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"Marine Waves" Management wishes all our readers to Think, Write and Share your personal views and experiences and interact with the relevant people. We respect the right to freedom of expression. All for free to make "TIME" more productive in one's life. A glimpse on Indian Maritime University.



- "Indian Maritime University" – IMU is the first central university to be set up by the Department of Shipping through an Act of Parliament. The Act was notified in the Government of India's Gazette on November 11, 2008. Dr. P. Vijayan, Director, National Maritime Academy in Chennai, has been appointed as the first Vice-Chancellor of the IMU. IMU is bound to improve the quality of marine training, for having come into existence. Further, it should help Indian seafarers to compete globally and to increase representation in the worldwide seafarers circle. (IMU) was inaugurated on 31st December, 2008, at Chennai.
- "Maritime education" was so far under the control of the Mariners in the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), with their lesser sea experience and of less academic value in profession, resting purely on the certificate of competency meant for the operation, maintenance and administration of ships, with their trade apprenticeship background. It is not encouraging for such a situation to continue and hence fell under I.I.M.S., the Indian Institute of Maritime Studies (IIMS). Under its umbrella are: T.S. Chanakya, Navi Mumbai, Lal Bahadur Shastri College of Advanced Maritime Studies and Research, Mumbai. Marine Engineering and Research Institute (MERI), Mumbai. Marine Engineering and Research Institute (MERI), Kolkata. In addition National Maritime Academy (erstwhile National Institute of Port Management) is at Uthandi, Chennai under the Ministry of Shipping, Government of India, National Ship Design and Research Center (NSDRC) is at Visakhapatnam under the Ministry of Shipping, Government of India. The Indian Institute of Ports Management (IIPM) at Kolkata. There are over 120 private marine training institutes, spread over India approved by DGS and all the above-said institutes are expected to be under the control of IMU and some of the interesting features of Indian Maritime University are:
- Expected to be set up like the World Maritime University (WMU) in Malmo, Sweden. WMU was established by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in 1983.
- Being set up over an area of around 106 acres at Semmancherry (Chemmancherry), East Coast Road, South of Chennai at a cost of Rs 245 crore. The University will have regional centres in Mumbai, Kolkata and Visakhapatnam. The National Maritime Academy at Chennai; LBS College, Marine Engineering & Research Institute (MERI) and T.S. Chanakya at Mumbai; the MERI and Indian Institute of Ports Management at Kolkata; and the National Ship Design and Research Centre at Visakhapatnam will be merged with IMU, as position stands.

IMU has announced that it has tie-up with:- Dalian Maritime University, China for MBA in Port Management. Shanghai Maritime University, China and Institute of Transport and Maritime Management Antwerp (ITMMA) of University of Antwerp, Netherlands for MBA in International Transportation and Logistics Management. International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) of the University of Malta for degree in Maritime Law. IMLI was established by IMO in 1988. Delft University of Technology, Netherlands for degree course in Dredging from the Department of Maritime and Transport Technology (M&TT). IMU has tied up with IIM, Ahmedabad, for a one-year fast-track executive MBA in Maritime Management and with IIM, Bangalore, for a Certificate Course in Management for senior seafaring officers. We look forward for the Indian seafarers to be more benefited. Private maritime training institutes will now be under the control of IMU. It would cover department of Port Management, Nautical Sciences, Marine Engineering, Maritime Law, Inland Water Transport etc. Under these departments, degree, postgraduate degrees and research programmes will be offered by the university.

In addition, a National Maritime Complex (NMC) in 194 acres is also being planned near IMU, at an approximate cost of around Rs.800 crores to Rs.1,000 crores. NMC will have a Maritime Art gallery, Maritime Museum, Marine Aquarium and marine food court and other related activities of the maritime industry. Here is the Gazette of India, Extraordinary No 22 of 2008 dated November 11, 2008: The Indian Maritime University Act, 2008. IMU, Chennai Campus can be contacted in the following address: "INDIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY" East Cost Road, Uthandi, Chennai 600 119, Phone : 044-24530345, 24530344. Marine Office: 044-24530341, Emails to campus.imu@nic.in. For more details, log on to Indian Maritime University. The Indian Maritime University (IMU) will introduce several new courses starting from this session (2009-10). The Courses are: Maritime Law programme in collaboration with the International Marine Law Institute at Malta, M.B.A. programme in International Transport and Logistics Managements in collaboration with the University of Antwerp, Belgium, E.M.B.A. programme in Maritime Management for Mariners in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, B.Tech. in Naval Architecture and Shipbuilding in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai. It is most appreciable to note that our "IMU vice chancellor P Vijayan" has declared that institutions that have illegally collaborated with some deemed universities will not be granted affiliation to the IMU on a piecemeal basis. He further said that presently 41 maritime colleges including 15 in Tamil Nadu are affiliated to IMU. There are 125 maritime institutions in the country but some have been allowed to retain their affiliation with the respective state universities for this year alone for operational convenience. IMU vice-chancellor P Vijayan told TOI, "As per the Central Universities Act, we are fully empowered to affiliate colleges offering maritime education."

As the Indian Maritime University is now operational, it is logical that all marine related courses so far offered by different universities should come under the purview of IMU. It's high time, "we realize our resources, introduce appropriate policies." All that we require is a shared vision of what is today, in the international maritime scenario and what best we could do to leap ahead successfully, with scientifically backed-up policies and all the needed support of the realized geniuses. Why should we accept the continuance of deficiencies and defects in the system, going without corrective and remedial action? The need to focus on Safety, Health and Environment, along with professional trade subjects with outlook of international level, since shipping is international. It is a challenge to policymakers to ensure, instilling fair and best practices, in policy and procedures. While merchant navy is the second line of defence, earning considerable foreign-exchange to the country.

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In Tamil Nadu five maritime colleges are affiliated to a deemed university. The director general of shipping had turned a Nelson's eye to this development. Vijayan, in fact, has taken the position that even maritime courses offered by deemed universities should be approved by the Indian Maritime University to ensure better quality. Noting that some colleges are functioning without proper infrastructure and faculty strength, he said we have fixed norms for them to improve. We are chief engineers and captains from the maritime sector to take up teaching assignments during their vacation so that they can share their practical experiences.

On Wednesday, the Indian Maritime University commenced a week long transparent single window counseling process for admission into B.Sc Nautical Science (1098 seats) BE Marine Engineering (325 seats), BE Naval Architecture (40 seats) and MBA in Shipping and Port Management and International Transportation and Logistics Management (50 seats each) courses for its constituent and affiliated colleges. A uniform annual fee of Rs 2.2 lakh and Rs 2.25 lakh has been fixed for the B.Sc and BE courses respectively. The Indian Maritime University had convinced private non-minority institutions and minority colleges to surrender 65 percent and 50 percent of their sanctioned seats respectively to the government quota.

As many as 4,155 aspirants including 3 from across the country have been called for the counseling that would end on July 15.

TT Club publishes storm guide: This year has already seen several serious storms in the Pacific and western Australia, and areas including Idaho, USA and the coast of Mexico have been battered by wind storms and hurricanes, causing substantial damage. In a timely move specialist ports and multimodal insurer, TT Club, has published a revised edition of its comprehensive risk mitigation guide for windstorms that offers marine and inland terminal operators valuable information and advice on how to minimise storm damage to their installations and customers' cargoes. This second edition has been developed and published jointly with ICHCA International.

Introducing the new edition, TT Club Deputy Chairman and CEO of Virginia International Terminals Inc, Joe Dorto, writes: "By virtue of their location, ports and terminals are particularly vulnerable, with all kinds of harbour installations at risk from the enormous forces of nature unleashed in a storm".

The TT Club guide, entitled 'WindStorm II' provides terminal operators with detailed advice on how to protect their infrastructure from windstorm damage, as well as how to recover afterwards.

"With storm damage accounting for some of the biggest losses in the industry, the Club is committed to assisting operators in managing risk and to help prevent loss; the responsibility of a mutual insurer such as TT extends to more than just picking up the bill", comments TT Club's Risk Management Director, Peregrine Storrs-Fox. "In this guide, we have brought together the shared knowledge and experience of operators and experts in managing storm damage, and have particularly valued the collaboration with the International Safety Panel of ICHCA International. We

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