



# From Womb to Tomb - and sometimes beyond NATIONAL UNION OF SEAFARERS OF INDIA

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Sub: **Seafarers and NUSI celebrate**  
**“6th November, 2023 - Seafarers Unity Day”**

Every year Indian seafarers celebrate the “Seafarers Unity Day” on 6<sup>th</sup> November throughout India. It is also a paid holiday on all NUSI Agreement for seafarers working on Indian and foreign flag ships on 6<sup>th</sup> November every year. We are delighted to inform you that the Seafarers Unity Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2023, at the Indian Sailors Home Society (ISHS). This annual event holds immense significance as it recognizes and honours the contributions and sacrifices of our brave seafarers. The event was telecasted live and reached all over India and also on board ships throughout the world.



NUSI and our seafarers and their families were honoured to have Shri Shyam Jagannathan, IAS, Director General of Shipping, GOI, as our Chief Guest. In his address, he emphasized the importance of maintaining unity among seafarers, highlighting its power to solve problems and ensure the safety of seafarers. Shri Jagannathan also assured seafarers that the Directorate General of Shipping and NUSI are available to address health, medical or other concerns that they may have while onboard. NUSI will also share the pro-active approach of our Director General and the Directorate amongst the shipping fraternity.

In his welcome address, NUSI General Secretary-cum-Treasurer, Shri Milind Kandalgaonkar, highlighted the importance of skill enhancement for Indian seafarers. He also stressed on the various training and welfare programs initiated by NUSI, which are designed to enhance the skills of seafarers. Shri Kandalgaonkar advised seafarers to take advantage of these programs, many of which are highly subsidized or at zero cost to seafarers and invest in their personal development, as it will ultimately benefit them in their future careers. Shri Kandalgaonkar also appreciated the role of the shipowners who were present in the function in large numbers.



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NUSI Assistant General Secretary Shri Sunil Nair read out the message on behalf of NUSI President Capt. N.A. Hiranandani.



Recognizing the growing demand for high-quality fitters in the maritime industry, NUSI has launched the IMEC/NUSI Indian Structural Marine Fitter Training Course during the event. The course was inaugurated at the hands of Shri Shyam Jagannathan, IAS, Director General of Shipping. This proactive approach by NUSI aims to enhance the skill sets of seafarers and equip them for the evolving demands of the industry.

NUSI had the privilege of hosting eminent speakers from the industry who shared their insights on important topics:



Capt. Philip Mathews representing, Indian National Shipowners' Association (INSA) - Expectation of the shipowners from the seafarers employed on their ships.

Capt. Mukesh Sharan Vice-Chair, Foreign Owners Representatives and Ship Managers Association (FOSMA) - Skill enhancement to perform well onboard and also retain jobs.

Capt. Rakesh Singh Secretary, ICC Shipping Association (ICCSA) - Importance on being employed on the coast on small vessels rather than remaining unemployed for years in search of foreign going bigger ships.



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Capt. Girish Phadnis Chair, Maritime Association of Shipowners Shipmanagers and Agents (MASSA) - Problems of going to Agents for seeking employment.

Capt. Tushar Pradhan General Secretary, Maritime Union of India (MUI) – Expectation of Seafarers from the Shipowners.

Their valuable contributions enriched the knowledge and understanding of more than 1500 seafarers who were present.

The Seafarers Unity Day celebrations also saw the participation of hundreds family members of seafarers. The success of the event can be attributed to the collective effort and support of our members.

We are proud to share that NUSI is the only union in the world that offers a multitude of facilities such as skill enhancement, medical support, education, counselling, and well-being initiatives for the welfare of seafarers and their families. Additionally, during the Seafarers Unity Day - 2023, beneficiaries of NUSI's welfare initiatives received financial assistance, underscoring our commitment to supporting seafarers in every possible way.

NUSI takes this opportunity to congratulate the recipients of the "NUSI Scholar" scheme for the highest percentage in Tenth Standard in 2023 for children of NUSI members namely

- 1) 1st - Mst. Sathvik R. s/o Bro. Raju Venkat Mogera,  
CDC No. MOSV4006, Rank - Bosun
- 2) 2nd - Ms. Anjali A.R. d/o of Bro. Anilkumar A. Nair,  
CDC No. MUM77507, Rank - Bosun
- 3) 3rd - Ms. Dheekshitha S. d/o Bro. Muniappan Senthilmurugan,  
CDC No. MUM88442, Rank – Chief Cook

were announced to receive 2 years fixed deposits of Rs. 50,000/-, Rs. 30,000.- and Rs. 20,000/- respectively.



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As a token of appreciation for their unwavering support to NUSI activities, seafarers were also felicitated with the esteemed NUSI Golden Member Card.

- 1) Bro. Vijayan S. V. - CDC No. MUM84062
- 2) Bro. Umashankar R. Mishra - CDC No. MUM104257
- 3) Bro. Madhu M. Pillai – CDC No. MUM92807
- 4) Bro. Parry Agnelo Avelino Noronha - CDC No. BY53002
- 5) Bro. Mr. Ayyaz Yusuf Kumandan - CDC No. MUM76465

The programme concluded with vote of thanks presented by NUSI Vice President, Shri Louis Gomes.

The Seafarers Unity Day- 6th November celebration function can be viewed through the following links:

NUSI Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/nusiindia/videos/71729542318310>

NUSI Youtube Link: [https://youtu.be/KBG50jEm0ko?si=kLnLrgL\\_7RPyJHad](https://youtu.be/KBG50jEm0ko?si=kLnLrgL_7RPyJHad)





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We would like to highlight that the Seafarers Unity Day was celebrated in all NUSI Branch Offices across the nation, spreading the spirit of unity and solidarity.

The celebrations were followed by an entertaining program and a delicious dinner, adding to the joyous atmosphere of the event.

**Long Live NUSI,**

**Long Live Seafarers Unity**

Yours sincerely,

(Milind Kandalgaonkar)  
General Secretary -cum- Treasurer

**JAI HIND**

**JAI NAVIK**

**JAI NUSI**