



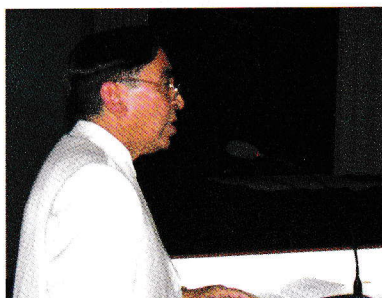
# MARITIMES

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## GRADUATION - B.S.M.E. CLASS OF 2006

The graduation of the 5<sup>th</sup> batch of TMI was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2006. 126 passing out cadets were awarded the degree on the occasion by the Chief Guest, Dr. Venkateswaran, Prof. Emeritus - BITS, Pilani. The Chief Guest awarded the outstanding cadets with prizes in various categories. The prize winners were as follows:-

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| Chairman gold medal for best all round performance               | - Cdt. Zaahir Firoz Pappar                   |
| Chairman silver medal for best all round performance             | - Cdt. Vineet Sharma                         |
| Vasant J. Seth Memorial gold medal for Best Academic performance | - Cdt. Navneet Kanodia                       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> in Marine Engineering courses                    | - Cdt. Zaahir Firoz Pappar                   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> in Applied Sciences courses                      | - Cdt. Navneet Kanodia                       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> in Electrical & Electronic courses               | - Cdt. Navneet Kanodia                       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> in Thermal Engineering courses                   | - Cdt. Navneet Kanodia                       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> in Drawing & Design courses                      | - Cdt. Navneet Kanodia                       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> in Naval Architecture courses                    | - Cdt. Navneet Kanodia                       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> in Mechanical courses                            | - Cdt. Navneet Kanodia                       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> in Internship courses                            | - Cdt. Navneet Kanodia                       |
| Manbhaw Trust Scholarship for girls                              | - Cdt. Jasmeet Singh & Cdt. Rahul De         |
| Anglo Eastern cash award for all round excellence Rs. 11,000     | - Cdt. Debanjana Bhaumik & Cdt. Arpita Sinha |
| Anglo Eastern cash award for all round excellence Rs. 5,000      | - Cdt. Rochit Das                            |
| Anglo Eastern cash award for all round excellence Rs. 3,000      | - Cdt. Nachiket Pradip Kesarkar              |
|  | - Cdt. Abhijat Chahal                        |



The guest of honour, Dr. L.K. Maheshwari, Vice Chancellor, BITS, Pilani enlightened the passing out cadets with words of wisdom & conveyed his best wishes to the institute. With never ending memories of the past and an urge to commemorate the name of the alma mater, the cadets bid adieu to the institute that had nurtured them for 4 years. The ceremony was followed by a grand lunch at the old hostel for the passing out cadets and their parents.

Yet again a whole new lot sets out of TMI, all prepared to conquer the seas. ALL THE BEST!!



## TMI BAGS THE LLOYD'S LIST AWARD

Tolani Maritime Institute was declared the Winner of "The 2006 Lloyd's List Middle East & Indian Subcontinent Maritime Training & Development Award" in a glittering function held on 08 Nov 2006 in the Ball Room of Hotel Madinat Jumeirah, Dubai. Capt Raj Razdan, Provost, TMI received the award on behalf of the institute from the hands of Maj. Gen. (Retd) Sharafuddin Sharaf, Vice Chairman, Sharaf Group, Dubai.

The award was presented to TMI to mark the outstanding work of the institution in the field of Maritime Education & Training. The award recognizes TMI to be a leader in the field in the area of its operation. With a 10 fold increase in its student strength in the last 7 years, unparalleled infrastructure, quality teaching standards, excellent placement record and committed promoters, it was TMI all the way to the rostrum. All those present praised the commitment and effort of Dr NP Tolani, founder of Tolani Maritime Institute, and wished him success.



This is one of the most prestigious international award given to a Maritime Training Institute and has brought credit not only to the Institute but also to all the Indian seafarers.



## MASTER MARINER

### PROFILE: CAPT. MANOJ HIRKANE

Capt. Manoj Hirkane was born in January 1968. He graduated from Government engineering college, Jabalpur (M.P) with first division and joined the Vainganga Cements (M.P) for a year. There he worked as a mechanical engineer. In the year 1991, he joined Shipping Corporation of India as a deck cadet and served there for several years and rose up to the rank of Master in the year 2001.



He has a sailing experience of 12 years and he has achieved the master certificate (FG) in the year 1998. He has also cleared his written exam for Extra Masters and presently he is doing M.S in Quality Management through BITS, Pilani.

In January 2004 Capt. Manoj Hirkane joined TMI as a faculty in nautical department. At TMI, he has covered several important subjects like navigation, chart work, bridge equipment, ship construction and naval architecture. At present he is the Programme Chair of Modular and Competency Enhancement Courses.

### A MOMENT OF PRIDE AND HONOUR

Upholding its rich tradition, Tolani Maritime Institute held a formal Epaulette Unveiling Ceremony on the 6th of October 2006. With their hearts filled with pride and honour, the entire batch of 2010 of both the M.E. and N.T. streams assembled at the twin basketball courts at 9 a.m. sharp.

Standing upright in rapt attention, donning the smartness on campus uniforms, the cadets formed 16 groups each headed by a third year cadet with the Institute Cadet Captain leading the gathering. Their sharply creased trousers gently flapping in the cool morning breeze, white half sleeve shirts reflecting the rays of the rising sun, name tags proudly displayed above shirt pockets, and epaulettes, set to become a permanent fixture in their lives, prominently displayed on young shoulders. Poetry in motion indeed!

Captain Iyer next took the podium and addressed the gathering elaborating the significance of the epaulettes and the responsibility they brought along.

This one and a half hour emotionally charged event was followed by a pledge taking ceremony to uphold the rich tradition, values and culture of TMI.

In a grand finale to the day's proceedings, the 16 groups marched in perfect unison around the court saluting the dignitaries gathered for the occasion. The unveiling of the epaulettes followed at the hands of the senior faculty of each group. Principal B.K. Saxena regaled the gathering with his witty, yet meaningful address, stressing on a life lived with pride, purpose, ambition to excel, devotion and dedication.

### RECORD PLACEMENTS AT TMI

Three TMI Marine Engineering students have been offered the highest pay package ever offered to a TMI graduate. Cdt. Arundhuti Dasgupta of BSME Class of 2005, Cdt. Rashmi and Cdt. Mandira Nayak of current fourth year BSME batch have set this new standard, one yet to be achieved perhaps by any new entrant from any Marine Engineering Institute. M/S Schlumberger has selected them as "Seismic Engineers" - a totally new area for Marine Engineers, and have shown interest to recruit more candidates from the campus. This also heralds a new era, wherein quality education offered at TMI is opening up new areas of employment.

Earlier in the year, four TMI fourth year students including two girl students were selected by M/s Keppel FELS Offshore, Singapore as Design Engineers for their offshore oil field structural design works.

## APOGEE 2K6

The TMI flag bearers once again proved their mettle and kept the flag flying high in the turbulent wind at Apogee 2K6 held at BITS, Pilani, in which over a 200 colleges across the nation participated. Apogee abbreviated as 'A Professional Oriented Gathering Over Educational Experience' was an inter colligate technical festival of The Birla Institute of Technology, Pilani. The five days panorama endeavors to show case the innovation and vibrancy of young minds across the country. The team excelled under the proficient guidance of Mr. L.S Tikore. The cadets of TMI who were unparalleled at the Apogee are

- 01.Cdt. Aniket Mallav (Team Leader)
- 02.Cdt. ManMohan
- 03.Cdt. NitinGarg
- 04.Cdt. Aditya Mathur
- 05.Cdt. Shalabh Bansal
- 06.Cdt. Viveka NandJha
- 07.Cdt. STarunKumar
- 08.Cdt. Ramnarayan
- 09.Cdt. Naman Upadhyaya
- 10.Cdt. Kunal Vazrekar

The events in which TMIians excelled were:-

- 1. Paper presentation - Fuel cells
- Time travel
- Krazy Bridge Xtreme Math
- Mathcount Jeu De Technology
- Eureka Physics Treasure Hunt
- Smash the Bug Hide The Heat

After such an outstanding feat by the TMIians we can assure ourselves and everyone that TMI is certainly making its mark on both national and international fronts. WAY TO GO TMI...!

### PASSING OUT CEREMONY NAUTICAL AND PRESEA

Those were moments of great pride and honour for both the faculty and the parents of the passing out cadets, 40 from the pioneer batch of nautical technology and 80 of the first IGNOU PreSea batch. All these cadets have completed there shore based training and are ready to set sail and start their seaward journey.

In keeping with tradition, the guest of honor Mr. V Baijal, Dy. Nautical advisor to the Govt. of India, presided over the ceremony, which was also graced by the presence of various eminent personalities of the shipping fraternity. During the proceedings of the ceremony Capt. K. Iyer, the programme chair of Nautical Department at TMI, elaborated upon the details of the training which the various cadets had undergone.

We at TMI wish the cadets all the very best for their future endeavors and pray to the almighty to shower their blessings over these brilliant minds. MAKE US PROUD BOYS...!



## OPENING CEREMONY

In September 2006, the sports meet for the year 2006-2007 was officially declared open by the chief guest of the function Capt. Razdan. The proceedings were kicked off by the march past which was performed very well by all four houses. The traditional oath of true sportsmanship and team spirit was next where in all four house captains came forth and recited the oath in the ceremonial manner. A grand firecracker show marked the conclusion of the ceremony.

## INTER HOUSE FOOTBALL

Inter-House Football tournament was organized in the month of September. For each house, three teams 'A', 'B' and 'C' sweated it out to reach the zenith. The tournament saw a spirited display of skill and grit. The final house positions were as follows:



- 1<sup>st</sup> Mudaliar House
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cassim House
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Morarjee House
- 4<sup>th</sup> Master House

Best Player of Tournament prizes were given to:-  
Cdt. Cardoso (Morarjee House) League 'A'  
Cdt. Anmol Bhatia (Morarjee House) League 'B'

For their steddlar performances, following were honoured with the Institute Blue's :-

- 1. Cdt. Shalab Dandriyal (Morarjee House)
- 2. Cdt. Cardoso (Morarjee House)
- 3. Cdt. Vishal Rajput (Mudaliar House)

## INTER HOUSE TABLE TENNIS

This event proved to be a battle of fluctuating fortunes and provided the audience with some close matches. The event was held in the month of September and it lasted for a period of Three days. Mudaliar house took the top honors by beating Morarjee house in the final.

BEST PLAYER- Cdt. Raghav (Morarjee house)

BEST FEMALE PLAYER- Cdt. Mandira Nayak (Mudaliar house)

BEST DOUBLES TEAM-  
Cdt. Himanshu Arora (Mudaliar house)  
Cdt. Rohan Singh (Mudaliar house)

The over all house positions were

- 1<sup>st</sup> position - Mudaliar house
- 2<sup>nd</sup> position - Morarjee house
- 3<sup>rd</sup> position - Cassim house
- 4<sup>th</sup> position - Master House



## CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

The cross-country championship was held on 24<sup>th</sup> of September. The cross country route of 5.5 Kms had to be finished within the time of 30 mins. The morning witnessed hundreds of zealous and enthusiastic cadets.

Overall House positions were as follows:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> position Morarjee House
- 2<sup>nd</sup> position Mudaliar House
- 3<sup>rd</sup> position Master House
- 4<sup>th</sup> position Cassim House

Individual ranking were laid down as:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cdt. Edurado Morarjee House
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cdt. Sumeet Roy Master House
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cdt. Rakesh Nehra Morarjee House

Even girl cadets weren't too far behind, with their standing as:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cdt. Mandira Mudaliar House
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cdt. Ishita Dash Mudaliar House
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cdt. Ankur Cassim House

## INTER HOUSE VOLLEYBALL

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November 2006 the much awaited volleyball tournament took place. Each house was represented by two teams in the tournament, Team A and Team B. The overall result of the tournament was prepared by taking into consideration the performance of both the teams and they are:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> Master
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cassim
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mudaliar
- 4<sup>th</sup> Morarjee

The best player award for team A was given to Cdt. Gaurav Gandhe of Master House and for team B it was given to Cdt. Arindam Chatterjee of Cassim House.



## INTERHOUSE DEBATE COMPETITION

The newly formed students Council for Human Resource Development better known as the CHR D club organized a debate competition in the college auditorium on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2006, the topic being "ARE PEACE TALKS WITH PAKISTAN WAY FORWARD". Two cadets, one in favor and one against the motion within the time limit of four minutes represented each house.

The views of audience underwent a seesaw as they acquainted themselves with the thoughts of the speakers. The judges for the debate Mr. Vijayakumar Boratti, Ms. Anjali Deshpande, Ms. Vandana Shinde had a tough time deciding the better among the best.

Cdt. Karthik Mohan (IV year) and Cdt. Aman Arora (II year) of Mudaliar house were adjudged the best speakers against and for the motion respectively. Mudaliar house was the overall winner.

The club has also started conducting Meditation and Yoga classes for the faculty and the cadets to help them relax their minds and focus themselves towards their objective. The club has received a very encouraging response and is planning to introduce other such activities in the future.

## WELCOME TO THE CLUB!

TMI welcomed the newest members of the family as night fell on the courtyard of the old hostel on 27<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2006. Those few hours will surely be etched in the minds of those gathered there as seniors of the second, third and fourth year batch set the ball in motion. And what unfolded was a spectacle which was not only truly amazing but a show one could truly be proud of.

The institute believes in nurturing and encouraging talent and this was very much in evidence as one witnessed a host of quality performances in a diverse range of activities. From the soulful rhythm of a classical south Indian instrument flawlessly executed by the third year cadet to the racy beats of the rock band and from the heart full rendition of old hits by third and fourth year cadets to the much appreciated dance sequence brought to us by the second year cadets. Everything appeared to be a collage of wholesome and pure entertainment! And for those who had not had their hearts fill, much more was to follow.

A scintillating martial arts demo was the pleasant surprise as the evening wore on with the girl cadets not to be left behind. Many a brick were rendered useless when they came in graceful contact with their arms, knees and foreheads, as if sending out a message that "we can take care of ourselves!"

The atmosphere was highly charged with adrenaline rushing in every one's veins and what better way to burn it off than by dancing the night away. As the thumping music blasted out from the speakers, echoing off the walls of the hostels and the psychedelic lights danced to the rhythm of the beats, all TMIans were on their feet.

Principal B.K. Saxena graced the occasion and his presence ensured that the evening was even more enjoyable!

## WORLD MARITIME DAY AT TMI

World Maritime Day was celebrated on 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. in the presence of eminent guests from Chellaram Ship Management, Capt. Barve and Capt. Subedar. The main objective of the programme was to discuss the IMO as a body and its functions. On this day there was a competition on presentations on the IMO and its functions. There were six topics each presented by a team of five cadets. The results of the competition were as follows

1<sup>st</sup> prize - Cdt. Akshat Bhargava and Cdt. Ahmedali Lokhandwala

2<sup>nd</sup> prize - Cdt. Vinodh R and Cdt. Varun P Uppal

Consolation prize - Cdt. Apoorv Jaiswal and Cdt. Varun Sabhlok

The presentations were followed by speeches from Capt. Subedar, Capt. Barve and Mr. B.K. Saxena who shared their experiences with the audiences adding to the points put forth by the various speakers during the course of the presentations. The celebration and the show indeed enlightened many of the cadets about the importance of IMO. We look forward to more such events in the future.

## MARTECH'06

Mr. B.K. Saxena, Principal, TMI attended an international conference "MARTECH'06" which was jointly conducted by Maritime Port Authority, Singapore and Singapore Maritime Academy in the second week of October. He presented a paper on "TMSA for Tankers and MEMSA for Maritime Education". Thereafter he also attended the AGM of AMETIAP.

## TMI SAT

TMI has upgraded its selection procedure into a methodical exercise that not only is comfortable to the applicants, but also has provided the institute, with pan-national presence. TMISAT is the new dimension, which has been brought into the selection procedure from the year 2006. The test is an online Multi Choice examination in Physics, Chemistry, Maths, English and analytical & logical skills. At present, the test is conducted at 8 centers around India including major cities as Delhi, Lucknow, Bangalore, Kolkata, Mumbai, etc.

This new development is a confirmation of TMI's sincere endeavors to provide the shipping industry with the most talented and skilled people having the right attitude with the best education system available and state of the art training facilities at the institute.

## ANGOLAN STUDENTS JOIN TMI

A new course of Higher National Diploma in Electrical Engineering (HNDE) for international students has been started from August 2006. The Course is in affiliation with Glasgow College of Nautical Studies, UK. This is a new venture undertaken by TMI wherein 12 Angolan cadets selected by Solangol Shipping Company, Angola are undertaking training for the competency in English (IELTS level) and in Electrical Engineering. This has paved a new path for the conduct of such courses for international students.

## INSPIRING THE CAREERS

On 11<sup>th</sup> of November TMI welcomed one of its renowned alumni Sub Lt. Vijayant Tyagi. Sub Lt. Tyagi is an officer in the Indian Navy is privileged to have his name in the Limca Book of Records for having two national records credited to his name. He took the opportunity to interact with the cadets and gave a speech to the 1<sup>st</sup> year cadets wherein he stated his experiences about life at sea and the Indian Navy. He also encouraged and motivated the cadets towards a life full of adventure and discussed various career opportunities in the defense forces, in particular the Navy. He emphasized on the importance of proper training and knowledge, above all the skills needed in the profession. With spells of laughter in his speech he encouraged his juniors to excel at their skills and wished the cadets the best for all their future endeavors.

Indeed TMI is proud to have such gems, who have carried its name far and wide. The whole TMI family wishes success, health and prosperity to Sub Lt. Tyagi.

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