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IMEI organizes Momentous Event on 13th April at IMEI House Navi Mumbai.

The Institute of Marine Engineers (India) IME(I) has been very innovative in bringing new initiatives in the past and in this context the event was organized on 13th April 2023 at IMEI House Navi Mumbai in hybrid mode to honor their members who have authored books on non-technical subjects and also to inform members on the new developments.



Mr. Arun Kumar Gupta, Chairman IME(I) Mumbai Branch

Mr. Arun Kumar Gupta, Chairman IME(I) Mumbai Branch warmly welcomed all the authors' invitees, and esteemed guests present as well as attending through the Zoom platform. The authors were invited to the dais to read excerpts from their books and to interact with the participants.



Mr. Sanjeev Mehra, Secretary IME(I) Mumbai Branch.

Mr. Sanjeev Mehra, Secretary IME(I) Mumbai Branch carried the event onward.



Mr. Uday Ranadive

Firstly Author Uday Ranadive was invited who spoke on his two books "Life Well Cruised" and "The Corporate Boogeyman".

Mr. Ranadive 1965-69 DMET batch sailed till 1982 and retired as Chief Surveyor & Sr VP in IRS.

Life Well Cruised is a close-to-the-heart account of a marine engineer's fascinating life on commercial ships and ashore as well. The story begins right from the days as a student cadet as the author trains and prepares himself for an arduous seafaring journey ahead. The book also vividly portrays the incredible voyages on commercial ships across seas, the several ups and downs, and mind-blowing experiences on and off the shore. From the port of Mumbai, across the Strait of Gibraltar and the Panama Canal, to the Pacific, Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Caribbean oceans, the book takes readers on a thrilling expedition to different ports and places. Interspersed with details of engines and machinery, the problems and

perils at sea, and the innovative ways in which the author finds solutions with limited resources, the book is a must-read for all aspiring marine engineers and anyone who enjoys adventures.

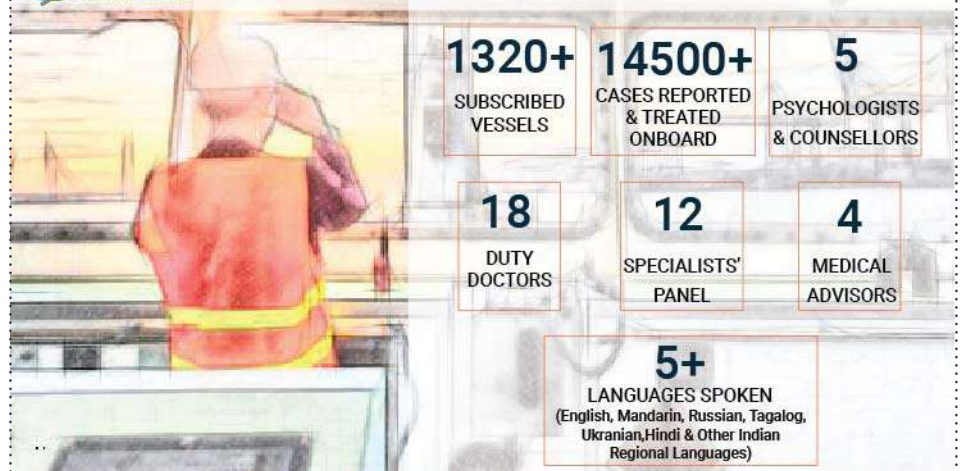
The author makes enduring friendships and everlasting memories that make the often lonely voyages away from family worthwhile. **Life Well Cruised**

is a tale of endurance, courage, and perseverance in the face of unexpected encounters and challenges. The experiences and anecdotes shared by the author are not just reflections of life at sea but life in general as well

The Corporate Boogeyman book tells for an engineer, getting a job at PCI was like getting

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admission into IIT. But now these same engineers were fleeing this once mighty company, competitors were swallowing its market share and profits were falling to an all-time low. Meanwhile, a small band of "Patriots" within the organization come together to try and save their beloved company. But for this, they will have to take on the 'boogeyman'—their suave, sharp-tongued, and narcissistic CMD who had the board in his pocket and the mandarins in Delhi on his payroll. Could they face down this formidable opponent and turn the company around? Or would they have to go down with the sinking ship? Book to read.

The next Author invited was Dr. Binay Singh, the founder, and CEO of Singh Marine Management Ltd based in Odessa, Ukraine. His life mission is to serve the world's seafarer communities and change the world through positivity, love, and enthusiasm; this is reflective in his simple, timeless life philosophy:



Dr. Binay Singh

"Treat people as you like to be treated." In the book reading session, he presented his books on two inspiring maritime leaders: Mr. Kaushik Seal and Ms. Sonali Banerjee. He said the experience was incredible, and he was grateful for the opportunity to share their stories with others.

The two books titled "Kaushik Seal: Cheerful Loyal Maritime Leader" and "Sonali - An Empathetic Woman Leader in

Maritime" delve into the lives and careers of two exceptional leaders who have made significant contributions to the maritime industry. Their stories are a testament to the power of positive leadership and the importance of empathy, dedication, and hard work.

"I presented these books in the session with the hope that they would inspire members of the maritime industry, especially the young generation. **By sharing the stories of Kaushik Seal and Sonali Banerjee, I aim to create a culture of leadership that is based on integrity, dedication, and empathy**".

Sonali Banerjee, a pioneer of Indian engineering, Sonali has also made a name for herself as a champion of equal rights. Together, she and Dr. Singh are ushering in a new era of maritime. This book is a close look at who she is and how she works, examining her efforts as well as her successes.

The next invited Author was **Mr. Guramrit Singh Kahlon** for the book **Memoirs of a Merchant**



Guramrit Singh Kahlon

Marine Chief Engineer. He attended on the virtual platform.

Guramrit Kahlon started his maritime career as a trainee marine engineer. He rose through the ranks to become Merchant Marine Chief Engineer.

He addressed his book in three parts. **Part I** of his memoir recounts his ancestors' humble beginnings after India's partition. The subsequent segments describe his journey from his childhood on merchant ships with his father—to some lighthearted tales of his growing up years—to turning the page and describing some very interesting portrayals of mentorship and learning the tricks of the trade.

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Part II recounts several on-site troubleshooting narratives that he witnessed firsthand. Some of the book's gripping short stories depict dramatic moments and nail-biting tension on the high seas, such as losing control of the main engine, being adrift in a merciless sea for days, and even retrieving a dead ship after a prolonged blackout. Part II of the memoir concludes with an account of a wonderful vacation that every seafarer dreams of.

In Part III, he delves into the history of the Indian shipping industry, beginning with the British India Steam Navigation Company. He goes on to explain how the Scindia Steam Navigation Company came to be and how they collaborated with the Government of India to establish the Eastern Shipping Corporation. The formation of the Western Shipping Corporation, followed by the merger of the two corporations to form the Shipping Corporation of India, has also been illuminated.



Cmde. Bhupesh Tater

The next last Author invited was **Cmde. Bhupesh Tater, Gen. Secretary, IMEI for his Book "From the Crows Nest"**.

Gaurav sailed for two years with the Great Eastern Shipping Company, before going against the grain and joining the Indian Navy in 1988, serving in the pristine Whites for more than 22 memorable years. Currently a partner in M/s Advait QFS, a technocracy dedicated to Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

The book is about a collection of the author's life experiences, generally seen funny side up. School, admission adventures, college mischief, spouse advice, posting problems,

stock market mishaps, colony calamities - all have been included and witticised. From the Crow's Nest - Memories, Musings, and Mirth is a captivating and mirthful travelogue about the journey of life seen through the irreverent eyes of a wannabe author, who just happens to be a Fauji and a Mariner. **His Book reading was done by Mr. Kaushik Seal thereafter Cmde. Bhupesh Tater,**



MOU Singapore Chapter signed with Mr Kaushik Seal

After the book reading sessions, the signing of an MOU with Mr. Kaushik Seal for the Singapore Chapter was followed. This was in continuation of the efforts to set up International Chapters and spread wings globally, the IME(I) Members in Singapore have been successful in registering the body with the ROC Singapore. They will now look to cooperate with the IME(I) HO in the achievement of our Objectives, apart from servicing our Membership in the region and signing up new Members.



Vijendra Jain President IMEI

Mr. Vijendra Jain, President IMEI while acknowledging the presence of all the Past Presidents and other dignitaries, addressed the august gathering on key areas of future developments and activities of IMEI including the opening of a new Chapter in Rajasthan on 23rd April 2023 and IMEI have received approvals from DGS to conduct classes from IMEI Kolkata and Goa premises. Next in the pipeline are Chennai & Pune, making IME(I) one

Thereafter another highlight was the announcement of a new annual award in the category of education for the year 2024 named "Omkarnath & Chuni Wazir Award for Excellence in Education". The award amount was Rs 5 Lacs handed over by Shri Omkarnath to IMEI. Mr. Sanjiv Wazir and his father Omkarnath were honored with a bouquet of flowers. Mr. Sanjiv Wazir thanked the IMEI and shared his vision on the importance of recognizing a teacher through the said Award for Excellence in Education in the name of his parents.



Mr Sanjiv Wazir.

Authors were felicitated by a Shawl from IMEI President.



Shri Omkarnath and Sanjiv Wazir presented with bouquet of flowers by Vijendra Jain



Shri Omkarnath with son Sanjiv Wazir and family presenting Cheque of Rs 5 Lacs to IMEI



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Mr. Kaushik Seal



Mr. Amit Bhatnagar, Vice President IMEI

Mr. Kaushik Seal briefed the gathering on the forming of the Singapore Chapter, a vision from Mr. Vijendra Jain, and also the UK/EU Chapter with the helm of Mr. Vijay Jain, and the Hong Kong chapter by Mr. Luvkesh and Mr. Jagneet Makar who are in the preparation of the Chapter.

The Momentous evening came to an end with a vote of thanks from Mr. Amit Bhatnagar, Vice President IME(I) followed by dinner.

Govt may invite bids from four companies for strategic disinvestment of SCI

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Vedanta Resources, Safe Sea Services, JM Baxi and Megha Engineering are among firms that are likely to be asked to place bids for the strategic disinvestment of state-run **Shipping Corp. of India (SCI)** by next month, officials aware of the development said.

The government is expecting an equity value of about ₹6,000 crore from the strategic sale, which will

see management control transferred to the winning bidder.

Vedanta Resources, Safe Sea Services, JM Baxi and Megha Engineering didn't respond to queries as of Friday evening. Queries to the finance ministry also did not elicit a response.

As part of its strategic disinvestment plan, the government will transfer its entire shareholding of 63.75% in SCI, along with management control, to a private entity.

MARINE NEWS



For SCI strategic disinvestment 4 companies invited to bid

The remaining equity of the BSE-listed company is held by the public.

The company's disinvestment process gained pace after it completed the demerger of its non-core assets into a unit.

SCI's South Mumbai headquarters Shipping House, a training institute in Powai and some other properties will not be sold but instead, be transferred to the demerged Shipping Corp. of India Land and Assets Ltd.

These assets will be dealt with later after the disinvestment of the shipping business. The unit will also be listed.

The government, which intends to complete the sale within the first half of this financial year, has set itself a **disinvestment target of ₹51,000 crore for 2023-24.**

PORT NEWS

All time record handling of Crude in a single day set by Chennai Port

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Chennai Port has achieved the all time record of handling import of 1,26,500 Tons of Crude Oil in a single day on April 16th by vessel M.T. KASOS at Bharathi Dock 3 surpassing the previous record of 1,23,300 Tons

from vessel M.T. MARATHI on 14.04.2022. Chairperson of Chennai Port authority SUNIL PALIWAL, has appreciated the synergy exhibited by the importer Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL), the Steamer Agent M/s. Atlantic Global Shipping Pvt. Ltd., and the Port Officials for the achievement.



Chennai port