



# Tolani Maritime Strengthens Repute

## 'Sixth Batch of Engineers float into the Maritime World en masse'



Mr B K Saxena, Principal, TMI welcoming the audience



Capt Raj Razdan, Provost, TMI paying the vote of thanks



Ahmedali Abbas Lokhandwala receives Vasant J Sheth memorial gold medal for Best Academic Performance



Vinodh R receives Chairman Dr N P Tolani's Gold Medal for Best All Round Performance

[18th August 2007, Pune] Pune based Tolani Maritime Institute (TMI) displayed its immense strength in the field of Marine Training when holding its Convocation ceremony of the sixth batch of Marine Engineers in a grand ceremonial fashion at its picturesque premises covering over a 100 acres.

Dr. L. K. Maheshwari, Vice Chancellor, Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani had been chosen to preside over the function as the Chief Guest.

The passing out batch had two unique features which proved to be the toast of the ceremonies.

Firstly, the Batch had 8 Girl Cadets in a single batch for the first time ever in the history of the institute and elsewhere too, seeking their fortunes at sea.

Secondly, the Batch had attracted the attention of prospective employers in a major way by gaining 100% lucrative placements in the Maritime Industry. This again is one for the records in the annals of the Industry and Training Institutes!

The Welcome Speech was delivered by Principal B.K. Saxena who advised the graduates to strive for excellence in their pursuit of their careers as Marine Engineers and take pride in doing their bit for the Industry. In this way, they would win laurels for their Company, the Shipping community, the TMI and the nation at large.

TMI in collaboration with BITS Pilani has been conducting a four-year degree course in Marine and

Nautical Engineering since 1998, and hence it was natural to have Dr. Natarajan, Dean DLPD, BITS Pilani also addressing the gathering.

Dr. Natarajan lauded the students' achievements and as seafarers envisaged them in a greater role as Ambassadors of India to the World!

Next Dr (Mrs) Sujata Naik, TMI, Vice Chairperson took the podium and exhorted the students to make their alma mater proud by achieving their very best.

Later in his keynote address, Dr. Maheshwari was at his eloquent best and philosophized, "Innovation is the future of the Nation", while awarding the batch of 124 Marine Engineers their well deserved degrees.

The ceremony ended with a Vote of Thanks administered by Captain Raj Razdan, Provost, TMI. Capt. Razdan appreciated the presence of the recruiting companies at the function and took pride in their continued faith in candidates bearing the TMI label!

He noted with pride the eight Girl Cadets from the TMI academy, who would take to the seas shortly.

The list of the awards for academic and extra-academic excellence was then released.

Many parents and guardians had thronged to the ceremonies, and the atmosphere was soon one of pride and gaiety as they mingled cheerfully with their wards at the conclusion of the evening.



Dr N P Tolani, founder of Tolani Maritime Institute



Dr L K Maheshwari, VC BITS, Pilani and Dr (Mrs) Sujata Naik, Vice Chair Person TMI



Dr Natarajan, Dean DLPD, BITS Pilani addressing the gathering



Dr (Mrs) Sujata Naik, Vice Chair Person, Governing Council Tolani Maritime Institute, addresses the gathering



Governing Council Members and audiences at TMI auditorium



Audience at TMI Auditorium

Chairman's Gold Medal for Best All Round Performance	: Vinodh R.
Chairman's Silver Medal for Best All Round Performance	: Shiva H Sarawagi
Vasant J Sheth Memorial Gold Medal for Best Academic Performance	: Ahmedali Abbas Lokhandwala
First in Marine Engineering Courses	: Dinesh B Khanna
First in Applied Science Courses	: Ahmedali Lokhandwala
First in Electrical & Electronic Courses	: Ahmedali Lokhandwala
First in Thermal Engineering Courses	: Tarandeep Singh Ahuja
First in Drawing & Design Courses:	: Preshit Vikas Sonawane
First in Naval Architecture Courses	: Ahmedali Lokhandwala
First in Mechanical Engineering Courses	: Amit Kumar
First in Internship Courses	: Abhinav Madan Amit Kumar Prana Verma
Manbhaw Trust Scholarship For Girls	: Divya Iyer Mandira Naik Rashmi
Chellaram Cash Award for Highest Marks in Marine Engg. Courses Upto 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Rs.10, 000	: Ahmedali Lokhandwala
Anglo-Eastern Cash Award for Academic Excellence Rs.11, 000	: Samar Rastagi
Anglo-Eastern Cash Award for Academic Excellence Rs.5, 000	: Akhil Jaiswal
Anglo-Eastern Cash Award for Academic Excellence Rs.3, 000	: Dhawal Tandon
Spirited Performance	: Deepika Rao Urmita Das Shravan Kaul
Special Award for Innovation/Design	: Gautam Kumar Sidharth Kumar