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## Hon'ble President of India, graced the Eighth Convocation of IMU

Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu graced and addressed the Eighth Convocation of Indian Maritime University (IMU) at Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India on 27th October 2023 as the Chief Guest in the presence of

Shri. RN Ravi - Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu as the Guest of Honour;

Shri. Sarbananda Sonowal - Hon'ble Union Cabinet- Minister of Ports & Shipping and Waterways and Minister of AYUSH as the Guest of Honour;

Shri. Shripad Naik -- Hon'ble Minister of State-Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Ministry of Tourism as the

Guest; Dr. K. Ponmudy - Minister of Higher Education-Govt. of Tamilnadu as the Guest; The Chancellor of Indian Maritime University Shri. P Shankar, IAS (Retd); the Vice Chancellor of IMU

Dr. Malini V Shankar; Pro Vice Chancellor of IMU Dr. Rajoo Balaji Registrar of IMU; Shri. K. Saravanan - Controller of Examinations of IMU; Cmde K D Joshi (IN)(Retd) - Finance Officer in-charge of IMU; Shri. M. Saravanan - Campus Directors of IMU Campuses, Faculty members, other staff members, students and guests attended the Convocation.

The Hon'ble President



awarded gold medals to the students of the University. The President in her convocation congratulated all students receiving degrees. The President stated that IMU and its affiliated colleges have produced excellent experts and leaders. She focused on the importance of ocean with human civilization with the saying

“Whoever rules the waves, rules the world” and indicated that the sea routes available in India connect to all the parts of the world. Giving reference to the maritime history of India dating from the ancient time of 10th and 11th centuries, She stressed that the country's maritime sector plays a vital role in trade and economic growth as 95% of the country's trade by volume and 65% trade by value is undertaken through maritime transport. She

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added that the full potential of the maritime sector may be utilized as we have become more focused on continental development, forgetting that continental development and maritime development are mutually complimentary.

The President said that we will have to overcome several challenges as India does not figure in the top 20 nations when it comes to annual port calls. The majority of our fishing fleet is yet to be mechanized. Hence, the Sagarmala programme is a significant move away from "port development" to "port-led development" with five pillars of port modernization, port connectivity, port-led industrialization, coastal community development and coastal shipping or inland water transportation. She briefed that the third edition of Global Maritime India Summit attracted Rs. 10 Lakh Crores of

investment which will help in achieving 'Amrit Kaal Vision 2047'.

Indicating the recent developments, the President briefed about Chandrayaan-3 and the preparation for 'Samudrayaan Mission' and indicated the challenges of climate catastrophe which include rising temperatures and sea levels.

At last, addressing the Cadets, the President stressed on the professional as well as ecological obligation of a student by inculcating sustainable and efficient maritime activities. Praising the IMU, the President stated that despite being one of the youngest Central Universities, IMU has proved its mettle and it has the capacity to become the lighthouse to the maritime sector. By saying this, the President appealed to the successful Cadets to shoulder the higher responsibility than similar age compatriots of other

professions by possessing leadership qualities and displaying special qualities to cope with the extreme demands of the profession.

Lastly, She congratulated the degree recipients and medal winners and extended her best wishes by blessing them to gain the strength to weather the storms that life throws in their path.

Vice Chancellor of the University, Dr. Malini V Shankar, delivered the welcome address and gave an account of the University's functioning and achievements.

In the Eighth convocation, 1944 students of the 4 Schools from the six campuses of IMU as well as from the affiliated institutes of IMU qualified to receive their degrees. A total of 245 candidates received the degrees in person. This included two Ph.D. Scholars and one Scholar of M.S. (By Research).

## MARINE NEWS

### Sri Lanka gives 48 hours to Chinese Naval vessel to complete the work



Chinese ship Shi Yan 6


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**If it is coast the Chinese naval vessel cannot enter Bay of Bengal, the prime security concern of India**


Sri Lanka has granted a Chinese vessel 48 hours to conduct Marine research off the island's west coast under supervision, the foreign ministry said amid concerns that it could be a spy ship.

Sri Lanka's Ministry spokesperson Kapila Fonseka said the Chinese research ship Shi Yan 6,


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