seamen who lost their lives in those difficult tides of time. A band was played by the Sea Cadet Corps, and the memory of those men of waves prevailed in the minds of the gathering.

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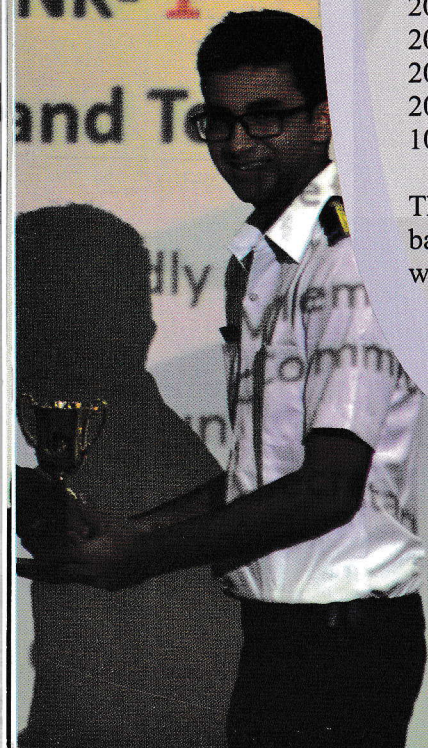
Scholarship Felicitation Ceremony

Ansh Bhatnagar

Tolani Maritime Institute revels on its absolute principles of consistency and hardwork, and rewards the fruits of hard labour with not just felicitations, but also true honor to those who persevere to achieve. The Scholarship Felicitation Function was held on 17th November, 2017 to recognize the efforts put in by the cadets into their academics during the February 2017 – July 2017 session. The award list in order of the ranks is as follows –

- 2014 ME : Cdts. Achal Agnihotri, Sujan Thapa, Rishab Malhotra
- 2015 ME : Cdts. Nirmal Parihar, Milind Basson, Dinesh Kumar E S
- 2015 NT : Cdts. Paul Sebastian, Varun Thippireddy, Jaswinder Singh
- 2016 ME : Cdts. Chandan Kumar, Sanchit Saraswat, Sagar Tandon
- 2016 NS : Cdts. Harsh Singh Chauhan, Mayur Agarwal, Vatan Verma
- 10 GPA : Cdts. Nirmal Parihar and Paul Sebastian

The Program Chairs and Principal took the opportunity to stress on the virtue of the application-based learning curriculum which the institute continually grows towards and to congratulate the winners and inspire all the cadets to out their best foot forward during the upcoming final exams.



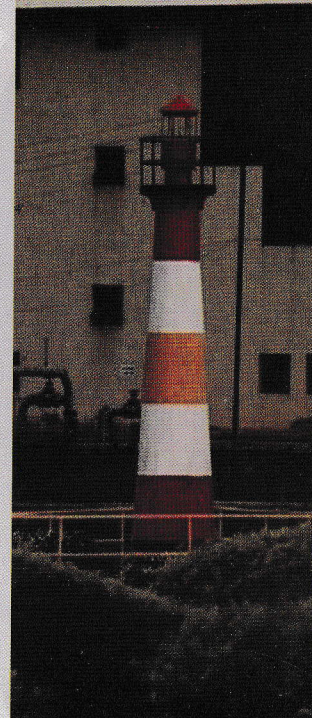
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08 Sept. 17	Capt. S. Subhedar	TMI AC Member
15 Sept. 17	Ms. Anjana	University of Strathclyde
15 Sept. 17	Capt. Shashank Jahagirdar Mr. Varadraj	Maersk
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04 Nov. 17	Janet Jonathan Tyler Corson-Rikert	Cornell University
07 Nov. 17	Mr. Steve Watson	Country Manager, Enermech India Pvt. Ltd
11-19 Nov. 17	Capt. Shashank Jahagirdar Capt. Saurabh Mahesh Ms. Raine Lim Mr. D'Souza	Maersk
18 Nov. 17	Capt. Anil Singh Capt. Ajay Bhasin	Eastern Pacific Shipping, Singapore Eastern Pacific Shipping, India
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