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NUSI SADA BAHAR (Tree Plantation)
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“PEDH LAGAO – PANI BACHAO”
“PLASTIC HATAO – PARYAVARAN BACHAO” – Just say “NO to Plastic”

NUSI SOLAR



Indian Sailors Home Society (ISHS), Mumbai
NUSI Holiday Home & Sanatorium, Lonavala
NUSI Offshore Training Institute (NOTI), Panvel
NUSI Maritime Academy (NMA), Goa
NUSI Branch, Valsad
NUSI Branch, Goa

NUSI SWACH BHARAT ABHIYAN

CONSTRUCTION OF TOILET FACILITIES pan-INDIA

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



My dear sisters and brothers,

Our National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) is a very strong voice of Indian seafarers. It is also strong voice of the families of our seafarers. NUSI has effectively taken up the cause of Indian seafarers individually and collectively at local, national and international level with consistency. At every forum the views of NUSI is taken first in any matter concerning Indian seafarers.

NUSI has redefined the concept of trade unionism with its Indian and foreign flag agreements benefitting thousands of our seafarers for decades. The various welfare and training initiatives of NUSI for our seafarers and their families are un-paralled not just in India but throughout the world. We will continue to bring more facilities for our seafarers.

The power and the responsible nature of the present day NUSI is due to hard work and dedication, over the years, of all its Office Bearers, Executive Committee Members, Staff, Branch Representatives, Women and Youth Committee and most importantly the trust of our seafarers and their families.

In this fast changing digital age, proper awareness and interaction is important. As such it gives me great pleasure to relaunch our newsletter and present to you "**NUSI Sagarika**", a quarterly magazine from NUSI.

"**NUSI Sagarika**" will cover many different issues and I look forward to your feedback and comments on nusi@nusi.org.in to enable us to strive further in the interests of our seafarers.

Milind Kandalgaonkar

Editor

General Secretary –cum- Treasurer

NUSI Profile

The present day National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) traces its origins since 1896 through the Goa Portuguese Seamen's Club. The achievements of the seafarers was largely due to the personal charisma and dedication of Shri Mohamed Ebrahim Serang. He realized that the movement has to be taken on a higher platform. He decided to give the seafarers movement a proper structure of a strong trade union organization.

In the year 1926 Shri Mohamed Ebrahim Serang established the first organised trade union in the history of Indian seafarers under the name of "National Union of Seamen of India (NUSI)" and was its Founder President.

Earlier Shri Mohamed Ebrahim Serang was operating the union activities from his own premises at 47, Old Nagpada Road, Bombay 400009 (later the street was named after him in 1975). The union was receiving membership of Re 1/- from 1926 to 1948 and thereafter the membership was increased to Rs. 3/- from 1948 to 1952 to Rs. 6/-. From this subscription amount, with much difficulty, the foundation stone of the present building of the National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) was laid on 6th January, 1950. The building was completed at a cost of around Rs. 1 lakh entirely from the subscription of the seafarers and the sacrifices of all those present at that point of time. It was a proud moment for Indian seafarers to have a union building of their own.

The National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) got affiliated with the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) and the Hind Mazdoor Sabha (HMS) to give better support to our Indian seafarers even in foreign waters.

Shri Mohamed Ebrahim Serang retired from active unionism on his 80th birthday and expired on 2nd September, 1963 at the age of around 85 years leaving behind a rich legacy for which he is rightly called the "Father of Indian Seafarers Movement"



MESSAGE FROM NUSI PRESIDENT

Dear Readers

It gives me immense pleasure and a sense of pride to compose a message for NUSI's magazine, Sagarika.

As I reflect on the progress made by NUSI over the years, I experience a sense of fulfillment. I have had the honour of being involved with NUSI's mission for over four



decades. Over this period, I have seen our organisation and affiliates go from strength to strength, covering matters related to seafarers, their families including retired seafarers and widows. It would be an injustice to single out any one welfare programme as each one has been carefully developed with input from various sources including the industry.

NUSI has been entrusted with a mission to safeguard and promote the interests of our seafarers including their development and employment and to effectively contribute to the development of the maritime policies. NUSI strives to collaborate nationally and internationally to continuously improve maritime

standards for the benefit of all. It is committed to providing seafarers and their families with better terms and working conditions, top-quality training, welfare, and much more.

The road ahead may present its own set of challenges, but NUSI is resilient and has weathered many storms before, and with the strong support of our seafarers and families, it will continue to do so. NUSI remains the powerful voice of the most critical link in the maritime industry - the seafarers.

We hope that the NUSI magazine, Sagarika, will be informative and inspiring to its readers.

Capt. Nand Hiranandani
President

NUSI demand for Provident Fund, Gratuity and Pension to all ranks of our seafarers working on Indian and foreign flagships of all types will start soon

You are aware that it was entirely due to the **NUSI protest in Delhi in 1963** outside the Hon'ble Indian Parliament which led to enactment of the Seamen's Provident Fund Act, 1966 for the Indian flag ships.

Provident Fund is only statutory in Indian flag ships. But for decades all NUSI agreements agreed bilaterally on Indian flag or foreign flag to have Provident Fund, Gratuity and Annuity for the welfare of our seafarers.



Vide our circular no 001 of 2023 dated 6th January, 2023 NUSI had informed you that the **NUSI demand** of Provident Fund, Gratuity and Pension for all ranks of our seafarers serving on Indian and foreign flagships of all types was **formally accepted** on 6th

January, 2023. The final draft is now being sent to the Government of India for final approval to be adopted by the Hon'ble Indian Parliament.

NUSI will ensure that the existing benefits are retained and improved upwards when the final scheme of PF, Gratuity and Pension is implemented.

We thank the Government of India and the Board of Trustees of the Seamen's Provident Fund for agreeing to this long pending demand of NUSI.

NUSI FOUGHT AND GOT PROVIDENT FUND FOR INDIAN FLAG SHIPS AS A COMPULSORY LEGAL REQUIREMENT IN 1963

NUSI FOUGHT AND GOT PROVIDENT FUND, GRATUITY AND PENSION FOR ALL RANKS OF SEAFARERS SERVING ON INDIAN AND FOREIGN FLAGS SHIPS OF ALL TYPES AS A COMPULSORY LEGAL REQUIREMENT IN 2023

All ranks of seafarers and their families are very happy and proud that the efforts of NUSI of so many years is finally accepted and the NUSI demand of Provident Fund, Gratuity and Pension for all ranks of our seafarers serving on Indian and foreign flagships of all types will be fulfilled very soon.



Mr. Stephen Cotton, General Secretary ITF meets with Indian Seafarers and Shipping Fraternity

On the 23rd January, 2023 Mr. Stephen Cotton, General Secretary (ITF) and Ms. Baker Khundakji, Young Transport Workers' Officer (ITF) visited Indian Sailors Home Society (ISHS), Thana Street, Masjid, Mumbai- 400 009.

NUSI Team led by Shri Milind Kandalgaoankar, NUSI General Secretary-cum-Treasurer along with the seafarers gathered in large numbers gave a rousing welcome.



Mr. Stephen Cotton alongwith Ms. Baker Khundakji laid wreaths and paid homage at the Seafarer's War Memorial, Indian Sailors Home Society (ISHS). In his interaction with the seafarers, Mr. Stephen Cotton appreciated our seafarers role during the Covid pandemic and he emphasized the importance of skill development and how Indian seafarers are in demand worldwide. Mr. Cotton assured the seafarers that the ITF will continue to safeguard the interest of the seafarers and further strive to improve the working culture in general.

Mr. Stephen Cotton also visited the Seafarers Centre comprising of fully equipped Gymnasium, Indoor Sports, Yoga Hall, Medical and Counselling room provided by NUSI at the ISHS.

Mr. Cotton in his interaction with the shipping fraternity stressed on the importance of having more avenues to provide advanced training for seafarers as India has a lot of potential in the world maritime industry. He also spoke about the climate crisis as one of the biggest challenges faced today all over the world and the immediate need to address the same.

All Japan Seamen's Union (JSU) and International Mariners Management Association of Japan (IMMAJ) visit to Mumbai

On 8th February, 2023 National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) led by NUSI General Secretary-cum-Treasurer, Shri Milind Kandalgaonkar and Maritime Union of India (MUI) led by Capt. Tushar Pradhan had a constructive meeting with delegates of All Japan Seamen's Union (JSU) and International Mariners Management Association of Japan (IMMAJ) in Mumbai. The meeting jointly deliberated about futuristic training and welfare initiatives for the betterment of seafarers and their families.



You are aware that NUSI through its "NAARI SHAKTI" initiative has been at the forefront in empowering women, particularly from the families of seafarers. Taking advantage of the visit of JSU /

IMMAJ and the upcoming International Women's Day on 8th March, NUSI launched "**NUSI STRI SHAKTI SUPPORT**" - Financial Support to Women Ratings.

This NUSI initiative was inaugurated by Mr. Mitsuhiro Matsuura, President, All Japan Seamen's Union (JSU) and Mr. Toshihito Inoue, Chair, International Mariners Management Association of Japan (IMMAJ). The "**NUSI STRI SHAKTI SUPPORT**" is a financial support initiative that will be awarded to women who have successfully completed their pre-sea ratings training course from any DG-approved maritime institute. The initiative is available on a first-come, first-served basis, as per guidelines. We are confident that the "**NUSI STRI SHAKTI SUPPORT**" initiative will further encourage women to join and pursue a career in the Merchant Navy.

NUSI advises more and more seafarers and their families to take benefit of the various NUSI welfare and training initiatives.



PRESIDENT, WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY, DR. CLEOPATRA DOUMBIA-HENRY VISITS THE INDIAN SAILORS HOME SOCIETY

On the 18th November, 2022 Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry, President of the World Maritime University visited Indian Sailors Home Society (ISHS), Thana Street, Masjid, Mumbai- 400 009.

Shri Milind Kandalgaonkar, NUSI General Secretary-cum-Treasurer alongwith the seafarers gathered in large numbers gave a rousing welcome to Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry. Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry laid wreath and paid homage at the Seafarer's

War Memorial, Indian Sailors Home Society (ISHS). In her interaction with the seafarers, she spoke about the importance of the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) and also how it helps worldwide seafarers in general. She appreciated the strong support of NUSI, Indian seafarers and assured that MLC will be further strengthened for the benefit of seafarers.



Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry also surveyed the Seafarers Centre comprising of Gymnasium, Indoor Sports, Yoga Hall, Medical and Counselling room at the ISHS.



Long Live NUSI,

Long Live Seafarers Unity

Inauguration of NUSI Indoor Sports Complex at NUSI Holiday Home and Sanatorium, Lonavala

You are aware that since 1992 hundreds of our seafarers and their families have visited and have taken benefit of the NUSI Holiday Home and Sanatorium at Lonavala. NUSI members enjoy a clean, comfortable stay, food, recreation and sports activity. NUSI has been receiving requests for upgrading the sports facility which is very popular, particularly amongst the children of seafarers.

The NUSI Sanatorium is also an old age home for our senior seafarers. Our senior seafarers are well taken care of in all manners including proper medical facilities in the evening of their lives.

Keeping in mind the mental well-being, NUSI has taken up the initiative to launch the indoor sports complex at NUSI Holiday Home and Sanatorium, Lonavala.

We take pleasure to inform you that on 20th February, 2023 the dedicated NUSI Indoor Sports Complex was inaugurated at the hands of former NUSI Assistant General Secretary, Shri Ronald D'rose in the presence of Shri. Sunil Nair, Assistant General Secretary and Shri. Suresh Solanki, Organising Secretary. The NUSI Indoor Sports Complex comprises of billiards, table tennis, carom board, chess, etc.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Ronald D'Rose, who retired in 9th May, 2009 stated that he was honoured, even after so many years, to inaugurate the NUSI Indoor Sports Complex. In his emotional speech, he said that he was happy to note the good work done by NUSI for the benefit of the seafarers and their families and gave his good wishes and blessings to do more which is very much appreciated.

The NUSI Indoor Sports Complex will be an added benefit for the visiting seafarers and their families, the shipping fraternity in general including our resident senior seafarers of Lonavala.



Grand Inaugural ceremony of the 21st NUSI Branch Office at Kasaragod, Kerala

On 15th January, 2023 the 21st NUSI Branch Office was inaugurated in Kasaragod, Kerala at the hands of Shri Abdulgani Y. Serang, Advisor, NUSI, Executive Board Member, ITF Vice Chair, ITF Seafarers Section - Asia Pacific Region.

Capt. Tushar Pradhan, General Secretary, MUI also graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. Hundreds of seafarers

and their family members from Kasaragod and neighbouring districts of Kerala graced the occasion

with full enthusiasm and joy. In the inaugural ceremony, cultural program was performed by the

children and families of seafarers. Chief Guest, Shri Abdulgani Y. Serang elaborated about the various

NUSI welfare and training initiatives for the benefit of seafarers and their families. Shri Milind Kandalgaonkar,

General Secretary -cum- Treasurer, NUSI interacted with seafarers and assured that NUSI will have more branches on

pan-India level in the coming years to support seafarers and their

families. He also announced that NUSI will open its 22nd branch office in Uttar Pradesh soon. Sister Prajitha Anup, first women NUSI Kasaragod Branch Representative present-

ed the vote of thanks.



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NUSI restarts the welfare schemes interrupted due to Covid pandemic



NUSI Sawari

NUSI Sawari" bus service travels from the Indian Sailors Home Society (ISHS) at 9:00 am to Andheri and returns at 4:00 pm to benefit the seafarers visiting the shipping companies in Mumbai on a daily basis.



Seafarers Education and Awareness Program

Seafarers Education and Awareness Program is conducted on tenth of every month at Raheja Centre, Nariman Point.

Seafarers Facilitation Centre

Free Tea-Coffee / Softs drinks and snacks provided to seafarers at NUSI premises at Sealord Hotel, Mumbai



NUSI Founder Shri Mohamed Ebrahim Serang Food Subsidy Scheme



NUSI FOUNDER
SHRI MOHAMED EBRAHIM SERANG
FOOD SUBSIDY SCHEME

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"9th May every year is celebrated as **"NUSI Founder Shri Mohamed Ebrahim Serang Day"** by the Indian shipping fraternity and is also a paid holiday for seafarers onboard ships. This is the only holiday in memory of any trade union leader throughout the world."

Hundred of seafarers residing at the Indian Sailor Home Society (ISHS) take the benefit of the free "NUSI Thali"

Team NUSI meets seafarers and their families in Andhra Pradesh

On 15th December, 2022 NUSI team comprising of Shri Louis Gomes, Vice President, Shri Maksood

Khan, Asst. Secretary, Shri Anilkumar K.V., NUSI Youth Conveynor, Shri Trilokkumar K., Organiser, Shri Muralidhar V., NUSI Branch Representative and Shri Suryanarayana G., NUSI Executive Committee Member met seafarers and their families at Vizag, Srikakulam and Kalingapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. Hundreds of seafarers and their family members



gathered to attend the NUSI Meeting. NUSI initiatives and activities are explained in the meeting.

On 16th December, 2022 NUSI team also held an important meeting and raised the seafarers demand with the management of the Dredging Corporation of India (DCI). NUSI team met the distressed family members of MT. Heroic Idun and expressed solidarity and support of NUSI and assured them to bring their family members back home. NUSI team also visited the families of seafarers with serious medical issues. The seafarers and their families expressed their solidarity and strong support to NUSI.



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Agitation at Ocean Diamond Vessel - Samson Maritime Ltd, Mumbai

On 30th December, 2022 Team NUSI visited Ocean Diamond Vessel - Samson Maritime Ltd, Mumbai. The agitation was against Non Payment of the wages of the employees working on Ocean Diamond Vessel. The company assured NUSI that the pending wages of the employees will be released shortly.



WOMEN ACTIVIST MEETING

On 27th December, 2022 NUSI organized a one-day NUSI Women Activist seminar in Mumbai for women from the families of seafarers. An interactive session on women's health was delivered by Dr. Sanitha Arote, Gynaecologist. An interactive session on "NUSI Sahara" - Psychological well-being was also conducted. A session on various NUSI welfare activities was explained by Ms. Abhilasha Sonawane, NUSI Women Coordinator alongwith NUSI Team. The women activist actively participated in all the sessions resulting in important take aways.



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“MISSION NAARI SHAKTI” - 2023

“Mission Naari Shakti” a three day workshop for women activists was facilitated by the Maritime Union of India (MUI) and National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) was held from 24th to 26th March, 2023 at NUSI Resort, Lonavala.



“Mission Naari Shakti” is to celebrate the achievements and contributions of women to society, as well as raise awareness about the ongoing struggles for gender equality and women's rights.

“Mission Naari Shakti” was inaugurated by Bro. Stephen Cotton, General Secretary, ITF along with Sis. Jodi Evans, Womens Transport Workers and Gender Equality Officer, ITF and Sis. Baker Khundakji, Young Transport Workers Officer, ITF.

More than 100 women participants representing various transport sectors pan-India had actively participated and shared their experiences in the “Mission Naari Shakti” workshop.

The MUI and NUSI wishes to record its appreciation to the leadership of the unions who had nominated women activists for the said workshop.

Apart from strengthening the Unions, the agenda also included Health and wellbeing, team building, better connection and coordination. Resource persons and experts at the national and International level have also participated in this workshop.



HIGHLIGHTS IN SHIPPING INDUSTRY



Inauguration of 60th Merchant Navy Week by His Excellency Shri Ramesh Bais, Governor of Maharashtra

The Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Ramesh Bais inaugurated the Merchant Navy Week at Raj Bhavan Mumbai on Friday, 31st March, 2023. Director General of Shipping & Chairman NMDC (Central) Committee Shri Rajiv Jalota, IAS pinned the miniature flag of Merchant Navy Day on the apparel of the Hon'ble Governor to mark the inauguration of the beginning of the Diamond Jubilee of Merchant Navy Week. NMDC Committee Members along with heads of the various Organisations and unions in maritime sector were present on the occasion.

Shri Abdulgani Y. Serang (Advisor), NUSI attends the National Human Rights Commission Meeting on 22nd February, 2023 to cover the following points

- Issues causing mental health problems in seafarers
- What has NUSI done through "NUSI Sahara" helpline to counter the issues
- Feedback from Seafarers, families and Industry in General.

Seamen's Provident Fund Organization (SPFO) Nomination MELA

It is observed that many seafarers are not aware or have not filled their Provident Fund nomination or changing nomination post marriage. This leads to complications to settle their claim on due to death of seafarers. Thus to enhance the awareness amongst the seafarers the Seamen's Provident Fund (SPF) organized a Nomination Mela on 23rd February, 2023 at Indian Sailors Home Society (ISHS). Hundreds of seafarers participated the said Nomination Mela and filed their nomination successfully.

Shri Sudhansh Pant appointed as Secretary of the Ministry of Shipping



Shri Sudhansh Pant has been appointed as Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways upon the superannuation of Shri. Sanjeev Ranjan, IAS on 31.01.2023. Shri Sudhansh Pant is a 1991 batch IAS officer of Rajasthan cadre.

Seafarers Identification Documents (SID)

India has ratified the Seafarers Identification Document (SID) convention. The issuance of new Biometric Seafarers Identity Document for its seafarers commenced from 2018. The new biometric SID has the provisions for the bar coding of the biometrics based identity of seafarers and a centralized data base maintained in the issuing country, which can be accessed globally through an interoperable & standard biometric template. Director General of Shipping has issued more than 2 (two) lakh biometric SID to Indian Seafarers. It is in the interests of all seafarers to obtain the SID.

National Shipping Board (NSB) Meeting, New Delhi

The Meeting of National Shipping Board (NSB) was held on 17th February, 2023 at New Delhi. Shri Milind Kandalgaonkar, NUSI General Secretary -cum- Treasurer represented our seafarers on this very important NSB. Shri Kandalgaonkar highlighted issues regarding increase in employment of seafarers, welfare training, health facilities at ports, etc. faced by the Indian seafarers.

Hike of Indian Seafarers Globally

Shares of Indian Seafarers in Global demand set to rise twenty percent in ten years on the back of robust education system linguistic skills and young population. India is one of the major suppliers of train maritime manpower for the shipping industry globally. This rise due to aging seafarers population in European ongoing Ukraine Russia conflict and European considers Filipino seafarer ban over training deficiencies.

CONTINUATION OF NUSI SKILLS SUPPORT TRAINING SCHEME

"On the occasion of the World Maritime Day which was celebrated on September 28th 2021, NUSI in the presence of Shri Amitabh Kumar, Director-General of Shipping, and Shri Stephen Cotton, ITF General Secretary had announced the 'NUSI Skills Support' to provide financial assistance for STCW or skills enhancement courses to NUSI members during the COVID pandemic as part of the 125th year celebrations of NUSI."

Due to overwhelming response The NUSI Skills Support was extended further on the auspicious occasion of the 75th Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav in the year 2022, to NUSI members as an Independence Day gift from NUSI. Thereafter NUSI Skills Support was further extended between the period of 1st January 2022 and 31st March 2023."

The demand for Indian seafarers is high compared to the year 2022, with an expected growth of 15% in employment this year, particularly for ratings and petty officers. This growth was supported by the NUSI Skill Support scheme, which has helped to increase the employability of Indian Seafarers. Therefore, the NUSI Executive Committee has decided to extend the "NUSI Skill Support" scheme to provide financial assistance to NUSI members for job retention. The Scheme has been extended further for the period of 1st April 2023 till 31st March 2024."



Farewell to Director General of Shipping

As you all are aware The Directorate General of Shipping, India deals with implementation of shipping policy and legislation so as to ensure the safety of life and ships at sea, prevention of marine pollution, Maritime Administration, Maritime Education and Training, development of Shipping Industry and other related subjects.

Shri Amitabh Kumar, IRS retired as Director General of Shipping.

Shri Amitabh Kumar always worked towards the betterment of seafarers and shipping fraternity in general with all his dedication. In his tenure he had introduced many initiatives for seafarers, particularly during the Covid pandemic.



The initiatives includes relaxation to update the e-profiles of seafarers who got stuck during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown in various countries, recognized seafarers as "**Key Workers**" providing an essential service, arrangement for the vaccination of seafarers at Mumbai Port Trust Hospital, Mental Health helpline for the seafarers and their families by associating with the shipping unions and associations, Emergency Food Ration under Atmanirbar Bharat Abhiyaan and the list may go on...

NUSI will miss his good work and co-ordination amongst the seafarers and shipping fraternity in general.

NUSI wishes him all the best for his next innings hopes that he will continue to amaze us with his support even after his retirement.

Welfare and Training initiatives for seafarers and family

There are many welfare benefits for seafarers and their family members under the initiatives of National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI), the offices of the Seamen's Provident Fund (SPF) and Seafarers Welfare Fund Society (SWFS). **All benefits are strictly as per guidelines of applicable schemes respectively.** Thousands of our seafarers have benefitted over the years. But some of our seafarers are not even aware of the welfare initiatives. NUSI wants all our seafarers to be aware so that they can get the benefits as per eligibility. You can also send an email to nusi@nusi.org.in or visit our Website: www.nusi.org.in or NUSI Union App: for any further guidance in these matters.

Initiatives of National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI)

For decades, NUSI has negotiated secure terms and conditions on Indian and foreign flagships. NUSI members serving on merchant ships and cruise ships can take the benefit for themselves or their family members which is at the same level for serving, retired or deceased seafarers.

1. "NUSI SAKSHAM" – Skill Enhancement initiatives for seafarer for better career prospects. Send an email to nusisaksham@gmail.com
2. "NUSI SURAKSHA KAVACH" Life Insurance for seafarers
3. "NUSI SAMVAD" Free Wi-Fi for seafarers in hostel
4. "NUSI SUBSIDY SCHEME" Food Subsidy in hostel
5. "NUSI SHIKSHA ABHIYAN" Education Grant for children of seafarers
6. "NUSI SCHOLAR" Financial assistance for scoring highest marks in SSC
7. "NUSI SCHOLARSHIP" Higher studies grant for children of seafarers after graduation
8. "NUSI STRI SIKHSHA ABHIYAN" Education Grant for wives of seafarers
9. "NUSI SEEKHO – PARDES" Financial Support to children of seafarers for studies abroad
10. "NUSI SUVIDYA" Financial Support for professional courses
11. "NUSI SWAASTH SAHYOG" Financial Assistance in medical cases for seafarers and their families
12. "NUSI SUKHADALAY" Recreational Holiday Home
13. "NUSI SILAI CLASSES" Sewing Classes for family members of seafarers
14. "NUSI SAHARA" Free wellbeing counselling helpline for **all ranks** of seafarers and their families TollFree Number - **1800-102-5110** or Whats app Number – **98339 91880**
15. "NUSI SENIOR SEAFARERS" Home for destitute Senior Seafarers
16. "NUSI SAHELI SWAYAM ROZGAR YOJANA" – Self-help for women in family of seafarers
17. "NUSI SALAAH" - Professional Career Counselling for children and women family members of **all ranks** of seafarers. Send email to nusi.salaah@gmail.com
18. "NUSI SKILLS SUPPORT" - Financial assistance to NUSI members for STCW and skill courses. NUSI Skills Support link: <https://forms.gle/Bpm7x3cZ7efa7Ete9> before **31st June, 2023**
19. "MARITIME ENGLISH MADE EASY (MEME)" - A self paced online learning program
20. All NUSI agreements on Indian and foreign flag vessels have social benefits

NUSI Union App: Visit Google play store and type NUSI union app

NUSI Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nusiindia/>

NUSI Youtube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/NationalUnionofSeafarersofIndia>

Twitter: National Union of Seafarers of India (@NUSIUnion)

Instagram: [Nusi_ho](https://www.instagram.com/nusi_ho)

Initiatives of Seafarers Welfare Fund Society (SWFS) under the Director General of Shipping

For details and eligibility, you should send an email to swfs1966@gmail.com

Website: www.dgshipping.gov.in

1. "Maternity Benefit Scheme for female seafarers" - Such financial assistance shall be paid for two deliveries to eligible Indian female seafarer
2. "Invalidity Benefit Scheme" - The scheme, is applicable to seafarer holding CDC book last recruited / engaged by Indian ship-owners or through registered RPS, for either Indian or foreign flag vessels, before the occurrence of an injury, due to which he/she became permanently unfit for the seafaring profession.
3. "Survival Benefit Scheme" - The scheme is applicable to seafarer holding CDC book last recruited / engaged by the Indian ship-owners or through registered RPS for either Indian or foreign flag vessels, before their death.
4. "Ex-gratia Assistance on Death Scheme (EAD)" – Assistance for seafarers having registration books (Red Book)
5. "Old age Benefit Scheme" - The scheme is applicable to seafarer holding CDC book attaining the age of 65 (sixty-five) years on 1st January 2019 or thereafter
6. "Family Benefit Scheme" - The scheme is applicable to children for pre-sea training or post graduation courses
7. Gratuity as per NUSI agreements is deposited in the office of SWFS. All seafarers should check and confirm the same after every sign-off. **Do not wait till your retirement.**

Initiatives of Seamens Provident Fund (SPF) under the Director General of Shipping

For details and eligibility, you should send an email to employeecommr@spfo.gov.in

Website link: www.spfo.gov.in

1. FINAL withdrawal of Provident Fund as per SPF Act, 1966.

Purpose of Non-refundable withdrawal Percentage

2. Unemployment - 10% of seafarers contribution
3. Medical - 25% of seafarers contribution
4. House Construction - 75% of seafarers & employers contribution
5. House Repair - 25% of seafarers contribution
6. Marriage & Higher Education - 50% of seafarers contribution
7. Provident Fund as per NUSI agreements is deposited in the office of the SPF. All seafarers should check and confirm the same after every sign-off. **Fill up your nomination forms also if you love your family. Do not wait till your retirement.**

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NUSI Mobile App: Visit Google playstore and search for NUSI UNION App

Facebook Page Link: <https://www.facebook.com/nusiindia/>

Youtube Channel link: <https://www.youtube.com/c/NationalUnionofSeafarersofIndia>

Twitter: [@NUSIUnion](https://twitter.com/NUSIUnion)

Instagram: [nusi_ho](https://www.instagram.com/nusi_ho)

NUSI SAHARA

24/7 free of cost Psychological Counselling Helpline telephone service. All ranks of seafarers and their families can call and talk one-to-one or chat to a professional counselor on 1800-102-5110. There is a great benefit for our seafarers and their families who use this counselling facility.

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