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Capt Rajesh Unni- Synergy Marine Group Top Brass graces epochal event at HIMT

On the momentous date of 23rd August 2023, HIMT College was honored with the presence of **Capt. Rajesh Unni, the Founder and Executive Chairman of Synergy Marine Group**, to commemorate the inauguration of the DNS Course and the Passing Out Ceremony of the GME (22nd Batch) Cadets.

The day commenced with HIMT College bestowing the cherished college epaulets upon freshly inducted cadets, a significant proportion of whom are proudly sponsored by Synergy Maritime. The HIMT campus wore an aura of grandeur and pride as Capt. Rajesh Unni and his eminent team of officials made their entrance.

Capt. Kirupakaran, and Brig. Srikumar, with a traditional floral reception.

In a symbolic gesture that paralleled the growth and evolution of the Synergy cadets at HIMT, **Capt. Unni planted a sapling on the Main Avenue**. This act underscored the nurturing environment provided by the HIMT faculty, molding the cadets to be ready for the exigencies of life at sea.

The pivotal Epaulette ceremony followed, where the proud cadets received their epaulets, a defining moment marking their journey in maritime studies. Further, Capt. Unni was given a college tour which showcased HIMT's

Vakil, the CEO, greeted the guests and **Capt. Anand Subramanian, Principal**, delved into the illustrious career of **Capt. Rajesh Unni**.

Capt. Unni then mesmerized the audience with a motivational address, charting his early struggles, his trysts with failure, and his relentless determination. His insistence on continuous learning and adaptability, especially in the



The Chief Guest addressing the Cadets

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The Chief Guest Taking Salute at The Ceremonial Marchpast

The campus grounds bore witness to an impressive Ceremonial Guard of Honor and Marchpast, executed with finesse by the senior cadets. **The Director of Finance and the First Lady of the campus, Smt. Tarangini Vakil** greeted **Capt. Rajesh Unni** and his distinguished team, including **Shri. Raja Krishnan U V, Capt. Ramadass Venkatarao, Capt. Sudarsan Srinivasan,**

dedication to providing avant-garde training facilities. The guests were particularly intrigued by the Double Bottom Tank mockup, the state-of-the-art Virtual/Augmented Reality Lab, and the lifelike gangway, all designed to elevate the skills of aspiring seafarers.

The culmination took place in the HIMT College Auditorium. With the traditional lighting of the Kuthuvillaku, **Shri. Sanjeev S.**

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Mawani Ports Container Volume Surged by 18.86% and TLX Shipping Service Added to Jeddah Islamic Port

Trade hubs overseen by the Saudi Ports Authority (Mawani) have handled a consolidated container volume of 753,496 TEUs across the previous month, outpacing last year's July throughput of 633,921 by 18.86%.

Detailed data published by the national maritime regulator further shows a 34.56% scale-up in exported containers to 250,004 TEUs from 185,791 TEUs in the previous year alongside a 30.09% growth in imported containers from 180,329 TEUs to 234,592 TEUs in the present year. Transshipments also followed a similar upward trend, ticking up 0.41% over last year's tally of 267,802 TEUs to attain 268,901 TEUs in July 2023.

On the other hand, cargo volumes were down 9.84% from 27,836,906 tons in the prior year to 25,096,888 tons in the current year, contributed in a large part by 472,657 tons of general cargo, 4,098,207 tons of dry bulk cargo, and 12,654,361 tons of liquid bulk

cargo. Similarly, food commodities processed across the preceding month stood at 1,590,394 tons, a 16.93% decrease in comparison to 1,914,437 tons in July 2022.

Moreover, July vessel traffic was estimated at 1,017 vessels, a 2.94% rise from 988 vessels during the same period last year, with passenger numbers recording a 32.57% yearly gain from 57,730 pax. to 76,532 pax. Likewise, livestock trade equaled 222,327 cattle heads, a 63.84% slump against 614,823 cattle heads in 2022, while vehicles imports hit a total of 91,137 units, up 14.34% year-on-year in contrast to 79,708 units.

With a laser-sharp focus aimed at upgrading productivity and optimizing efficiency, Mawani is currently building a world-class logistics network in the heart of the Kingdom which forms the core of national economic growth besides functioning as a hub of innovation and sustainability for global trade in step with the ambitions of Saudi Vision 2030.

TLX Shipping Service Added to Jeddah Islamic Port:

The Saudi Ports Authority (Mawani) has announced the inclusion of Jeddah Islamic Port to the Turkey Libya Express (TLX) service by container shipper CMA CGM in partnership with the Red Sea Gateway Terminal (RSGT).

The weekly sailing, which kickstarted early-July, connects Jeddah to eight global hubs including Shanghai, Ningbo, Nansha, Singapore, Iskenderun, Malta, Misurata, and Port Klang through a fleet of nine ships and a capacity exceeding 30,000 TEUs.

The new maritime linkage bolsters Jeddah port's strategic position along the busy Red Sea trade lane, which recently posted a record-breaking throughput

of 473,676 TEUs during June thanks to large-scale infrastructure upgrades and investments, while further enhancing the Kingdom's rankings in major indices as well as its standing on the global logistics front as per the roadmap set by Saudi Vision 2030.

The current year has seen a historic addition of 20 cargo services so far, a fact that enabled the Kingdom's rise in the Q2 update of UNCTAD's Liner Shipping Connectivity Index (LSCI) to the 16th position in a list that includes 187 countries. The nation had similarly recorded a 17-place leap in the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index to the 38th spot, in addition to the 8-place jump in the 2023 edition of the Lloyd's List One Hundred Ports.

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Chief Guest giving away the Trophies

evolving geopolitical landscape, resonated deeply. His interactive session was a testament to his vast experience, leaving the cadets inspired and invigorated.

The crowning moment of the ceremony was Capt. Unni presents accolades to deserving students, symbolizing

the college's commitment to holistic development.

HIMT College will forever cherish the day when Capt. Rajesh Unni graced its grounds. His words and demeanor will continue to guide the cadets, urging them toward a path of unwavering dedication, skill, and perseverance.

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