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A Hive of Innovation:

The TIM Conference has firmly established itself as a beehive where technology exponents, seafarers, and maritime leaders converge for tangible discussions on the present and future of maritime. With the overarching theme, "The Future is Now," the event aimed to prepare the industry for upcoming challenges and opportunities in an era of rapid technological advancements.

Eminent Dignitaries:

The conference hosted distinguished guests, including Chief Guest **Shri Shyam Jagannathan** (IAS), Director General of Shipping, an influential Opening Address by **Dr H. Banga**, Founder and Chairman of The Caravel Group, and an insightful Keynote by **Mr Sankar Ragavan**, CEO of Mariapps and CDO of BSM.

Welcome Note by Capt. Shoukat Mukherjee, CEO & Founder of The Naval Connection:

In a heartfelt welcome note, **Capt. Shoukat Mukherjee**, CEO & Founder of The Naval Connection, set the tone for the TIM Conference 2023. Capt. Mukherjee emphasized the significance of collaboration and knowledge-sharing in shaping the future of maritime.

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The Naval Connection (TNC) proudly announces the successful culmination of the Technology in Maritime (TIM) Conference 2023: Charting the Course for Maritime Innovation, held on November 18th at the Celebrations Club, Andheri West, Mumbai. TIM, recognized as the largest global conference on emerging technologies and their impact on the shipping industry, gathered maritime professionals, technology experts, seafarers, and leaders from across the globe.



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He welcomed all participants and highlighted the event's commitment to innovation and unity. The Naval Connection (TNC), founded by Capt Shoukat Mukherjee, is a maritime consulting firm with the mission of "Building Skills for the Future." TNC prides itself on organizing global conferences and engagement events related to shipping and skill building.

Global Engagement:

The physical conference drew maritime professionals from India and abroad, with a simultaneous live stream reaching a global audience. Delegates from across the world participated, solidifying TIM as a truly international event fostering global collaboration.

Speakers:

- Ms. Aswini Priyanka Rajendran, Chief Operations Officer, Neurity Solutions
- Capt. Nikunj Parashar, CEO, Oceanos B.V
- Mr. Kaushik Seal, General

Manager, Far East, Njord

- Mr. Saurabh Kumar, Head of Technical Operations, Njord
- Capt. Dhruv Sawhney, CEO & Co-founder, Shipskart
- Capt. Gaurav Bajaj, Associate Vice President, Simulation Products, ARI Simulation, New Delhi
- Capt. Ruchin Dayal, CEO, eDOT Solutions
- Capt. Vinod Naveen, Executive Council Member, Nautical Institute London

Innovation in Maritime (IIM) Awards:

The conference extended beyond discussions with the introduction of the 'Innovation in Maritime' (IIM) Awards. This unique initiative recognized the potential of maritime students, offering them a platform to present innovative concepts and ideas addressing industry challenges. Papers from seafarers and recent graduates were also welcomed. A global jury working through

many months screened the entries received from over 60 maritime students and seafarers and the grand prize distribution was held where the winners were awarded prizes by the jury.

The honourable jury comprised of the following stalwarts

Capt. Rajesh Tandon, CEO FOSMA

Capt. Shiv Halbe, CEO MASSA

Mrs H.k. Joshi, Former CMS SCI

Mr. Sabyasachi Hajara, Former CMD SCI

Mr. Kaushik Seal, GM Far East Njord

Ms Sonali Banerjee, Sr Surveyor IRS

Capt Nikunj Parashar, MD Sagar Defence Engineering

Capt. Sudhir Subhedar, Industry Mentor

The following students and seafarers won the Innovation award in each category,

Students Category:

Winner: Shardul Shantanu Bandre, Tolani Maritime Institute

1st Runner Up: K. Keertivasan, AMET University

2nd Runner Up: Bhavesh Kumer Sendh & Ekta Mehta, Tolani Maritime Institute

4th Prize: Chinmay Rane & Group, MANET Pune

5th Prize: Bhavey Dhaka, SCOPE Maritime

Seafarers Category:

Winner: Capt. Prerit Misra


1st Runner Up: Capt. Pavlo Remizov. Croation sailing Master

TNC Blue Shileds Maritime Life Saver's Medallion for exceptional medical proficiency shown at sea to save lives on board went to 2.Off Vikas Kengre and Caot Navjyoti Singh


Walk of Honour:

Following the awards ceremony, the event featured the inaugural 'Walk of Honour,' where maritime leaders and students

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graced the ramp, showcasing character and integrity. This unique spectacle aimed to inspire the new generation to embrace a career in the merchant navy. This has never been attempted

before in the Indian shipping fraternity where leaders and mentors walked the ramp to inspire the next generation to take up maritime as a career option. **The Walk of Honour was divided into several**

segments, each having its script and storyline. The segments were Good Old Days of Shipping Building Value for the Future (Trainers) Manet Showcase Unsung Contributors IndusInd Bank Showcase From Dreams to Professions (Seafarers) Movers and Shakers Guiding Lights (Industry Mentors) Varuna Awardees Fashion Mentors TNC Team and Credits

Special Awards:

Recognising the contribution of some stalwarts in the industry the following people were honoured with social Jury awards at the IIM Awards function

- 1. Dr H. Banga, Founder and Chairman Caravel Group - Global Shipping Icon Award Received by Ms Renuka Nayyar and Capt. Sudhir Subhedar**
- 2. Capt. D. C. Sekhar. Founder Alphamers Ltd - Excellence in Maritime Technology Award**

3. Capt. Nikunj Parashar - MD Sagar Defence Engineering

Moments and Gifts: Dr. Belani of Blue Shields Medical Clinic presented mementoes and gifts, including the TNC Blue Shields Maritime Lifesaver's Medallion. IndusInd Bank Showcase: IndusInd Bank, the maritime financial partner, honoured guests of honour and presented signed cricket bats.

Special Moments:

In a noteworthy moment, the event was inaugurated by the Chief Guest and Guests of Honour. The TIM mascot was also revealed by the Chief Guest, adding a touch of excitement and symbolism to the conference.

Reflecting on Success:

"The TIM Conference 2023 not only highlighted the cutting-edge developments in maritime technology but also fostered a spirit of innovation and unity within the industry.

The Innovation in Maritime Awards and Walk of Honour added a unique dimension, underlining our commitment to shaping the future of maritime," commented Capt. SHoukat Mukherjee, Founder & CEO The Naval Connection

For more information on TIM and upcoming events, visit www.thenavalconnection.com or contact events@thenavalconnection.com.

About The Naval Connection (TNC):

The Naval Connection is a leading maritime consulting firm dedicated to fostering innovation and collaboration within the maritime industry. TNC organizes events, conferences, and initiatives to bring together key stakeholders, driving the industry towards a technologically advanced and sustainable future. TNC also has an active media desk which handles the social media of several clients in the shipping industry for their branding and promotion in digital media.



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