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## A Grand Celebration: The 19th foundation day of The GEIMS, Lonavala



Shri. Shyam Jagannathan



Capt. M. P. Bhasin

On the 2nd of January 2024, The Great Eastern Institute of Maritime Studies commemorated its 19th foundation day in a spectacular event. Shri. Shyam Jagannathan, IAS Director General of Shipping, (Govt. of India) graced the occasion as the chief guest, accompanied by the esteemed Capt. M. P. Bhasin, MD of MSC Crewing, as the guest of honor. The event drew the presence of numerous influential figures from the maritime industry

and the Maritime Training Institutes, adding to the grandeur of the celebration.

The festivities commenced with a striking march past by the institute's cadets, a display of discipline, respect, and unity among the future seafarers. The subsequent proceedings unfolded in the auditorium, where the Chief Guest, Guest of Honor, Head of the Institute, Principal, Vice-principal, and HOD engineering formally inaugurated the event with the



launch of the 25th edition of the "True North" an in-house bi-annual magazine

traditional lighting of the lamp with the serene Saraswati Vandana being played in the background. Mr. David Birwadkar, Head of the institute, introduced the distinguished guests, and the event also marked the launch of the 25th edition of the "True North"



Mr. David Birwadkar

an in-house bi-annual magazine. The occasion included the **Turn to page -4 >>**

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introduction of the new editor, Mr. Sandip Kulkarni, succeeding Mr. S. S. Phalke who was retiring the next day, along with the unveiling of the new editorial team.



MSC honouring Ms Simarleen Kaur as the 'Best Girl Cadet of the Year' rolling trophy with cash prize of Rs. 10000/- Medal and certificate.

Cdt. Simarleen Kaur then captivated the audience by narrating the rich history of GEIMS. The ex-faculty, faculty, and staff of the institute were also felicitated on stage, thanking them for their continuous efforts towards scaling GEIMS to great heights, most of them have been associated with

GEIMS right from the time of its inception. The alumni, considered ambassadors of the institute, were also honored during the event, many of whom had risen to very high positions in their respective organizations bringing laurels to GEIMS.

Recognizing the industry's efforts to bridge the gender gap, MSC Crewing Services introduced the 'Best Girl Cadet of the Year' rolling trophy with cash prize of Rs. 10000/- Medal and certificate. This prestigious award was bestowed upon Ms. Simarleen Kaur of the DNS 34B batch for her outstanding performance in the year 2023.

The distinguished guests and dignitaries shared their insights and experiences during their speeches. Capt. Bhasin underscored the importance of small actions in shaping future seafarers and encouraged cadets to become ambassadors for both the institute and the merchant navy profession.



Further, since it was Shri. Jagannathan's 2nd visit to the institute, he was impressed by the benchmarks set by GEIMS towards training provided to the cadets. He also spoke about the need for technological advancement across different industries, compliance to the standards of conventions by the IMU and how the safety and security of seafarers onboard the shipping is given high priority.

The chief guest and guest of honor were presented with mementos as a token of appreciation for their inspiring presence. The celebration reached its pinnacle with a cultural program featuring songs, Bharatnatyam, and Kathak performances by talented cadets, staff, and faculty. The event concluded on a grateful note with a "vote of thanks" proposed by the Vice Principal, Capt. Ghanashyam Deo and subsequent playing of the National Anthem mark a glorious celebration of GEIMS' 19th foundation day.



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