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Voyage embarks on a course anew!
For over four years, IMU VOYAGE has been a looking glass to IMU happenings. As we move into the fifth eventful year, IMU VOYAGE takes a small diversion from its original route. While the journal will remain as a culmination of the events of all campuses of IMU; an attempt is made to develop and present facts in an encapsulated shape. Features will generally be a bit shorter, but they'll focus more on academic and related events happening. Ample coverage of campus extracurricular activities, accolades and student initiatives is also an important object. We hope to reach beyond the news of faculty, staff, and extension educators to include narratives about everyone associated with our University community alumni, friends, and supporters. We have made a genuine attempt to put together a chronicle that shall carry IMU tidings far and wide. Our University is poised to touch people across the globe, and we hope eventually, this journal will enjoy a global circulation.

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IMU extends a warm welcome to the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Registrar and Controller of Exams.

Dr. V. Krishnamurthy, Chancellor, IMU

Dr. V. Krishnamurthy succeeded Dr. Abid Hussain as Chancellor, IMU. He is an eminent statesman who has been aptly decorated with the title of Padma Vibushan (2007) apart from Padma Shri (1973) and Padma Bhushan (1986). He is currently the Chairman of National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC), holding the rank of a Cabinet Minister in the Government of India. NMCC is responsible for formulating the policies and initiatives to improve the competitiveness of the Indian industry. He is a Doctorate in Economics from Soviet Academy of Sciences. He has also been conferred Doctor of Sciences (Honoria Causa) from Banaras Hindu University and Doctor of Letters (Honoria Causa) from Pondicherry (a Central University).

Prof. G. Raghuram, Vice Chancellor, IMU

Professor G. Raghuram assumed office as Vice Chancellor of IMU on 20th July 2012. He has a B.Tech degree from IIT Madras; a Post Graduate Diploma in Management from IIM Ahmedabad; and a Ph.D from Northwestern University, USA.

He specializes in logistics and supply chain management as well as infrastructure and transport systems. He conducts research on the railways, ports, shipping, aviation and road sector. He has published over 30 papers and written over 140 case studies.

He has offered consultancy services to over 100 organizations and has extensive teaching experience at Universities in India, the USA, Canada, Yugoslavia, Singapore, Tanzania and the UAE.

He is on the board of six companies in the field of infrastructure and logistics. He was recently awarded 'Academician of the Year' by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport. He has been a faculty at IIM Ahmedabad from 1985.

The Voyage Editorial Team extends a hearty welcome to the esteemed Principal Officers of IMU, Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and Controller of Exams who have taken charge this year. The Finance officer is expected to join soon. IMU has many programs lined up in the coming months, like inauguration of our newly built Headquarter premises at Semmangundy, off OMR in Chennai on 1st January 2013 and first convocation scheduled on 5th April 2013.

The editorial team feels a big part of their job is to bridge the spatial gap that exists across IMU campuses and serve as a one stop news stand for IMU buzz. We extend an earnest invitation for your feedback and input. Do let us know what could make Voyage better.

In the cause of betterment to the University community,

Editorial Team
Dr. M. Sekar - Editor
Shri G. Venkataramanan - Associate Editor
Lekha Ravi - Communication Manager
An alumnus of St Joseph’s College Trichy, completed his M.Phil., in Mathematics from Bharathidasan University. He is also a postgraduate in Psychology and Telecommunication.

Shri. M. Anand has joined IMU as Registrar on 15th October 2012 after 26 years of Commissioned Service in the Education Branch of Indian Navy. He had served in all the premier cadet training establishments including National Defence Academy, Naval Academy, Naval College of Engineering and First Training Squadron (Indian Naval Ship Tir) in various capacities related to Educational administration and Training of officer cadets.

Dr. B. Chithra, Controller of Examinations

Started her career as a Senior Officer (Assistant Registrar) at Pondicherry University in 1989 and was later promoted as Deputy Registrar. With her extraordinary spirit and excellent interpersonal skills, was recognized as a good Administrator and Manager and has gained a rich experience in university administration. She had acquired a Doctorate in Law in 2007.

In September 2012, she joined as Controller of Examinations, Indian Maritime University Chennai on deputation from Pondicherry University. Her vision is to introduce a value driven education system at Indian Maritime University which stands as a benchmark for quality and credibility of IMU’s good will and image building.

We acknowledge the contribution from the campus representatives of Voyage and Communication Assistant. H.Z. T. M. Kafeel Meesra.

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**Academic News:**

- For the first time, School of Nautical Science, IMU will be conducting exams for DNS (leading to B.Sc Nautical Science) for the III, IV & V Semesters from 18th-20th December 2012.
- School of Marine Engineering is tuned to suit the STCW Convention.
- Senior students of School of Maritime management (both Chennai and Cochin Campus) visited Karaikal and Tuticorin Ports in October 2012 for an Industrial Visit.

**Management Development Programme (MDP)**

1. A training programme on infrastructure issues including its regulations was conducted for IES officers in Chennai from 30th July to 3rd August and 8th to 12th October 2012. It was coordinated by Dr. A. Mourougane, Assistant Professor, SMM.
2. A training programme on “Overview of Infrastructure Sector” was conducted for senior IES officers in Goa from 24th to 28th September 2012 and was coordinated by Dr. B. Swaminathan, Assistant Professor, SMM.
3. An Onsite program on “PPP-Projects” was conducted for the officers of Pardeep Port on 9th to 12th October 2012.
4. An Onsite Training Program on “Effective Cost Control measures of Port” is scheduled on 29th & 30th November 2012, for the Finance officers of Cochin Port.
5. An MDP on “Introduction to Ships and Shipbuilding” is in progress at Visakhapatnam from 5th November to 30th November for GRSE.
6. A programme on “General Management in Shipping” will be conducted by IMU and IMTC Mumbai from 3rd March 2013 to 9th March 2013 at IMU Mumbai campus.

**Ongoing consultancy projects**

1. Tariff fixation for Dry Port at Mappedu near Sriperumpudhur.
2. Tariff fixation for RO-RO cum multipurpose berth at Bharathi Dock, Chennai Port.
3. Tariff fixation for Barge handling facility at Bharathi Dock at Chennai Port.
4. Review of DPR for Pondicherry Port.
5. MNAL- Trucking Project- Design and Support of Customized Programme for youth transporter.

There are also Research Consultancy projects in IMU Vizag which will be reported in the next issue.

**Indian Maritime University - Mumbai Campus**

**Campus Activity highlights**

- The Marine Engineering and Research Institute (MERI), Mumbai organized the annual technical paper competition, ”Castrol Seminar”, where Shri. B.V. Ramana Murthy, General Manager (Technical), Selindia Ship Management (India) Pvt Ltd, graced the occasion as the chief guest and chief judge. Shri. Mughunagalingam and Shri. Vikram Srivastava of Castrol India were the guests of honour. Mr M M Piplani, Mr V P Datar, Mr Manoj Ballabh, Mr Ravl Iyyer and Mr R C Mahajan evaluated the presentation as judges. Mr Rajeeva Prakash, Deputy Director, MERI welcomed the gathering. The cadets presented papers under the theme, “Safe, Secure and Efficient Shipping on Clean Oceans,” detailing measures taken by diverse stakeholders to prevent pollution of the environment.

- The seminar which invited participation from cadets of maritime training institutes from across Maharashtra, is supported by the Castrol India Marine Lubrications Division. It aims at encouraging cadets to showcase their talents. Cadets from The Great Eastern Institute of Maritime Studies, Lonavala, and the Maharashtra Academy of Naval education and training, Pune also participated.

- MERI’s final year cadets of B.Sc (Maritime Studies), led by cadet Manish Mayank, won the first prize for their paper titled, “Eco-friendly Lubricants”. The second prize was won by PGDME cadet group from MERI led by cadet Amit Saxena. Cadet Gurav Rohan Prakash and his team from The Great Eastern Institute of Maritime Studies secured third place.
Indian Maritime University
- Cochin Campus

Highlights of activities at Cochin campus:

• Delegates from Royal Norwegian Embassy, New Delhi visited Cochin campus on 18th June 2012, during which a meeting was held with the then Vice Chancellor Capt. Mukesh Baveja, for requesting Norwegian co-operation in the field of training and R&D at IMU Campus in Cochin.

• Onam was enthusiastically celebrated in the campus by the students and all the staff including the visiting faculty members on 27th August, 2012.

• Prof. G. Raghuram who assumed office as Vice Chancellor of IMU visited Cochin campus for the first time on September 5th 2012 and had a lively interaction with the students of Management and Nautical Science. Teacher’s Day was also celebrated on the same day.

• Vigilance Awareness week was celebrated from 29th October to 5th November 2012. Various competitions such as Debate, Essay writing, Poster Designing, and Elocution were organised and prizes given away.

• Campus building for academics and administration being completed at IMU land, Nautical and Marine courses were shifted from Cochin Port premises at Willington Island and classes commenced.

II Year Management Students on a wharf visit by boat.

Department of Maritime Management

• The year 2012 saw the passing out of the first batch of MBA (PSM) students in June. The department of Maritime Management at Cochin campus hosted an industry interface event “Cynosure” on 16th April 2012 to launch the first outgoing batch to the shipping fraternity in the maritime city of Cochin. It was well attended by Port officials and Shipping Company heads and received good media coverage too. In response to the above, various eminent corporate such as Aspin Wall HQ Cochin, Transasia HQ Cochin, DP World Mumbai, Caravel Logistics Chennai and CMA CGM Chennai conducted campus interviews at Cochin and 50% of the batch were recruited. The subsequent recruitment effort driven by the campus ensured 89% placement. Efforts are on to place the remaining candidates also.

Field visits

• The II year Management Students of MBA Department visited Amet Cruise on 24th April 2012.

• II year students were taken to Cochin port CFS (Container Freight Station) on 23rd August 2012.

• Newly Inducted students of 2012-'14 batch made a visit to Cochin Port on 25th September 2012. They had a conducted tour of Ernakulam wharf and Mattancherry wharf to observe Port activities.

• II year Management Students of Cochin Campus along with their Chennai counterpart visited Karaikal and Tuticorin Ports on 30th and 31st of October 2012.

Guest Lectures: Regular interface with the industry is arranged so that students gain practical insights into their field of study. Cochin Port officials including Vipin R Menoth Deputy Traffic Manager; Girish Thomas Asst. Traffic Manager; Dr. Jose Paul Former Goa Port Trust Chairman; Madan Pillai CEO of SEAHORSE Shipping Agencies; M V Parameswaran Nair Sr. Manager Of CONCOR; were some of the experts who visited Cochin Campus and interacted with the management students.
Indian Maritime University
- Chennai Campus

Coastal Cleanup Day at Chennai campus

- IMU Chennai campus organised a coastal cleanup camp on the occasion of International Coastal Cleanup Day on 15th September.

- The 1st batch of B.Sc (Nautical Science) has commenced at IMU Chennai campus from 1st August 2012. About 60 students against an approved intake of 80 have enrolled in the programme. The course is strengthening of its earlier avatar Diploma in Nautical Science. The sea time required will be less and will enable the students to compete in DGS exams on a more vigorous footing. The placement opportunities for B.Sc course will be much better as compared to its predecessor. Alternatively students can complete the B.Sc (Nautical Science) and can also opt for non maritime careers.

- The 65th Independence Day was celebrated with traditional gaiety and amity amidst sylvan and tranquil surroundings in the front lawns of the IMU Chennai campus. Prof. G. Raghuram received the guard of honour and unfurled the national tricolour. The Vice Chancellor addressed the gathering and gave away prizes to the winners of various competitions.

- Vigilance Awareness Programme was conducted from 29th October to 5th November. On Monday the 29th October a trilingual pledge was taken by the gathering in the auditorium. P. Shankar IAS (Retd), former Central Vigilance Commissioner and Chief Guest for the day spoke at length about the prevailing mechanism to tackle corruption. He lamented the erosion in values and held them as the main reason for falling standards in public life. He exhorted the youth to correct this failing values and prevent corrupt practices. On

Independence Day celebrations at IMU Chennai

Thursday the 30th October, essay competitions were held separately for the faculty and other employees. On 31st October, S. Ramakrishnan, IAS (Retd), former State Chief Information Commissioner, Tamil Nadu Government conducted a workshop on RTI Act. On 1st November, M. Dandayudhapani, IOFS, Chief Vigilance Officer gave a vivid presentation about the Vigilance functioning. On 2nd November, a quiz competition was organised for employees of the IMU Chennai campus. The programme concluded with N. Vittal, former Chief Vigilance Commissioner giving away the prizes for the winners of quiz and essay competitions.

- IIT Kharagpur conducted a sports event called Shalrya 2012 from 13th October to 15th October. A batch of about 60 students from various courses like DNS, B.Sc, B.Tech, M.B.A, L.L.M represented Chennai campus in games like cricket, football, volleyball, athletics, table tennis, aquatics. The Chennai contingent won the silver medal for athletics and stood 4th in aquatics. This team's effort was successfully managed by Satish Kumar, faculty and T.K. Radhakrishnan.

A lighter moment at Vizag Campus
Indian Maritime University
- Visakhapatnam Campus

- Shri. Pradeep Jayasimha, Scientist B participated in the ALTAIR Hyperworks Technology Conference at Bengaluru on 17th and 18th July, 2012.
- Third Annual conference on Dredging in India titled, 'Needs and Requirements, Strategies and Solutions' was held on 27th and 28th August 2012. It was attended by N. Madhu Kumar, Jr. Designer and Avinash, Scientist B.
- Madhu Joshi, JRF-Junior Research Fellow attended the National Congress on Corrosion Control between 23rd and 25th August 2012.
- 22nd Oct., 2012 A2H 8th All India Fide Rating (below 2000) Chess Tournament. Participated by one of the students Mr. Sanmitra Guha participated in the A2H 8th All India Fide Rating (below 2000) Chess Tournament and scored 6.5 points. He was given a Merit certificate by A2H Chess Academy.
- Tech Samudra 2012, International Conference cum Exhibition on Technology of the Sea will be conducted by the School of Maritime Design and Research (SMDR), Visakhapatnam from 6th December 2012 to 8th December 2012.

Campus Recruitment
- Indian Navy visited the Campus in connection with campus recruitment under the UES (University Entry Scheme) on 6th Sept. 2012. 53 students underwent the selection process conducted by the Navy and the results are awaited.

A 1964 DMET Alumni, Ravi Mehrotra, CBE (Commander of the British Empire) visited the Campus on 3rd September, 2012. He unveiled his book, titled “What’s in it for you” and also donated Rupees One Crore to IMU. His gesture is acknowledged and appreciated by the alma mater. The occasion was graced by Prof. G. Raghuram, Vice Chancellor, IMU and D. K. Sanyal, Ex. Director DMET.

- A Seminar was conducted on the topic “Higher Education in UK”, on 13th October, 2012. Students participated with great enthusiasm. The campus received appreciation from all quarters for the same.
- Hindi Fortnight was celebrated in the campus. An assortment of competitions such as Debates, elocutions, play, skits and music were organized and also distributed prizes.

Program on the anvil
2. University Day & Tempest - mid Nov.

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Dr. V. Krishnamurthy visited IMU Chennai Campus on 10th October. He addressed an elite gathering comprising the Vice Chancellor, Campus Directors from all six campuses, principal officers, faculty and executive council members of IMU were also present. The Chancellor spoke about the significance of IMU in current maritime scenario. The Vice Chancellor presented an overview about the formation of IMU, its objects and missions, courses offered, etc ahead of the discussion.