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The ATPI MAREX-International Maritime Women-Empowerment Conference & Awards 2023 Grand Event in Mumbai

The ATPI MAREX-International Maritime Women-Empowerment Conference & Awards 2023 a Grand event was held at Mumbai's premium club **The Club** in the western suburbs of Mumbai on 18th May 2023.

The event began with the traditional lighting of Diyas (lamps) at the hands of **Mrs. H.K Joshi, Capt Kamal Chadha, Dr. Sunitha Sundar, Capt Tushar Pradhan, and Capt Sankalp Shukla.**

Capt Kamal Chadha, M D & Editor Marex Media, welcomed the guests followed by an address from **Mrs H.K Joshi, Chairperson of the Advisory Board of The ATPI MAREX-International Maritime Women-Empowerment Conference & Awards 2023, & Former CMD, The Shipping Corporation of India.** She complimented MAREX for being the pioneer in celebrating the International Day for Women, adhering to the IMO resolution every year.

The Guest of Honour- **Dr. Sunitha Sundar,** an academician from the city of Chennai and a Lawyer in Maritime having a rich experience in arbitration and disputes, addressed the audience with her inspiring learnings over the years.

Thereafter **Keynote Speaker**

Sudha Shah, a former Test and One Day International cricketer, then representing Tamilnadu in domestic and international matches shared her experiences of gender differentials mentioning the fact, that over-arm bowling was initiated by women way back in the 18th century by legendary Christina Wiles and not by men, catching the attention further as she said the women played the first world cup in 1973, only to be followed by men in 1975 and then counting 'the firsts' by women in cricket; be it the 50 over or 20-20 match formats. The audience expressed their joy with huge applause.

The Conference, held to mark the beginning of the new era in women's empowerment, was all about deliberations and discussions to ensure more and more women opt for a career in Maritime.

The conference was categorized into three sessions with Panel Discussions and a Fireside chat to have a balance, making it more lively and interesting. Lots of Qs poured from the audience and these were well responded to by the panelists.

Panel Discussion I was on "Sensitizing Recruiters to Gender Equality" moderated by **Capt Sankalp Shukla,** the



Panel Discussion I - (L-R) Capt Sankalp Shukla, Mrs Sudha Shah, Capt Tushar Pradhan, Capt Karan Kochhar, Ms Lea Fernandes, Capt Susmita Kumar & Ms Nyari Nain

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panelists were Capt Tushar Pradhan; Capt. (Ms.) Susmita Kumar; Ms. Nyari Nain; Ms Lea Fernandes & Capt Karan Kochhar.

panelists Ms. Reshma Nilofer; Capt. Girish Phadnis; Capt. Dinesh Jairam; Ms Chaitaly Mehta & Dr. Aprajita Bhardwaj



Fireside Chat - (L-R) Ms Vinita Venkatesh, Dr Aprajita Bharadwaj, Ms Reshma Nilofer, Ms Chaitaly Mehta, Capt Girish Phadnis & Capt Dinesh Jairam

Next was Fireside Chat on “Moving From Gender Equality to Gender Equity” facilitated by Ms. Vinita Venkatesh with

Next Panel Discussion II was on “Increasing Awareness of Career Opportunities in Maritime for Women” moderated



Panel Discussion II (L-R) Capt Amol Athalye, Mr David Birwadkar, Ms Tejashri Kishore, Capt Prabhat Nigam, Ms Pooja Gandhi, Capt Kamal Chadha, Capt Arvind Shankar & Lt Cdr Annu Prakash

by Capt. Prabhat Nigam and panelists were Ms. Tejashri Kishore; Ms. Pooja Chawla; Mr. David Birwadkar; Lt Cdr Annu Prakash & Capt. Arvind Shankar

Across the points deliberated it was agreed that though gender equality and equity remain a priority across all the commercial sectors, the fact that

women’s participation in the maritime sector needs a boost and increasing awareness about the maritime sector across society at large is the need of the hour. This is to be equally followed up with Recruitment Outreach programs to ensure more and more women join the maritime industry.

Dr. (Capt.) Shashank Jahagirdar gave the



Conclusion Remarks by Dr (Capt) Shashank Jahagirdar

concluding remarks and Mrs. Mrunal Tanna delivered the vote of thanks



Vote of Thanks by Ms Mrunal Tanna

The event also witnessed the official launch of the new forum- WIMA

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(Women In Maritime Asia) to propagate and work for the betterment of Women in Maritime in this part of the world.

As a salute to women’s empowerment, ‘Pearls of Wisdom’ a book having quotes by women from the maritime industry was launched at the event.



Walk of Success

In its endeavor to appreciate and promote women’s empowerment, the event contained a special ‘Walk of Success’ wherein successful women from across the sectors were presented with a memento/s by Chief Guest His Excellency Mr. Arne Jan Flolo, The Royal Norwegian Consul General, Mumbai appreciating their efforts and contribution to the industry.



Mrs. Neera Saggi honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award

Awards were conferred upon distinguished women in different categories, and Mrs. Neera Saggi has conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award for her inspiring and selfless contributions to the industry.

Awardee List:

Sr No	Awardee Name	Individual Award Category
1	Mrs Khushbu Singh	Young Achiever
2	Mrs Nafeesa Moloobhoy	Mentor of Excellence
3	Dr Sharmila Amin	Woman of Exemplary Courage
4	Mrs Kalpana Desai	Woman on a Mission
5	Mrs Archana Gupta	Heart of the Community
6	Dr Radhika Vakharia	The HIMT Award for Exceptional Achievement in Research
7	Dr Deepti Mankad	The HIMT Award for Exceptional Achievement in Research
8	Ms Devahuti Choudhury	Trailblazer of the Year
9	Ms Humera Shah	Excellence in Entrepreneurship
10	Dr Gulshan Dhillon	Excellence in People Management

11	Mrs Aishwarya Pilankar	Exceptional Leadership in Maritime
12	Ms Rashmi Dubey Pandey	Emerging Talent in MET Management
13	Ms Lorinda Carvalho	Excellence in People Management Strategy
14	Mrs Suchita Javadekar	Ambassador for Promoting Seafaring Careers
15	Mrs Neera Saggi	Lifetime Achievement

Sr No	Awardee Name	Organisation Award Category
1	Seaspan Crew Management India Private Limited	Excellence in Promoting Indian Women in International Shipping (Ashore and Onboard)
2	Thome India Pvt Ltd	Excellence in Gender Diversity
3	Maersk Fleet Management and Technology India Private Limited	Excellence in Promoting Women in Seafaring
4	OSM India Crew Management Private Limited	Excellence in Promoting Women Development (Seagoing and Corporate)
5	Anglo Eastern Maritime Academy	Excellence in Promoting Seafaring Careers for Women
6	Synergy Maritime Recruitment Services Pvt Ltd	Excellence in Women Safety



Seaspan receiving award for Excellence in promoting Indian Women



Thome receiving award for Excellence in Gender Diversity

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Maersk Fleet receiving award for Excellence in promoting Women in seafaring



Anglo Eastern Academy receiving award for Excellence in promoting seafaring careers for women



OSM India receiving award for Excellence in promoting women development



Synergy receiving award for Excellence in women safety



His Excellency Mr Arne Jan presented memento by Capt Kamal Chadha

Chief Guest His Excellency Mr. Arne Jan Flolo congratulated all the awardees and conveyed the heartiest appreciation to be part of the event. Capt. Kamal presented a memento to HE Mr. Arne as a token of appreciation.

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