



Guiding Spirit to Shipping Industry

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## AMET UNIVERSITY-13th ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The Academy of Maritime Education and Training (AMET), Deemed to be University, established in India in the year 2007, conducted its 13th Annual Convocation on 17th November 2023 at Anna Centenary Library Auditorium, Chennai under the leadership of Founder and Chancellor Dr Ramachandran. Prof. Dr. V. Rajendran, the Vice-Chancellor of the University welcomed the participants, and other dignitaries; introduced the Doctor of Science-Honoris Causa recipients; and presented the Annual Report of the University highlighting the accomplishments of the University in the past one year. Honourable Founder and Chancellor of the University, Dr. J. Ramachandran delivered the Convocation address and distributed Medals to the Rank Holders and Degrees to the successful graduates. Founder and Chancellor of the University, Dr. J. Ramachandran emphasized in the Convocation Address that shipping is entering into a new era where digitalization, decarbonization,

Artificial Intelligence, and Data Science are the cornerstones of future shipping and a tall order for innovation in maritime training and development is the need of the hour. To meet this demand, training must be the core focus of each and every maritime institution in our nation and the vision and mission statement of every training institution must be strategically aligned towards this focus. As a recognition of outstanding contributions to the Maritime Sector, three distinguished maritime stalwarts were honored with Honorary Doctorates (Doctor of Science Honoris Causa). Capt. Rajesh Tandon, FNI, Chief Executive Officer - FOSMA, Maritime Consultant, Ex-Global Director at 'V Group', Ex-Chairman IMEC, Capt. Sartaj Gill, Global Director, Competence and Development at 'V Group,' and Mr. Joao Almeida, President and Chief Executive Officer, Sonangol Marine Services, USA, received this prestigious Honorary Doctorate Degree from the Chancellor Dr. J Ramachandran.



Honourable Founder and Chancellor of the University, Dr. J. Ramachandran (fourth from left) delivering Degrees to the successful graduates

Felicitation Address was delivered by Dr. Rajesh Ramachandran, the Pro-Chancellor of AMET. In the Felicitation Address, Dr Rajesh has recalled the 30 years journey of AMET through which, it has evolved into a "Global Maritime Knowledge Hub". Further he had congratulated the recipients of Honorary Doctorates and cherished the happiness that two of them are AMET Alumni who are now occupying prominent positions in the shipping industry. Col. Dr. G.

Thiruvasagam, Pro-Chancellor (Academics) presented the Doctor of Science Honoris Causa citation to the honorary Doctorate Awardees. Further, the Founder and Chancellor Dr J Ramachandran distributed degrees to 874 Graduates including 23 PhD scholars. More than 1500 students, parents, invited VIPs and industry delegates have attended the 13th Convocation of the University.

## US lawmakers look to reinstate tax break for seafood processors

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Lawmakers from the U.S. state of Washington want to fully reinstate a tax break that allows the seafood sector to deduct meals they are required to provide employees at remote seafood processing facilities and on vessels.

**The Remote Seafood Employee Meals Tax Parity Act is the latest effort by Pacific Northwest lawmakers to restore the tax**

**deduction, which was limited by Congress in 2017.**

Seafood processors claim that the loss of the full deduction is a significant cost for their business.

"Members of the Pacific Seafood Processors Association are struggling under the weight of excessive costs, among other challenges, including loss of the tax deduction for the costs of employer-provided meals," Pacific Seafood Processors Association President Julie Decker said.



Pacific Seafood Processors Association President Julie Decker

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The Remote Seafood Employee Meals Tax Parity Act would eliminate the 50 percent limitation on the tax deduction for meals provided on fishing vessels, fish-processing vessels, and fish-processing facilities located above 50 degrees north latitude that are not within a metropolitan statistical area.

Prior versions of the legislation introduced respectively in 2019 and 2021 failed to gain traction in the U.S. House of Representatives.