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Milestone Birthday Celebration of Capt. P. S. Barve Former Nautical Advisor to GOI

26th May 2023, the 90th Birthday celebration of Iconic Mentor to many especially in the age group of 80+ to 60+, Capt. Purushottam Shankar Barve was celebrated at MCA Club at BKC Mumbai on 27th May 2023.

A family luncheon function was arranged by his children Swati, Harshad, and Suyash and attended by Capt. J C Anand, Capt. Vancheswar, Capt. Naphade, Dr. Sujata Naik, Capt. Subhedar, Capt. Karkare (Sr), Capt. Taru Hazari, Capt. Saxena, Capt. Y. Sharma, representatives from CMMI, MASSA, FOSMA, INSA, ICCSA, DGS, MMD, and Marine Press. **His family & the maritime industry members Wish him Many More Healthy & Happy Years.**

Here are a few joyful moments of the celebration.

Purushottam Shankar Barve hails from Pune's old city: a local boy who made it big, starting by joining Training Ship Dufferin soon after independence in 1948, passing out with flying colors as Senior Cadet Captain, leading the

shipboard band contingent, sailed with Scindia Steam Navigation Company from 1951 to 1960.

Capt Barve then joined the Directorate General of Shipping as a Nautical Surveyor in the year 1961. He obtained an Extra Master's certificate from St John's College of Navigation in London between 1965 and 1967 and was promoted to Deputy Nautical Advisor to GOI in 1971. He was known to be the most respected examiner among the candidates since he was very thorough but at the same time rational and human in his approach.

Capt. Barve served as the First Secretary in Shipping at the High Commission of India, the post which was opened for the first time, and represented India in all the meetings at International Maritime Organization from 1980 to 1985. He was also Vice Chairman of the Marine Environment Protection Committee. He returned back to India as a Principal Officer Marine Mercantile Department in 1985 and his first object was the augmentation of the training facilities and the implementation

of then entry into force of what was the first version of the STCW Convention 1978 in India.

He is well known to have introduced transparency, and accountability in the Indian Maritime Examination system and to be very fair to the candidates in the examination process.

He then rose to the post of Nautical Advisor to GOI and

superannuated from this post in 1991. During this period he initiated the process of reform in manning and training scenarios in India. His outstanding contribution to the maritime industry and fraternity include promoting the employment of surplus Indian officers on Foreign Flag Ships when there was large unemployment

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overseas, Introduction of measures to overcome the severe shortage of officers on Indian ships, laying down the procedures for the discharge of cryogenic cargo and LPG in India for the first time, the review of navigation safety for ports and pilot boarding procedures in the Hooghly River, the implementation of an integrated pilot system for Mumbai Port Trust and JNPT, supervise the development and the establishment of the shore base training academy known as TS Chanakya. Negotiation of the fitting of the first set of highly sophisticated simulators in L. B. S College under the JICA Scheme. As a training and quality consultant with Essar Shipping from 1992 to 1995, Capt Barve participated in the revision of the STCW Convention then known as STCW



95. Subsequently, he also developed the Distance Learning Process for the implementation of the structured shipboard training program in collaboration with Bits Pilani and the Tolani Maritime Institute. Presently he is a member of the academy and governing council and Dean of the Institute. Capt Barve as the consultant to IMO had participated in many consultancy missions.

Capt. Barve is a recipient of the National Maritime Day Award for Excellence in 2015 and the highest national maritime award popularly known as Varuna Award in 2017. In appreciation of his continued outstanding contribution to the Indian and International maritime sector, he was honored with "The Life Time Achievement

Award" in 2017 at the 5th Samudra Manthan Awards function.

Capt. Barve has written in his usual style

memoirs, being launched by his family as a private publication. The industry is looking forward to obtaining a copy.



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