



### THE OCEANITE

### JOURNAL OF THE MARITIME UNION OF INDIA



Registration No. BY-II-198-A

### October - December 2022

### Vol. 6 Issue No. 4

Editorial	MUI official participates in Vasai-Virar Marathon2	
The Maritime Union of India :  Resolution of grievances by MUI	Rescue operation in South China Sea - 303 Sri Lankan Migrants Safe	
Capt. Tushar Pradhan - General Secretary attends IMO-ILO Tripartite Conference	Rescue operation saves two men and a dog in North Atlantic	
MUI holds an Interactive Session with Indian crew management companies for Japanese owned vessels under the IBF JSU-NUSI-MUI IMMAJ CBA	Son of Master Mariner is an avid writer	
Article in Business India - Quelling a menace - Anti-Maritime Piracy	Directorate General of Shipping "Seafarers Grievance Redressal Mechanism"28	
Meeting of the National Co-ordinating Committee of Indian ITF Affiliates held in Mumbai14	Artical Presented by Capt. Nagendra Rao, DCIL, President of MUI (Disaster Management) 27	
MUI Womens Wing holds a Seminar -	The Maritime Union of India Application Forms :	
Mindful Living For An Enriched Existence 18  MUI presence in various seminars, meetings 20	Certificate of Competency (CoC) Protection 29  Membership Form	

Head Office: Udyog Bhavan 4th Floor 29 Walchand Hirachand Marg
Ballard Estate, Mumbai 400 001. India
Telephone: (91-22) 2261 3052, 2261 5507 Fax: (91-22) 2262 0606
mail@maritimeunionofindia.com; www.maritimeunionofindia.com
For MEMBERSHIP QUERIES kindly email: membership@maritimeunionofindia.com

Office Timings: Monday to Friday - 09:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Editor: Capt. Tushar Pradhan

Branch Office : Kolkata

Liaison Offices at :

Chandigarh, Chennai, Dehradun, Kochi, Lucknow, Patna, Tuticorin, Visakhapatnam



### From MUI Team

MUI continues to strive to resolve issues which affect our Seafarers. Seafarers and their families are free to approach MUI via email or personal visit.

We will continue to focus on return of stranded/ detained Seafarers from overseas, such as Iran, Sri Lanka, UAE, Nigeria.

One of the most significant achievements is the participation of Capt. Tushar Pradhan -General Secretary in the Tripartite IMO-ILO Conference which was held at Geneva, Switzerland this month. Draft Guidelines for Port State and Flag State Authorities on how to deal with seafarer abandonment cases.

Norwegian Agreements for Norwegian and non-Norwegian registered vessels were negotiated and finalised upto 31 December 2024.

ITF National Co-ordinating Committee (NCC) meeting for Indian affiliates of ITF was also held in Mumbai. Interaction included discussion of issues affecting affiliates and future course of action in India, and enhancement of ITF office in New Delhi.

MUI and NUSI held an Interactive Session for companies having Indian Seafarers serving on Japanese owned vessels. Benefits to companies were reviewed alongwith issues concerning seafarers on such vessels.

MUI Womens Wing held a seminar titled Mindful Living For An Enriched Existence.

We would like to inform all Officers to update their details through MUI Application (Android based). This can be done through MUI website or by downloading the Application on Android phone. This will help in having updated profile in the records of MUI.

Let us all work together in the coming months and ensure that our Seafarers are assured fair work and wage conditions.

We look forward to continued support from the entire shipping industry to resolve all issues concerning our Seafarers in the coming years and at the same time, we assure you of our support and welcome suggestions/recommendations, which are mutually beneficial.

Needless to say, all Officers are welcome to visit MUI Head Office in Mumbai, not only to address any issues or grievances, but also to exchange views and get familiar with each other.

All Officers are also requested to visit MUI Branch Office in Kolkata and Liaison Offices in Chandigarh, Chennai, Dehradun, Kochi, Lucknow, Patna, Tuticorin, Visakhapatnam.

\* \* \*

Head Office: Udyog Bhavan, 4th Floor, 29, Walchand Hirachand Marg, Ballard Estate, Mumbai 400 001. India

Telephone: (91-22) 2261 3052, 2261 5507, 2262 0633

mail@maritimeunionofindia.com; www.maritimeunionofindia.com

For MEMBERSHIP QUERIES kindly email: membership@maritimeunionofindia.com

Office Timings: Monday to Friday - 09:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Office: 204 National Insurance Building, 2nd Floor, Dr. Dadabhai Naoroji Road

Near CST Railway Station, Above Suvidha Restaurant, Mumbai 400 001. Tel.: (91-22) 22075607 **Branch Office: Kolkata:** Bhagat Chambers, 2nd Floor, 12A Netaji Subhas Road, Kolkata 700 001. Tel.: 033-22304169 Fax: 91-033-22310900 E-mail: maroffcal@gmail.com; maroffcal@hotmail.com

### It is suggested/advisable to contact MUI Mumbai directly for assistance and information

Chandigarh : Mr. Nitin Kumar

SCO-103, 2nd Floor, Sector 47C, Chandigarh 160047.

Tel.: (0172) 5013103 M: 8196992555 Email: muichandigarh@gmail.com

Chennai: Mr. P.A. Khan

Krystal Scan Building, Ground Floor, Room No:01, 59/A, 4th Cross Street, M.K.B. Nagar

Land Mark: Ambedkar Government Arts College, Chennai - 600 039,

Tel: 044 - 26733064 Fax: 044 - 26733064 Mobile: 91 (0) 9003275182 E-mail: oceanitechn@gmail.com

Dehradun: Capt. Gaurav Bawri / Capt. Vaibhav Bawri

Vaga Financial Services, Work, Food and Entertainment City, 2nd Floor

Office No. 2, MDDA Complex, Near Clock Tower, Dehradun 248009. Uttarakhand

M: 7579044759 / 8171769844 Email: muidehradun@gmail.com

#### Kochi: Mr. Thomas Sebastian, Mr. C.S. Ganesh Prabhu

Cochin Port staff Association (CPSA), Willingdon Island, Kochi 682 009.

Tel: (0484) 2666409, 2666871-2140 Fax: (0484) 2669468 E-mail: cpsacpt@yahoo.com

Lucknow: Capt. Baizeed Alam Khan

Mariners Welfare Association (MWA), Plot 755, Sector 3, Eldeco Udyan 2, Amar Shaheed Path, Raebareli Road Lucknow 226025.

M: 9119603496 Email: mwalucknow@gmail.com

Patna: Mr. Ravi Prakash Mishra

The Merchant Navy Officers Association, 408, Verma Centre, Boring Road Crossing, Chouraha, Patna 800001.

M:7992325621 Email: muipatna@gmail.com

Tuticorin: Mr. V. Sathyanarayanan

Tuticorin Port Mariners' & General Staff Union

Beach Road, Zone 'B' Extention Port, Opp. Customs Office, Tuticorin 628 001. Tamil Nadu.

Tel.: 0461-2326519/2339195 Fax: 0461 2311668 Email: sathya\_viji74@yahoo.com

Visakhapatnam : Mr. S. Satyanarayana

Maritime Union of India, C/o. Post Box No.631, P&T Colony Post Office,

Visakhapatnam 530 013 Andhra Pradesh Mob : 081068 07206 Email : ssjula1950@gmail.com

### The Maritime Floating Staff Welfare Trust (MFSWT)

Abhishek Premises, Gr Floor, Unit No. 1 & 2, Kuber Complex Lane, Next to Oberoi Chambers

Opp. SAB T.V. Lane, New Link Road, Andheri (West), Mumbai – 400 053

 $\label{eq:compact} \mbox{Tel No: } (91\text{-}22) \ 26730306, \ 26730307 \ \mbox{Tele Fax: } (9\text{-}22) \ 26730309 \ \mbox{E-mail} : \mbox{mail@mfswt.com} \ \ \mbox{Web: mfswt.com} \ \mbox{Web: mfswt.com} \ \mbox{Tele Fax: } (9\text{-}22) \ \mbox{26730309} \ \mbox{E-mail: mail@mfswt.com} \ \mbox{Web: mfswt.com} \ \mbox{Web:$ 

### The Merchant Navy Officers' Welfare Fund (MNOWF)

Udyog Bhavan, 4th Floor, 29 Walchand Hirachand Marg, Ballard Estate, Mumbai 400 001 Tel: (91-22) 2261 9321 Fax: (91-22) 2264 4670 Email: mail@mnowf.com Web: mnowf.com

The views and opinions expressed by different writers, institutions and organisations in the various articles, reports, advertisements published herein are of the respective writers, institutions and organisations and not necessarily those of The Maritime Union of India. Moreover, The Maritime Union of India and "The Oceanite" will not be responsible for any error in publishing the same.

Every care has been taken to publish the notifications/circulars of Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) and other shipping associations and offices. It may not be possible to include all associated annexures etc. because of space constraints. Please also refer to DGS website: www.dgshipping.gov.in or get in touch with the relevant organisation for further details. The Maritime Union of India and "The Oceanite" will not be responsible for any error in publishing all matter contained within this publication.

"The Oceanite" is distributed to members of The Maritime Union of India

### HAVE YOU KEPT YOUR MUI MEMBERSHIP UPDATED? ENSURE CONTINUITY OF YOUR MUI MEMBERSHIP

### PAYMENT METHODS FOR RENEWAL OF MUI MEMBERSHIP

### MUI Membership can be taken, using any of the following methods:

- 1) MUI website: www.maritimeunionofindia.com (details on next page)
  OR
- 2) Through your banks' net banking facility to MUI bank account/s (details on next page)

After carrying out online transaction kindly email us at membership@maritimeunionofindia.com your name, date, amount membership number, residential address and online payment receipt / screen shot of transaction. This email will help us to confirm your transaction, update your membership record with us.

- 3) Download MUI software application <u>for Android "Maritime Union Of India"</u> on your Android phone through Google Play Store). We will be launching the same for IoS platform (Apple) very soon.
- **4)** Print Membership Form from MUI website and post it to our Head Office at Mumbai alongwith your Cheque or Bank Demand Draft.
- **5)** Personal visit to MUI Head Office or Branch Office at Kolkata or Liaison Offices at Chandigarh, Chennai, Dehradun, Kochi, Lucknow, Patna, Tuticorin, Visakhapatnam (see page no. 2 for contact details).

Credit and Debit Card can be utilised to carry out payment at Mumbai and Kolkata office)

# MUI REQUESTS ALL OFFICERS TO ENSURE THAT SUFFICIENT BALANCE IS PRESENT IN THEIR ACCOUNT WHEN A CHEQUE IS ISSUED TO MUI BY THEM OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, FOR MUI MEMBERSHIP

You can tear the MUI Membership Form in this issue along the dotted line, fill it up and post it to MUI Mumbai Office alongwith Cheque or Demand Draft in favour of: The Maritime Union of India
Udyog Bhavan, 4th Floor, 29, Walchand Hirachand Marg
Ballard Estate, Mumbai 400001.

### FOR ATTENTION OF MUI MEMBERS AND SEAFARER OFFICERS

Kindly ensure that your Maritime Union of India (MUI) membership is kept validated every year.

This will ensure that you are supported in case of eventualities that may occur during your service on board vessel or after sign-off. In case you need to resolve any matter with your ship owner/Agent, interceding by the MUI can effectively assist you more effectively, if you are a fully-paid up member Officer of the Union.

### MUI MEMBERSHIP

Log on to our website: www.maritimeunionofindia.com

Enter your Log in Details (Membership Number and Password provided by MUI.

If you do not have Log in details, you can click on "Forgot Password." You will then have to fill up details like MUI Membership Number, CDC No., Date of Birth. After you click to submit these details, you will be asked to provide your email id. On entering the same you will have to click "submit" once again.

You will then receive all the Log In details on email id provided by you, and using them you can log on to MUI website.

### Alternatively, you can also <u>visit your bank website</u> and using below details carry out a transaction :

Following details would be essential for carrying out the transaction, which will ensure safe and proper deposit to MUI account. Your MUI Membership Fees can be deposited through online process in ANY ONE OF THE BANK ACCOUNTS OF THE MARITIME UNION OF INDIA:

Account Title: THE MARITIME UNION OF INDIA

Bank Name: HDFC Bank, Elphinstone House
17 Murzban Road, Near C.S.T., Mumbai 400001.
Account Number: 03551450000409

Bank Account Type: Savings Account

MICR Code: 400240052

IFSC Code: HDFC0000355

Swift Code: HDFCINBBXXX

After carrying out the online transaction kindly make sure you send us an email at membership@maritimeunionofindia.com



mentioning your name, MUI Membership Number, date and amount of transaction, your name and MUI membership number. Alongwith these details, a Snapshot or Image of the transaction receipt from your bank can also be included.

Officers are requested to keep with their next of kin a copy of the Bilateral Agreement they have signed before sign-on with the respective company they are serving under. It can also be sent to MUI office, Mumbai, for our records.

### NOTICE OF ACCOMMODATION FACILITY FOR MUI MEMBERS AT VIRAR, MUMBAI

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that the MARITIME UNION OF INDIA is having two flats viz. (i) Flat No.403, 4th Floor, admeasuring No.361 square feet in the Building No.41, Rustomjee Evershine Global City, Avenue "J", Building Nos.41 to 44 Co-operative Housing Society Limited, Narangi Bye Pass Road, Virar (West), Palghar: 401 303 situated at Village Narangi, Taluka: Vasai, District: Palghar and

(ii) Flat No.501, 5th Floor, admeasuring 503 square feet in the Building No.33, Rustomjee Evershine Global City, Avenue "J", Building Nos.32 to 36 Co-operative Housing Society Limited, Narangi Bye Pass Road, Virar (West), Palghar: 401 303 situated at Village Narangi, Taluka: Vasai, District: Palghar, which are available to seafarer officers who are members of The Maritime Union of India at nominal charge of Rs.1000/- (Rupees One Thousand Only) per day.

Seafarer officers, who desire to avail this facility, may please contact the head office of the Maritime Union of India.

Members are requested to mention their Membership Number, Rank, CDC number, residence address and telephone number, mobile number (self and spouse), email address, name of company they are currently serving in, when corresponding with us. This will enable us to keep your details updated and ensure smooth communication in all matters.

Officers are requested to keep a copy of the Contract Letter and Bilateral Agreement they have signed with the respective company they are serving under, before sign-on with their Next of Kin for reference. It can also be sent to MUI office, Mumbai, for our records.

MUI REQUESTS ALL OFFICERS TO ENSURE THAT SUFFICIENT BALANCE IS PRESENT IN THEIR ACCOUNT WHEN A CHEQUE IS ISSUED TO MUI BY THEM OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, FOR MUI MEMBERSHIP

For all issues related to <u>MEMBERSHIP</u> including <u>PAYMENT</u> of <u>MUI MEMBERSHIP FEES</u>, and <u>ALL QUERIES</u> related to Membership, kindly send your emails to :

membership@maritimeunionofindia.com

For all issues related to <u>MEMBERSHIP</u> including <u>PAYMENT</u> of <u>MUI MEMBERSHIP FEES</u>, and <u>ALL QUERIES</u> related to Membership, kindly send your emails to:

membership@maritimeunionofindia.com

### OFFICERS IN DEHRADUN CAN VISIT MUI LIAISON OFFICE FOR FRESH AND RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

The Maritime Union of India (MUI) has opened a liaison office in DEHRADUN located at Vaga Financial Services, Work, Food and Entertainment City, 2nd Floor Office No. 2, MDDA Complex, Near Clock Tower, Dehradun 248009. Uttarakhand M: 7579044759 / 8171769844 Email: muidehradun@gmail.com All Officers of the region are requested to take advantage of this facility.

# After carrying out the online transaction kindly make sure you send us an email at membership@maritimeunionofindia.com

OFFICERS MEMBERSHIP FORM is included in this issue alongwith CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY (COC)

Officers are requested to keep with their next of kin a copy of the Bilateral Agreement they have signed before sign-on with the respective company they are serving under. It can also be sent to MUI office, Mumbai, for our records.

The Oceanite - Journal of The Maritime Union of India					
Advertisement Tariff					
PRINT AREA B & W COLOUR					
Half Page Inside	15.5 cms. x 9.5 cms.	Rs. 2,000	Rs. 3,000		
Full Page Inside	15.5 cms x 19.5 cms.	Rs. 3,000	Rs. 4,500		
Front Inside Cover	15.5 cms x 21.0 cms.	_	Rs. 5,000		
Back Inside Cover	15.5 cms x 21.0 cms.	_	Rs. 5,000		
Back Outside Cover	15.5 cms x 21.0 cms.	_	Rs. 6,000		
Soft Copy in CDR form	at and converted to curves	or JPG, format	is		

Soft copy in CDR format and converted to curves to JPG format is requested. Cheque at par or Demand Draft is to be drawn in favour of "The Maritime Union of India"

requested. Cheque at par or Demand Draft is to be drawn in favour of "Oceanite"

For all queries related to hospitalisation and domiciliary medical expenses reimbursement kindly contact :

### FOR MEMBERS SERVING IN FOREIGN FLAG COMPANIES The Maritime Floating Staff Welfare Trust (MFSWT)

Abhishek Premises, Ground Floor, Unit No. 1 & 2, Kuber Complex Lane Next to Oberoi Chambers, Opp. SAB T.V. Lane, New Link Road Andheri (West), Mumbai 400053.

Tel.: (91-22) 26730306, (91-22) 26730307 Telefax: (91-22) 26730309

Email: mail@mfswt.com; mail@mfswt.in Web : mfswt.com

You may also contact below for reimbursement of fees for higher professional courses of your children:

### FOR MEMBERS SERVING IN INDIAN FLAG COMPANIES

The Merchant Navy Officers Welfare Fund (MNOWF)

Udyog Bhavan, 4th Floor, 29 Walchand Hirachand Marg,

Ballard Estate, Mumbai 400001.

Tel.: (91-22) 22619321 (91-22) 22644670 Email: mail@mnowf.com; Web: mnowf.com

#### **Dear Members**

You can avail Convalescent Home facility at various locations, which you, as Member of the Union can take advantage of :

Maharashtra: Lonavala; Uttaranchal: Mussourie; West Bengal: Raichak

### The Maritime Floating Staff Welfare Trust (MFSWT)

Abhishek Premises, Ground Floor, Unit No. 1 & 2, Kuber Complex Lane, Next to Oberoi Chambers, Opp. SAB TV Lane, New Link Road, Andheri (West) Mumbai 400053.

Tel.: (91-22) 26730306, 26730307 Telefax: (91-22) 26730309

Email: mail@mfswt.in Web: mfswt.com

Goa; Gujarat : Valsad; Maharashtra : Lonavala, Mahabaleshwar, Matheran

### The Merchant Navy Officers' Welfare Fund (MNOWF)

Udyog Bhavan, 4th Floor, 29 Walchand Hirachand Marg, Ballard Estate Mumbai 400001.

Tel.: (91-22) 22619321 Fax: (91-22) 22644670 Email: mail@mnowf.com

Web: mnowf.com

### **Resolution of Grievances by MUI**

Below are some of the grievances of Officers resolved by MUI. There are a number of cases of similar nature (outstanding wages and sign-off) taken up and resolved.

### **BALANCE OF WAGES**

\*We have received email from officer through ITF regarding one of the prestigious company stating the company has not given November 2022 salary to officers. We approached the company and were informed that they had not received payment from their ship owners and needed more time. MUI warned them to pay the salary to avoid action against them. After regular follow up, the Officer received his wages into his account.

\*We received email from Master who had not received wages amounting to USD 11,000 after sign off from the vessel. We contacted company via email and telephone. After MUI intervention, outstanding wages were cleared within a week.

\*An Officer on offshore supply Indian Flag vessel approached MUI stating company had not paid his BOW INR 5,37,435 and now they were not responding to his emails and not responding to his queries. We called the company and strongly took up this matter, warning them of further action. Company cleared his 2 lakhs within next two days.

### **DEATH COMPENSATION**

Spouse of officer approached MUI stating negligence by the company resulting in demise of her husband. Her husband was taken ashore due to fever and then hospitalized due to COVID-19. However, after treatment for almost two months he expired.

We stood firmly with the family to investigate the matter and strongly supported her by providing legal advice. We have informed company to pay the full amount as per INSA-MUI agreement, including all the expenses pre and post hospitalization.

After pursing this case by MUI and family finally she got justice and was able to recover death compensation and hospitalization charges from company.

.....



HAVE YOU KEPT YOUR MUI MEMBERSHIP UPDATED? ENSURE CONTINUITY OF YOUR MUI MEMBERSHIP

### CAPT. TUSHAR PRADHAN - GENERAL SECRETARY ATTENDS IMO-ILO TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE

Capt. Tushar Pradhan - General Secretary is a member of Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) at ITF. He was part of the team which was invited to take part in the 1st ILO-IMO Tripartite Conference held in Geneva between 13 and 15 December, 2022. The conference was to prepare Draft Guidelines for Port State and Flag State Authorities on how to deal with seafarer abandonment cases.





# The Maritime Union of India holds an Interactive Session with Indian crew management companies for Japanese owned vessels under the IBF JSU-NUSI-MUI IMMAJ CBA

A meeting between The Maritime Union of India, National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) and crew management companies for Japanese owned vessels was held on 23 November, 2022 in Mumbai.

Representatives of companies qualifying for assistance under the Training and Welfare Fund provided by Japan Seamens Union (JSU) and International Mariners Management of Japan (IMMAJ) were present.

MUI and NUSI have been providing financial assistance under this agreement, as Training and Welfare initiative, as well as for higher education of children of seafarers.

The objective of the meeting was elaborated, which is to enhance skills of the seafarers so that they can be on par with the latest developments in shipping. These courses are provided by companies in addition to those that are mandatory under the STCW Convention.

Benefits provided to such companies by both, MUI and NUSI were discussed in detail. Issues of concern directly concerning seafarers were discussed, alongwith those related to various non mandatory courses conducted by companies who qualify to benefit under the above agreement.

### THE MARITIME UNION OF INDIA renews

### **Norwegian Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Dear Seafarers

There has been an increment in wages and terms and conditions in the Collective Bargaining Agreement Norwegian International Ship Register (NIS) for Indian Officers between The Maritime Union of India and Norwegian Ship Owners' Association (NSA), Norwegian Maritime Officers' Association (NMOA), Norwegian Union of



Marine Engineers (NUME), and also Model Agreement (for Non-Norwegian Registered Vessels).

The Maritime Union of India (MUI) took a tough stand during negotiations.

There has been an upward revision in wages and terms and conditions for all ranks as follows:

- 1. Basic Wage for all ranks has been increased by 2.75% for the period from 01 January 2023 upto 31 December, 2023.
- 2. Basic Wage has been further increased by 1.75 per cent for the period from 01 January 2024 upto 31 December, 2024.
- 3. Subsistence Allowance has been increased from USD 8 to USD 9.
- 4. Death Compensation has been substantially increased from earlier USD 1,08,500 to USD 1,13,400. Additional compensation to each child under the age of eighteen (18) years increased from USD 18,500 to USD 19,300. A maximum payment not exceeding for 3 children increased from USD 55,500 to USD 57,900.
- 5. Disability Compensation for Senior Officers has been increased from earlier 1,21,500 to USD 1,27,000 and for Junior Officers from USD 1,18,500 to USD 1,23,800.
- 6. The Maritime Floating Staff Welfare Trust (MFSWT) contribution has been increased from USD 25 to USD 28.
- 7. During the assignment, Officers are to be given full information of the War Zone inclusion in the ships trading pattern and shall have the right not to proceed to a warlike operations area.

These achievements have been possible because of the active support and interest shown by members of our Union. MUI will continue to strive for betterment of work and wage conditions of seafarers.

Warm Regards Captain Tushar Pradhan General Secretary The Maritime Union of India

# ANTI-MARITIME PIRACY Quelling a menace

n its ongoing winter session, the Indian Parliament (Lok Sabha) took up for consideration the Anti-Maritime Piracy Bill that seeks to provide an effective legal instrument to combat sea piracy not only in Indian territorial waters and the exclusive economic zones of India but also on the high seas. This Bill is in line with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and was earlier introduced in the Indian Parliament in 2019 before being sent to the Standing Committee for detailed perusal. The United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea was ratified by India in 1995. The Bill has now been reintroduced by the Indian government, incorporating some amendments as advised by the Standing Committee. The Bill allows Indian authorities to take action against high-seas piracy. The UN Convention on the Law of the Sea will be enacted through this bill. It covers the sea beyond the Exclusive Economic Zone, which is 200 nautical miles off the coast of India.

The External Affairs Minister of India, S Jaishankar, while introducing the Bill in the Indian Parliament, said it will enhance India's maritime security. including those of its trade routes. "The government has tried to suitably incorporate the recommendations of the Standing Committee in the Bill. A total of 14 of the 18 recommendations of the Standing Committee were accepted, adding one of the recommendations which was about having a Standard Operating Procedure for deportation and extradition of pirates by the Ministry of Home Affairs. And, the provision of 'trial in absentia' has been dropped. Also, keeping in mind the observation of the Standing Committee regarding the Supreme Court of India's ruling on avoiding the mandatory death punishment, the provision regarding the death punishment has been amended in the Bill to also include life imprisonment."

Jaishankar said that India does not have a specific law or legal provision in IPC or CRPC on piracy. This bill, along with the amendments, would provide an effective legal instrument



Pradhan: a welcome move

to combat piracy, not only in our territorial waters but in the exclusive economic zones and also on the high seas. He said: "India's security and economic well-being is linked with the sea and maritime security is a prerequisite with more than 90 per cent of our trade with the world taking place through sea routes and more than 80 per cent of our hydrocarbon requirements being seaborne. The security of sea lanes of communication is critical to our national well-being. India is also one of the largest providers of seafarers in the world. The passing of this bill is a logical fel low-up of India's maritime initiatives and will also enhance India's maritime security, including that of India's trade routes and the welfare of Indian seafarers in international waters."

Boosting the morale Welcoming the Indian government's initiative to enact an Anti-Maritime Piracy Law, Tushar Pradhan, General Secretary of India's oldest union of merchant navy officers, The Maritime Union of India, said: "Piracy is one of the major factors that affect the growth of the maritime industry world-wide. Yearly, shipping companies across the globe lose billions of dollars because of pirate

attacks. Piracy has affected the mari time industry almost since the oceans have been used for trade. This Bill when it becomes law will bolster the growth of the Indian maritime industry, and also boost the morale of Indian seafarers. Because India currently lacks a local law on marine piracy, prosecuting pirates who are arrested outside of their terri torial waters is difficult. The Anti-Piracy Maritime Law of India will address this pressing issue and certainly facilitate the growth of the Indian ship manning industry. It will invariably help our country to increase the global share of Indian seafarers in the longer run."

The menace of maritime piracy, hijacking and violence on the high seas is a major concern amongst ship owners and ship manning companies globally as generally Somali pirates tend to be well armed with automatic weapons, RPGs and have been known to sometimes use skiffs launched from mother vessels, which may be hijacked fishing vessels or dhows.

The ICC International Maritime Bureau's latest global quarterly piracy report details 90 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the first nine months of 2022. Perpetrators were successful in gaining access to the vessels in 95 per cent of the reported incidents - 85 vessels were boarded, there were four attempted attacks, and one vessel was hijacked. In many of the cases vessels were either at anchor or steaming when boarded, with nearly all the incidents occurring during the hours of darkness. 27 crew members were taken hostage, six assaulted and five threatened.

HEMANG PALAN hemang.palan@businessindiagroup.com

## Meeting of the National Coordinating Committee of the Indian ITF Affiliates held in Mumbai

The National Coordinating Committee (NCC) of the Indian ITF Affiliates of the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF), London, comprising of Unions of Seafarers as well as other transport sectors met in Mumbai on 15th December, 2022.

This meeting was in continuation of NCC meeting held in Manila in October, 2022 at the ITF Asia Pacific Regional Conference (APRC).

The ITF officials representing the General Secretary were Mr. Ingo Marowsky - Head of ITF Operations and Union Building Director as well as Mr. Bilal Malkawi - Regional Secretary Arab World and Coordinator of the ITF Regions.

The Maritime Union of India representatives Mr. Dores Colaco, Mr. Sudhir Pagar, Ms. Caroline Dias, Mr. Hormaz Bharucha, Mr. Balakrishna Ranade attended the meeting. General Secretary Capt. Tushar Pradhan could not attend the meeting as he was attending meeting of the IMO and ILO at Geneva.

During the meeting main topics of discussion were report from Manila Strategy of NCC to grow transport workers power in India, composition of the NCC, women and young workers, NCC support for affiliates during agitations, opportunities and limitations and discussed prime issues concerning affiliates, including the political challenges and the attacks against unions in India. The primary focus was to give opportunities for membership growth and new areas of work.

NCC meeting was very fruitful and all the unions decided to work towards the rights and welfare of the work force in solidarity with each other. The primary focus was to give opportunities for new young members and women members growth and new areas of work.

### Shell Agreement extended to the year 2023

The Shell Fleet Officers Agreement which is approved by the ITF and IMEC and to which The Maritime Union of India (MUI) is a signatory, alongwith Nautilus International, UK and Seafarer's Union of Croatia, has been extended for the year 2023.

For all issues related to <u>MEMBERSHIP</u> including <u>PAYMENT</u> of <u>MUI MEMBERSHIP FEES</u>, and <u>ALL QUERIES</u> related to Membership, kindly send your emails to : membership@maritimeunionofindia.com



# NAVIGATE THE WORLD OF SHIPPING TODAY!

To know more, visit www.seajob.net

Terms and Conditions Apply\*



File your Indian Income Tax Returns from anywhere in the world. Just provide us a few details/documents on e-mail or call us and provide us details and we will file your returns within 48 hours\* of receiving all the information.

	COMING SOON		CA VERIFIED	CA VERIFIED	CA VERIFIED	CA VERIFIED
	BASIC	EXPRESS	SILVER	GOLD	DIAMOND	PLATINUM
PRICING (INR / Annum)	FREE	RS. 2500	RS. 5000	RS. 10,000	RS. 20,000	RS. 40,000
E-FILING	~	~	~	~	~	~
ITRV		~	~	~	~	~
COMPLIANCE		<b>~</b>	~	~	~	<b>~</b>
COMPUTATION			✓	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>
TAX REFUND			<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>
ACCOUNTING & B/S				~	~	<b>~</b>
ADVISORY				<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>
TRUE VALUE				~	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>
SCRUTINY PROTECT					~	<b>~</b>

BONUS (TnC):

© 100% Cash Back on Home Loan Processing Fee (Select Banks) © Net Worth Certificate @ Rs 75 only (Rs 7500)

40% Brokerage Discount on NRI Demat Account (Select Banks) © Will Advisory @ Rs 100 (Rs 10,000)

Other Services: PAN Card | 15CA/CB | Tax Filing, Refund, Notice, Appeal | Repatriation | Capital Gains | Incorporation | Will | Property Legal Services

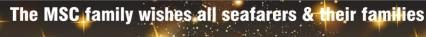
For any query, mail us at nri@TaxAssist.in

Helpline @ +91 98307 56567

Bangalore | Chennai | Delhi | Goa | Hyderabad | Kolkata | Mumbai | Pune

NB: We have other annual plans which may or may not include the above services. \*T&C Apply.

TAX ASSIST
The welfare consultant







### #HAPPYNEWYEAR

### Work with an Ownership Company

MSC offers the best terms & conditions, internet on board, Indian food, one of the best round the year medical insurance scheme in the industry and a safe environment to work.

Make a change for the Better!!

### **DUAL FUEL LNG class vessel**

Requirement of following ranks for yard delivery Container Vessel operated with LNG fuel Master / Chief Engineer / Gas Engineer / 2nd Engineer / 3rd Engineer & 4th Engineer



### TRUST, RELIABILITY, STABILITY & GROWTH

For further details please call us on our toll free number 1800 209 2555 or simply walk into

### MSC CREWING SERVICES PVT. LTD.

**Regd. Off:** MSC House, 2nd & 3rd Floor, Andheri-Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai- 400059. (INDIA)

Tel: +91-22-6752 2555 | Fax: +91-22-6752 2525 | **Website: www.msccs.com** | **Email: jobs@msccs.com**CIN No: U63090MH2005PTC151320

New Delhi - Tel: +91 11 43017707/08/09 Email : delhi@msccs.com Chennai - Tel: +91 44 40155305/06/07 Email: chennai@msccs.com Patna - Tel: +91 612 2260211/58 Email : patna@msccs.com Cochin - Tel: +91 484 4039010/9011 Email: cochin@msccs.com Kolkata - Tel: +91 33 40393402/03/08 Email: kolkata@msccs.com

RPSL No. - MUM - 052, Valid till 11/11/2026

We have NO AGENTS acting on behalf of the company. Be aware of fraudulent job offers misusing our name and report immediately to us

### A Seminar by held by The Maritime Union of India Women's Wing (MUI-WW)

### Mindful Living For An Enriched Existence

The Maritime Union of India - Women's Wing (MUI-WW) held a Women centric seminar on strategies to make informed and conscious efforts towards a meaningful and harmonious existence. The seminar which was part of the Community Development program for women from the seafaring community, was held on Sunday, 27th November, 2022 at CLUB EMERALD, Mumbai, with Special Guest Of Honor, Mrs Neera Saggi, Rtd. - IAS, Ex Chairperson, JNPT. The Theme was Mindful Living For An Enriched Existence.

The Seminar started with a Welcome by MUI-WW Core Team member Ms. Pouruchishti Ukaji which was followed by the address by Mrs. Saleha Shaikh, Founder and Head Co-ordinator, MUI Women's Wing. Ms. Shaikh introduced Capt. Tushar Pradhan, the newly elected General Secretary of MUI. Capt. Pradhan, who has over 40 years experience at sea, addressed the gathering and shared how he is the 4th generation Seafarer in his family and how seafaring is part of his family legacy. He talked on how women have been contributors to the Maritime industry and how they need more opportunities and encouragement from all.

Ms Saleha Shaikh then shared a brief on MUI-WW and also shared a video on the activities of the Women's Wing.



Guest of Honour, Mrs Neera Saggi had some very inspiring words to share with the gathering. Capt Anshul Rajvanshi - Managing Director - Synergy Maritime Recruitment Services Pvt. Ltd. discussed the efforts made by the Synergy group towards mental wellness of Seafarers. He talked about the ICALL and WeTeam initiatives by Synergy Group where a 24x7 Helpline offers counseling services to Seafarers across the world in 14 different languages.

Mrs. Nupur Rajvanshi, wife of Capt Anshul Rajvanshi, talked about her recent survey on Women Seafarers and shared the findings in brief.

The talented Mrs Sheena Rath enthralled the audience with a melodious song.

The seminar had two workshops addressed by experts.

### 1. Get Money Wise

Ms Rachna Monga Koppikar, Financial Coach & Investment Planning Specialist of The Great Gruhini fame, discussed the relationship with money and its effects on human behavior and also shared tips on how to save smartly and invest wisely. The Q&A session had interesting questions from the attendees.

### 2. My Balancing Act: Creating my Aura of harmony.

A very powerful and thought inspiring session by Dr. Deepti Mankad, Professional Development Trainer & Consultant, MINDSPEAK. This highly interactive session dealt on taking a holistic approach towards oneself and creating harmony in one's existence. Attendees thoroughly enjoyed participating in the activities and exercises organized in the workshop. There were many takeaways and insights gained from the two sessions.

#### **PERSONALITY OF MUI-WW**

Eleven Women Personalities from amongst Lady Seafarers as well as families of Seafarers were recognized for their outstanding work, felicitated for their contributions and awarded as **'OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY OF MUIWW'**.



They are as follows:

- 1. Mrs. Sharvani Mishra, Marine Engineer
- 2. Mrs. Melissa Mathias, 1st Assistant Engineer
- 3. Mrs. Archana Saxena Sangal, Ex Ch Engineer
- 4. Mrs. Sheena Rath
- 5. Mrs. Shevata Rai Talwar
- 6. Mrs. Nupur Rajvanshi
- 7. Capt. Suneha Gadpande
- 8. Mrs. Renuka Nayar
- 9. Ms. Amita Kamath, Ch Engineer
- 10. Mrs. Bharati Bhandarkar
- 11. Mrs. Bhavna Mukatiwala

Mrs. Sheena Rath, Econship Tech Pvt Ltd. enthralled the guests with the soulful rendering of a song. The Seminar was attended by dignitaries from the Maritime Fraternity alongwith Women Seafarers, Women staff from Shipping companies and Seafarer families.

The MUI Women's Wing which was founded by Ms Saleha Shaikh in 2017 was launched in January 2018 under the aegis of the Maritime Union of India and completes five years in January 2023. It is the Community Support System for Seafarers families with an emphasis on Women Seafarers. For more information related to the MUI Women's Wing, kindly write to muiww@maritimeunionofindia.com



Capt. Tushar Pradhan attended three days Seminar - INMARCO 2022 - Green Shipping Conclave organised by Directorate General of Shipping and INMARCO, The Institute of Marine Engineers (India) at Hotel Sahara Star) from 17th to 19th November, 2022.



\*1 November is designated as World AIDS Day. MUI participated in a meeting at Indian Sailors Home Society (ISHS) premises and provided various suggestions to address the issue of HIV and AIDS infections.

\*Capt. Tushar Pradhan Chaired a meeting of International Seafarers Welfare Organization (ISWOT), which promotes seafarers welfare in Indian ports by establishing seafarers welfare centres in association with local port welfare committees. Discussions also included lack of proper travel facilities within certain ports, especially minor ports. ISWOT Board has decided to meet every three months. The meeting was held at Hotel Taj Santacruz, Mumbai. He also was felicitated by ISWOT.





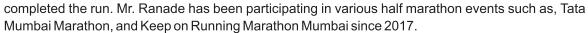
\*MUI banner will be carried by "Women on Wheels" (WoW) Drive 2023, with 40 women travelling in 10 cars on 2 different routes, through three states of North East India, namely, Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh from 12th to 22nd January, 2023. Ms. Suchita Javadekar, spouse of a Master Mariner will be participating in the drive. The drive will also include Ms. Deepa Malik – Indias first female para-athlete, who has won a medal at the Paralympics held at Rio in the year 2016.

### MUI official participates in Vasai-Virar Marathon

The Vasai Virar Municipal Corporation Marathon (VVMCM) is running event that usually takes place in the month of December in <u>Vasai-Virar</u>, Maharashtra, India. The event is primarily sponsored by the <u>Vasai-Virar Municipal Corporation</u>.

The event started as a state level event in <u>2011</u> and has grown into one of the country's premier national level running event, offering the highest prize money for Indian athletes, both; professional and amateur. The 10th edition of Vasai Virar Mayor's Marathon was held on December 11, 2022. The Half Marathon (21.097 km) started from outside the Vasai Tahsildar Office, Opp. Vasai Court, Vasai Village and finished at Viva College, Virar.

Mr. Balakrishna Ranade from The Maritime Union of India has participated in the above marathon (21.097km) and successfully



MUI would like to encourage more seafarers to participate in event like this in your respective cities and send us the photographs and event information to print the same in this Journal, The Oceanite. \*\*\*



### RESCUE OPERATION IN SOUTH CHINA SEA - 303 SRI LANKAN MIGRANTS SAFE

A merchant ship, M.V. Helios Leader, a 60,212 tonne vehicle carrier, with 26 crew on board, under command of Capt. Anil Choudhary was on its way to Singapore from Japan, laden with Japanese and South Korean cars rescued a total of 303 Sri Lankan migrants (264 men, 19 women, 20 children) in South China Sea on 7th November, 2022.

On 7th November, 2022, at 2.50 p.m. crew received an urgent message from MRCC Singapore that a vessel Lady 3, Myanmar flag was sinking off the Vietnamese coast, within Singapore's maritime Search and Rescue region. Their boat had already taken in water and was rolling and pitching in 3 metres high swell. The vessel was believed to be heading to Canada from Sri Lanka. By 3 p.m. Capt. Choudhary altered course and made its way south-west to the vessel. It took 1.5 hours to reach the fishing boat, which was 210 nautical miles off Vung Tau, South of Vietnam.

By 5.40 p.m. the operation to get the 303 passengers off the sinking boat was underway. Capt. Choudhary instructed crew to lower a pilot ladder to the fishing boat for the immigrants who had clambered to the upper deck of Lady 3. "To climb up the ladder you had to be alongside the ship but with the waves, both the vessels were moving up and down. It went haywire", stated Chief Engineer Dinesh Khanna. The crew decided to pull up the passengers one by one by their arms onto the gangway. They secured themselves using safety harnesses and reached over the edge of the vessel

to do this, which was a long and tricky process. Captain Khanna stated that "We had to wait for the right second to pick up each person... We pulled them up with all our effort. They were panicking and tried to climb on all together. We had to tell them not to do so because if somebody fell, we would have to save that person first" and added that, "We said we would not leave this place until we see the last person leave safely". Captain Choudhary meanwhile made sure that the main engine and side thruster were working to keep both the ships sufficiently close and steady. He instructed his cooks to prepare bread and soup as those rescued would be cold and exhausted. By 7.30 p.m. all passengers were safely on board, and were extremely grateful to their rescuers.

Helios Leader arrived at Vung Tau, Vietnam, 8th November and after clearing immigration, the Sri Lankans began disembarking. The vessel then proceeded to Singapore where the crew were felicitated by MPA Singapore. The vessel was under the management of NYK Ship Management Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai.\*\*\*

### RESCUE OPERATION SAVES TWO MEN AND DOG IN NORTH ATLANTIC

Captain Neeraj Chaudhary, Master of *Silver Muna* rescued two persons, aged 65 and 76 alongwith their dog on 13 December, 2022.

The boat, *Atrivida-II* had sent out a distress message a day before, but the position indicated was more than 500 NM away from his ship. RCC Norfolk requested if vessel can carry out the rescue, to which a positive response was sent to them. On approaching the boat two persons with a dog were visible. However, 5 metres swell with gusty winds in the North Atlantic during winter are common were prevailing. Due to these factors, two maneuvering attempts failed to approach the boat, which was drifting without fuel.

The third attempt was successful, and using line throwing apparatus a rescue line was established. After further maneuvering, the boat was alongside on Portside. However, waves were tossing the 30 feet boat and with the rescue line and pilot ladder broken down, it looked like an impossible task. One of the men on board was simply giving up and believed that they were not going to make it safely. Now, it was decided to use Rescue Harness, however, due to weak condition of the two men, it was decided to use ships crane with strong cargo net and a pellet at centre of the net. The last strong point left on the boat was the iron pole on which the steering wheel was fitted which broke, however, all three were safely rescued unharmed. The vessel was under the management of Fleet Management, Mumbai.\*\*\*

Officers are requested to keep with their next of kin a copy of the Bilateral Agreement they have signed before sign-on with the respective company they are serving under. It can also be sent to MUI office, Mumbai, for our records.

### Son of Master Mariner is an avid writer

Son of Capt. Pankaj Vats, Aditya, born in the year 2003, has been writing books for last six years. His 10th book was launched by Chief Minister of Uttarakhand on 10th September 2022 at Dehradun.

These books are available on Amazon, Flipkart and other digital platforms. Currently, Aditya is pursuing Integrated MBA from UPES University.\*\*\*



### **Current registries listed as FOCs**

The following 42 countries have been declared FOCs by the ITF's Fair Practices Committee (a joint committee of ITF seafarers' and dockers' unions), which runs the ITF campaign against FOCs:

Antigua and Barbuda French International Ship Mongolia
Bahamas Registry (FIS) Myanmar
Barbados German International Ship North Korea
Registry (GIS) Palau

Belize Registry (GIS)

Bermuda Georgia Palau

Bolivia Gibraltar

Honduras Sao Tome and Príncipe

Cambodia

Cameroon

Cayman Islands

Sierra Leone

St Kitts and Nevis

St Vincent

Comoros
Liberia
Sri Lanka
Cook Islands

Malta

Tanzania (Zanzibar)

Curacao Madeira Togo

Cyprus Marshall Islands Tonga
Equatorial Guinea Moldoya

Marshall Islands Tonga

Vanuatu

Faroe Islands

October-December 2022

### TAX PROBLEMS OF SEAFARERS IN FOREIGN WATERS

### A. MUKHERJEE & ASSOCIATES NRI TAX CONSULTANTS

ADVOCATE AMIT MUKHERJEE (M. COM. LL.B.)

### HELP LINE:

MOB: (0) 9830436752/8910204612/9874385448

WHATS APP NO.: 9830436752

EMAIL ID: amitmukherjee895@gmail.com

We would like to inform all Officers to update their details through MUI Application (Android based). This can be done through MUI website or by downloading the Application on Android phone. This will help in having updated profile in the records of MUI.

For all issues related to <u>MEMBERSHIP</u> including <u>PAYMENT</u> of <u>MUI MEMBERSHIP FEES</u>, and <u>ALL QUERIES</u> related to Membership, kindly send your emails to:

membership@maritimeunionofindia.com

KINDLY SEND ALL YOUR MEMBERSHIP RELATED QUERIES TO: membership@maritimeunionofindia.com

F. No.: 25-2501 1/18/2022-NT-DGS Dated: 20.12.2022

### Merchant Shipping Notice No. 13 of 2022

### Subject: Guidelines for the avoidance of false distress alerts- reg.

- 1. Noting that the false distress alerts activated from VHF, DSC, MF/HF DSC, recognized ship earth station (SES) and EPIRBs may impose a considerable and unnecessary burden on Rescue Co-ordination Centers (RCCs) and on national exchequer by engaging search and rescue (SAR) authorities for carrying out SAR operation, and it could have a potentially serious impact on real distress situations and safety of life at sea. It also has an adverse effect on seafarer's confidence in the GMDSS.
- 2. In this regards, the Directorate General of Shipping had issued several merchant shipping notices and circulars from time to time to avoid transmission, repetition and relay of false distress alerts in the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS).
- 3. Recalling the amendments to the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) as adopted through IMO resolution MSC496(105), and recognizing the need to revise and update the Guidelines for the avoidance of false distress alerts as indicated in the IMO resolution A-814(19), the IMO has issued "Revised Guidelines for the avoidance of False Distress Alerts" through the Resolution MSC-514 (105) dated 28 April 2022. (Copy is attached as Annex-I.)
- 4. Considering that, the transmission and relay of false distress alerts is a significant problem within the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), the World Radiocommunication Conference has issued "Operational procedures for cancelling false distress alerts through the Resolution-349 (WRC-19) in November 2019. (Copy is attached as Annex II.)
- 5. Having realized the serious implications of false distress alerts and with an aim to reduce false alerts, the Directorate General of Shipping bring these revised Guidelines and procedures to the attention of all Ship owners, Ship operators, Ship masters, Seafarers, Training Institutions, Faculties and other maritime institutions.
- 6. This Merchant Shipping Notice supersedes all previous notices and circulars on the above subject.
- 7. This is issued with the approval of Director General of Shipping and Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Sd/-Shri Balunkeshor Mohapatra Senior Radio Surveyor-cum-ADG (Tech)

### DG Shipping "Seafarers Grievance Redressal Mechanism"

- 1. Possible means of receipt of "Seafarers Grievances" may be by following means:
- a. DGS Online grievance portal
- b. Email
- c. Twitter
- d. Hard copy (letter)
- e. Social media (as Whatsapp etc.)
- 2. On receipt of grievance by other means than the "Online grievance portal" such as other means as Emails, Tweet, Hard copy (letter) and Social media etc., the concerned seafarer who has raised grievance by other means may be advised by email or call by DG Shipping Official / Shipping Master to raise the grievance through the "DGS Online grievance portal" for quick and easy disposal of case online.

- 3. Step by step process guide for raising online grievance:
  - a) Login to E-Governance system by using User Id and Password provided by DG Shipping for other modules ( www.dgshipping.gov.in > E-Governance)
  - b) Go to the link > "Grievance Redressal Mechanism"
  - c) Enter relevant details (\* marks details are compulsory)
  - d) Select Company Name
  - e) Select the option "type" of grievance
  - f) Fill up all relevant details and 'Submit'
  - g) Upon submission of data, system would display "Reference No." and same application would be sent to the concerned "Shipping Master"
  - h) The concerned "Shipping Master" would examine the matter within two (02) working days and provide necessary solutions
  - I) Grievances would be processed and seafarer would be queried back within two (02) working days with details or closure details would be communicated online
  - j) Seafarer can "view" the status of grievance by clicking "view" status
  - k) If queried back requesting further details, the same may be provided by the seafarer
  - I) If grievances are un-answered, you may contact the respective jurisdictional Shipping Masters by following email id after two (02) working days: sm-mum-ship@gov.in for Mumbai, sm-kol-ship@gov.in for Kolkata, sm-chn-ship@gov.in for Chennai

When corresponding with MUI offices for your grievances, inquiries or for any other purpose, kindly ensure to mention your:

- 1) CDC Number
- 2) MUI Membership Number
- 3) Rank
- 4) Name of your Company
- 5) Land line, and mobile numbers, email identity

The 16th Edition of Dredging Corporation of India Limited (DCI) Magazine Darpan - The Mirror of DCI, has been released. Shri Sarbananda Sonowal Honourable Union Minister of Ports Shipping and Waterways and Ayush, has conveyed New Year Greetings to all the employees of DCIL.

### Below article is presented by Capt. Nagendra Rao, DCIL and is also President of The Maritime Union of India in the above issue.

### Capt. Nagendra Rao, Master, DCIL DISASTER MANAGEMENT

It is a sudden misfortune or any unfortunate event. It is an event whose timing is unexpected and whose consequences are seriously destructive. It is a serious disruption of the functioning of a society involving wide spread human, material, economic and environmental losses.

Disaster simply means a mishap, calamity or occurrence in any area arising from natural or manmade causes or by accidents or by negligence resulting in substantial loss of life, destruction to property, damage to environment and it is of such a magnitude as to be beyond the coping capacity of the society of affected area.

### **TYPES OF DISASTERS:**

There are mainly two types of Disasters.

**NATURAL DISASTERS:** Natural disasters are resulting from natural hazards which are not in our control. These are Cyclones, Cold waves, Cloud bursts, Draughts, Earthquakes, Floods. Heat waves, Hurricanes, Hailstorms, Landslides, Tornadoes, Tsunamis, Thunderstorms, Volcanic Eruptions etc.

**MANMADE DISASTERS:** These have an element of human intent, negligence or error involving a failure of a manmade system. These are Arson, Biological, Chemical and Gas threats, Cyberattacks, Crime, Civil Disorder, and Oil spills, Terrorism, Wars etc.

#### **DISASTER MANAGEMENT:**

Disaster Management means a continuous and integrated process of planning, organizing, coordinating and implementing measures which are necessary for: Evacuation, Rescue and Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, Assessing magnitude of effects of disaster, Preparedness to deal with disaster, Capacity Building, Reduction of severity of risks of disaster, Prevention of threats of any disaster.

#### PHASES OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT CYCLE:

**RESPONSE / RELIEF:** It involves search and rescue of affected people, providing them with food, temporary shelter and immediate medical care. It involves strategies to reduce level of suffering and bringing the affected people from shock and trauma due to loss their loved ones and means of livelihood.

**RECOVERY:** It refers to decisions and actions taken related to rehabilitation and reconstruction after a disaster with a view to restoring pre-disaster living conditions of affected community. The aim is to develop the areas in such a way that vulnerability and risks to disaster are minimized.

**REHABILITATION:** This process includes all operations and decisions taken with a view to restore an affected community to its former living conditions, by facilitating necessary adjustments to the changes caused by the disaster.

**RECONSTRUCTION:** It includes the actions taken to re-establish a community following rehabilitation of affected persons after a disaster. These actions include construction of permanent housing,

restoration of water services, communication services, electricity services, transport facilities, medical care etc.

 $\textbf{DEVELOPMENT:} The \ main\ objectives\ in\ this\ phase\ are\ to\ reduce\ hazards,\ prevent\ disasters,\ and\ prepare\ for\ emergencies.$ 

**PREVENTION:** Activities aim at avoiding adverse impact of hazards and investing in preventive measures in areas frequently affected by disasters.

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT:** Established under guidelines of NDMA, to address the dearth of effective disaster management systems and professionals in the country. Its agenda would be the reinvention of disaster management in the country by ensuring disaster prevention, preparedness and facilitating setting up of accountable and participatory systems for disaster response and mitigation, setting up R & D centers, formulating training modules etc.

**MITIGATION:** Any measures taken to minimize the extent of a disaster. Structural measures are strengthening of buildings, disaster resistant construction and erection of infrastructure. Nonstructural measures are intangible and cannot be quantified. These are generation of awareness, education and training, insurance etc.

**PREPAREDNESS:** Activities and measures taken in advance to reduce disaster impact by giving effective early warnings, preparation of emergency plans, risk assessment planning, evacuation of people from threatened locations.

#### INITIATIVES TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT FOR REDUCING RISKS OF DISASTERS:

**DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT 2005:** It mandates every Govt.Department to prepare, review, and update Disaster Management Plan.

**NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY:** Constituted in every district level to coordinate with all cities and suburbs under its control.

**NATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF FORCE:** It was constituted in 2006 under NDMA guidelines by Ministry of Home Affairs. NDRF is headed by Director General with 16 battalions of fully trained force.

**NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN:** It was formulated in November 2019 by National Disaster Management Authority under Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The main features of the NDMP 2019 are:

National Legal Mandates, Prime Minister's 10 point agenda, Social inclusion, Responsibility Framework, Reactive approach to Proactive approach, Regional Approach

**Disaster Relief Funds:** National Disaster Response Fund, National Disaster Mitigation Fund, State & District Disaster Response Funds, State & District Mitigation Fund.

### DOS AND DO NOTS OF MAJOR DISASTERS:

#### **EARTHQUAKES:**

If you are inside your home, stay there inside hall, in corners and archways. Avoid staying near windows and doorways. Take cover under a heavy table or solid furniture.

If you are at outside your home, stay well clear of buildings and electric wires/ cables.

If you are in a lift, when earthquake happens, press all floors buttons and get out of the lift immediately.

If you are in a vehicle, leave the road clear away from bridges and tall buildings, stay in your vehicle.

If you are in crowded public place, take cover and not to get trampled. Keep away from neon sign boards and heavy display shelves.

Try to remain calm and help others until shaking stops. Anticipate aftershocks also. After earthquake, check your home or office for structural damage and assess for other hazards.

Check yourself and others nearby for any injuries. Administer First Aid quickly. If you are evacuating, take pack of emergency supplies with you. Use torch and wear shoes or chapels as you have to cross broken glasses of windows.

#### **FLOODS**:

Move to the safer places with dry food and drinking water on receipt of flood warning.

Valuable household articles and documents to be concealed in polythene bags and to be secured in safe place.

Remove cattle to a highland and store sufficient fodder and drinking water for them

Insure crops and household articles.

Turn off all electric system and equipment's.

Avoid eating infected food and drinking water in open. Boil water before drinking. Keep food covered always.

**Conclusion:** Capacity building to face any disaster, Preparedness rather than Management, Sustainable Development for faster rehabilitation, Awareness creation to take preventive measures, Extensive training programmes to minimize loss of life and property, save precious lives on Earth.\*\*\*

### YOU SHOULD **INSURE YOUR CERTIFICATE**

Because: The Maritime Union of India provides COC protection to you against Competency Certificate affected by any Court of Law and/or Authority.

### **BENEFITS**

- 1. Suspension of Certificate: A maximum compensation of Rs.3,20,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Twenty Thousand only) which is spread over 8 months.
- 2. Cancellation of Certificate: A maximum compensation of Rs.6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh only) over period of 18 months.
- 3. Certificate replacement: Certificate replaced by the lower certificate upto Rs.22,500/-(RupeesTwenty Two Thousand Five Hundred only) per month not exceeding 8 payments as Compensation. Provided that this MUI COC ProtectionApplication is in force on the day of the incident giving rise to an official inquiry into a Shipping Casualty (or was in force at least six months prior to
- 4. Legal Assistance in India: Legal assistance in India before any Court of Inquiry where Competency would be disputed upto a sum of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh only).
- 5. Legal Assistance outside India: Legal assistance outside India before any Court of Inquiry where Competency would be disputed upto a sum of Rs.5,00,000/-(Rupees Five Lakh only). MUI COC Protection Application covers Competency Certificates only, but not against cancellation of disciplinary misconduct or legal offences. The Maritime Union of India is not bound to give notice for renewal of premium.

### **REMEMBER:**

- 1. THE RENEWAL DATE so that you may remit your annual premium at least one month before the due date
- 2. To keep membership up-to- date. MUI COC Protection Application is extended only to fully paid members of the Union.



### THE MARITIME UNION OF INDIA

Head Office: Head Office: Udyog Bhavan, 4th Floor 29, Walchand Hirachand Marg, Ballard Estate Mumbai 400 001. India.

Telephone: (91-22) 22613052, 22615507

Fax: (91-22) 2262 0606

E-mail: mail@maritimeunionofindia.com membership@maritimeunionofinilia.com Web: www.maritimeunionofindia.com

Branch Office: Bhagat Chambers, 2nd Floor 12A Netaji Subhas, Road, Kolkata 700001. Tel.: 033-22304169 Fax: 91-033-22310900 E-mail: maroffcal@gmail.com;maroffcal@hotmail.com

Chandigarh : Mr. Nitin Kumar SCO-114, 2nd Floor, Sector 47C Chandigarh 160047.

Tel.: (0172) 2633114, (0172) 5089492

M.: 8196994555

Email: muichandigarh@gmail.com

Chennai : Mr. P. A. Khan Krystal Scan Building, Ground Floor, Room No.01 59/A, 4th Cross Street, M.K.B. Nagar, Land Mark Ambedkar govt Arts College, Chennai - 600 039.

Tel: 044-26733064 Fax: 044-26733064 Mobile: 91 (0) 9003275182 Email: oceanitechn@vahoo.co.in

Kochi: Mr. Thomas Sebastian, Mr. C.S. Ganesh Prabhu Cochin Port Staff Association (CPSA), Willingdon Island Kochi 682 009.

Tel.: (0484) 2666409, 2666871-2140 Fax: (0484) 2669468

E-mail: cpsacpt@yahoo.com

Patna: Mr. Ravi Prakash Mishra The Merchant Navy Officers Association 408, Verma Centre, Boring Road Crossing Chouraha, Patna 800001. M: 7992325621 Email: muipatna@gmail.com

Tuticorin: Mr. V. Sathyanarayanan Tuticorin Port Mariners' & General Staff Union, Beach Road, Zone 'E' Extention Port, Opp. Customs Office. Tuticorin 628 001. Tamil Nadu. Tel.: 0461-2326519/2339195 Fax: 0461231 1668 E-mail: sathya\_viji74@yahoo.com

Visakhapatnam : Mr. S. Satyanarayana Maritime Union of India, C/o. Post Box No.631 P&T Colony Post office, Visakhapatnam 530 013. Mob.: 081068 07206 Email: ssjula1950@gmail.com

### **APPLICATION FORM CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY (COC) PROTECTION**

Important: Please ensure that all columns are filled up for acceptance of this application by office of The Maritime Union of India

	MUI Membership No.:	Valid Upto :
1.	Name in full (BLOCK LETTERS - Surname first)	<del>.</del>
2.	Date and Place of Birth	
3.	Permanent Address for correspondence	
4.	Grade, Number and Complete	
	description of certificate	
5.	Date and Port of Issue	
	(a) INDOS No.	
6.	Has your Certificate ever been  (a) Suspended?  (b) Cancelled?  (c) Successfully defended in an  (d) official Enquiry?	
	If so, please give particulars	
7.	Have you ever been in a ship that has met with an accident in respect of which there has been an official enquiry?  If so, please give particulars	
	If so, please give particulars	·
8.	Name of your present ship	
9.	In what capacity are you now serving?	
10.	Name of Owners / Agent	·
11.	How long have you served with them?	
info I pa eve	ormation calculated to influence the decisi ay herewith the sum of Rs. 200/- (Rupees ery year.	Two Hundred only) being the first application cost and agree to renew it
Da	te	Signature

### **MEMBERSHIP FORM**

[ TO BE FILLED IN BLOCK LETTERS]



### THE MARITIME UNION OF INDIA

Regd No.: BY-II-198-A 30-3-1941

Registered Office: Udyog Bhavan, 4th Floor, 29, Walchand Hirachand Marg, Ballard Estate, Mumbai 400 001. Tel.: 91-22-22613052 / 22615507 Fax: 91-22-22620606 E-mail: mail@maritimeunionofindia.com or membership@maritimeunionofindia.com Website: maritimeunionofindia.com

Affiliated to The International Transport Workers' Federation, London & Hind Mazdoor Sabha, India Membership Fees: Rs. 1800/- per annum

Please Affix your recent photograph

Entrance Fees (For first time members - one time payment): Rs. 500/-					
Full Name :Surname first					
Date of Birth and Place :					
INDos No.:	Marital Sta	atus : 🔲 Married	☐ Unmarried		
C.D.C. No.: Place of Issue :	Issued on	: Exp	oires on :		
Passport No.: Place of Issue :	Issued on	: Exp	oires on :		
Certificate of Competency (COC) No.:					
Name of your present company :					
Present Rank : Emp	oloyment Code No.	:			
Particulars of your last company :					
Residence Address :					
Landline Nos. :					
Mobile Nos. :					
Email Address :					
Details of Next of Kin declared by you at the time of joining the Company					
Sr. No. Full Name	Relationship	Mobile & E	-mail ID		
1					
2					
3					
4					

The details are required to assist you in case of contingency and/or in case of emergency.

I will be abide by the rules and regulation of constitution of the Union, I agree, undertake and confirm that all agreement/s entered and or executed by MUI towards representation of its members shall be binding and enforceable by/upon me and accordingly, I authorised MUI to directly collect my membership from me and/or through my employer.

I therefore request you to enroll me as the member and/or renew my membership of the The Maritime Union of India.

Date: Place:_		Cing share of Applicant
COC Protection is extended to fully paid payable on or before renew date.	up members only. Certificate protection fee	Signature of Applicant s of Rs.200 (Rupees Two Hundred only) per yea
	FOR OFFICE USE	
Membership No.:	Amount Received	Receipt No.
Place :		
		Signature of the Authorised Signatory

### FOR ATTENTION OF MUI MEMBERS AND SEAFARER OFFICERS

You can tear the MUI Membership form in this issue along the dotted line, fill it up and post it to MUI Mumbai Office alongwith a Demand Draft or Cheque in favour of: The Maritime Union of India to: Udyog Bhavan, 4th Floor, 29 Walchand Hirachand Marg Ballard Estate, Mumbai 400001.

Kindly ensure that your Maritime Union of India (MUI) membership is kept validated every year.

This will ensure that you are supported in case of eventualities that may occur during your service on board vessel or after sign-off. In case you need to resolve any matter with your ship owner/Agent, interceding by the MUI can effectively assist you more effectively, if you are a fully-paid up member Officer of the Union.

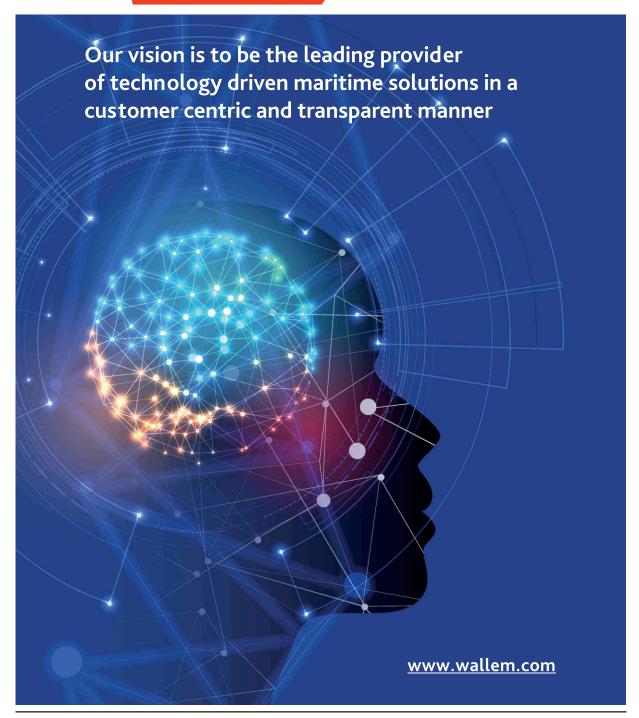
MUI REQUESTS ALL OFFICERS TO ENSURE THAT
SUFFICIENT BALANCE IS PRESENT IN THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS
WHEN A CHEQUE IS ISSUED BY THEM OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, FOR
MEMBERSHIP TO THE MARITIME UNION OF INDIA

This will ensure faster and efficient delivery of MUI Membership Card to your residence

When corresponding with MUI offices for your grievances, inquiries or for any other purpose, kindly ensure to mention your :

- 1) CDC Number
- 2) MUI Membership Number
- 3) Rank
- 4) Name of your Company
- 5) Land line, and mobile numbers, email identity

Registered with the Registrar of Newspaper for India Under No. MAHENG / 2017 / 72636



Printed, published and edited by Capt. Tushar R. Pradhan on behalf of The Maritime Union of Indian, published from Udyog Bhavan, 4th Floor, 29 Walchand Hirachand Marg, Ballard Estate, Mumbai - 400 001 and printed at Rehman Enterprises, 18-B, Nadirshah Sukhia Street, Fort, Mumbai - 400 001.