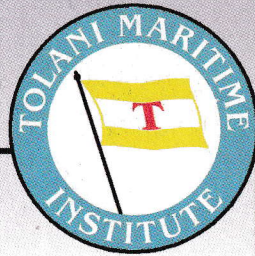


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Editorial

Know what's weird? Day by day, nothing seems to change, but pretty soon... everything is different. In the ceaseless bustle of activity or boredom (whatever we choose to take up), we rarely look up and make an assessment of our lives. And who has the time, among everyday lectures, tests and workshops, which also are imperative. Most of us are content while blissfully ignoring the niggles of self-doubt that get pushed away into some remote corners of our minds.

Well, taking a jovial spin on the whole concept, with hope that the Attitude, Skill and Knowledge (in a true TMian style), might probe into our conscience and help us make the most of our lives at college, we present before you, the December issue of Maritimes.

To be candid, the making of Maritimes did make us better people in one way or the other; be it co-ordination, punctuality or the seriousness of a deadline (this one definitely needs special mention!). The whole process of creating Maritimes was quite edifying... lots of tension, last minute work, meetings- all a good learning experience, primarily about appreciating good literature and also about how work only gets done when you work as a team.

We sincerely hope that this issue of Maritimes appeals to everyone.

Have a delightful year ahead.

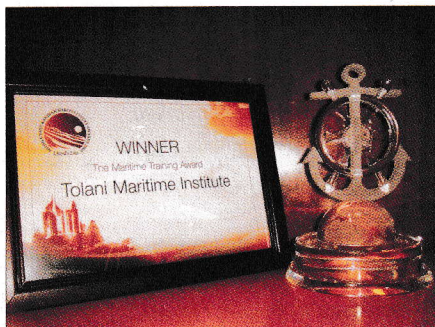
- Rajul Singh
Editor

Crème de la crème

Sumeet Sanjay Jadhav

Tolani Maritime Institute was declared the winner of "The 2009 Lloyd's List Middle East and Indian Subcontinent Maritime Training Award", in a glittering function held on 8th November, 2009, in the Ball Room of Hotel Madinat Jumeirah, Dubai. Capt. Manoj Hirkane, Programme Chair, Modular & Competency Enhancement Courses, received the award on behalf of the institute from Capt. Jitendra Misra, MD, Emarat Marine.

This award recognizes an individual, company or training establishment for raising the quality of education in the maritime sector. The jury consisted of many dignitaries such as Mr. Fazel Fazelbhoj, CEO, Topaz Energy & Marine, Mr. Krishna B. Kotak, MD, J.M. Baxi & Co., Capt. Jitendra Misra, MD, Emarat Marine, Mr. Yudhishtir Khatau, VC & MD, Varun Shipping Company, Mr. Christopher Mayer, Executive Director, Lloyd's List and Mr. Geoff Taylor, CEO, Drydocks World.



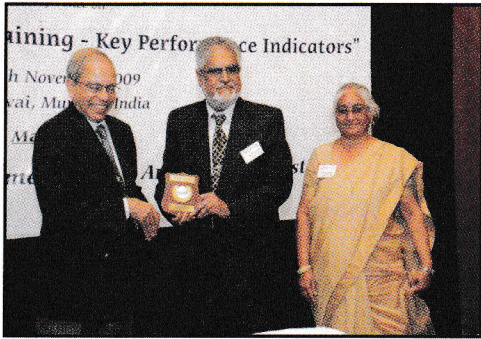
Capt. Jitendra Misra presenting the trophy to Capt. Manoj Hirkane during the award night at Dubai

TMI bagged this award ahead of many renowned institutes in the region. TMI was also the proud receiver of this award back in the year 2006. The award distinguishes TMI as a leader in its field of operation. Dr. N.P. Tolani, Founder, TMI, congratulated the TMI family for such laudable achievement sustained over the years. This award has brought credit not only to our institute but also to all Indian Mariners and we hope that we all keep the flag flying high in the years to come.

Success Stories

Madhur Agarwal & Rishi Sahni

The Principal, Dr. B.K. Saxena, on 1st October, 2009, added yet another laurel to his cabinet by crowning his thesis on 'Application of Total Quality Management in Maritime Education'. His work involves in-depth study of all aspects of maritime education, primarily marine engineering. Extensive statistical tools and other TQM tools were used to demonstrate the application of Total Quality Management in marine engineering education.



Mr. Pinto along with Dr. and Mrs. Saxena

On 6th December, 2009, in the convocation ceremony held at Symbiosis International University, Pune, Dr. Saxena received his doctorate degree at the hands of Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Minister of State for External Affairs. On his path to success, Dr. Saxena was ably guided by Dr. S.G. Dixit (Academic Advisor, TMI).



Dr. Saxena and Dr. Shashi Tharoor

Also in recognition of his outstanding contribution towards maritime education and training, he was awarded Lifetime Achievement Award by GlobalMET, International Association of Maritime Institutes, on 7th November, 2009. The award was presented

by Mr. M.P. Pinto, Former Secretary, Shipping, Govt. of India and a member of TMI's Governing Council.

In another ceremony, Mr. Ramamurthy, President, Institute of Marine Engineers, presented a memento to Dr. Saxena on the successful completion of his Ph.D.

On the eve of 1st October, 2009, Dr. N.D. Junnarkar (Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department) added yet another feather to his cap and brought laurels to the stalwart faculty of TMI when he successfully completed his Ph.D programme from the Symbiosis International Deemed University, Pune.

Dr. Junnarkar's thesis was based on 'Measurement of Quality of Engineering Education' for some of the engineering colleges under Pune University. All this while, Dr. S.G. Dixit stood by him as his advisor.

We wish the laureate hearty congratulations and hope for many such achievements from him in the future.



Dr. Junnarkar receiving his degree from Dr. Tharoor

and the unveiling goes on...

Sumeet Sanjay Jadhav

TMI family extends its heartiest welcome to the 12th batch of BS Marine Engineering and the 7th batch of BS Nautical Technology cadets who had their investiture ceremony on 12th September, 2009.

With their hearts filled with pride and honour, the entire batch of 320 cadets assembled at the Twin Basketball Court at 0800 hrs. The Chief Guest of the occasion was Capt. P.S. Barve, Dean, DLC Programme and a fellow member of the Governing Council, TMI.

The day's proceeding began with the March Past by the cadets, led by the Institute Cadet Captain, Cadet Gaurav Walia. Capt. Barve addressed the gathering, elaborating the significance of epaulettes and this ceremony in a mariner's life. Unveiling of epaulettes took place after an oath, which is taken to uphold the rich tradition, values and culture of TMI. Principal Dr. B.K. Saxena brought the day to a close on a lofty note with his short, yet very enlightening address, stressing on the nobleness of the profession, ambition to excel and the devotion and dedication required to pursue one's dreams.



Capt. Iyer looks as Capt. Barve unveils the epaulettes

Mr. Deepchand Dhanker

Rishi Sahnii



Maritimes was up close with Mr. Deepchand Dhanker, the man responsible for the development of the institute in almost every field since its very inception. Mr. Dhanker has been instrumental in getting across the true meaning of seamanship to the cadets and educating them what sea life is all about. We bring you a few words from the man whose life itself exemplifies selfless service towards society.

• **Sir, tell us about your roots.**

I was born on 13th August, 1959 in Bawal, Haryana. I completed my schooling from Government Senior Secondary School, Bawal, and went on to join the Indian Navy in the year 1976.

• **You've been an integral part of the Indian Navy...**

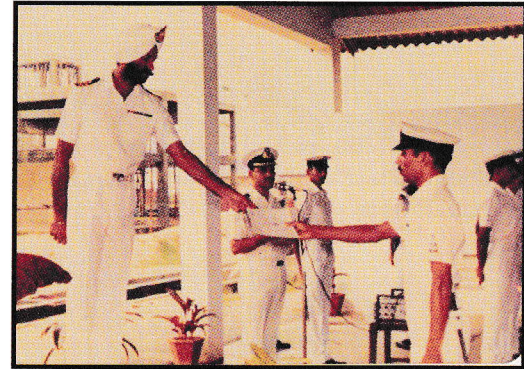
I was nurtured as a seaman at the Indian Naval Ship Circar at Vishakhapatnam. I dedicated 18 years of my life to uniformed service at various ranks and rose up to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. While onboard INS Dronacharya, I was the Gunnery Instructor and trained officers and sailors including foreign trainees. Some of the other warships I sailed on were INS Guldar, INS Kiltan, INS Gaj and INS Ganga.

• **How did TMI happen?**

I have been with TMI since its very foundation. I joined as a Warden on 24th August, 1998, but with the introduction of the Nautical Science Programme, I moved on to the post of Senior Seamanship Instructor. Presently, the setting up of the seamanship laboratory, training of cadets and the sailing competitions have been some of my projects at TMI.

• **How will you rate your seamanship training?**

Seamanship goes a long way in bringing out skilled seamen out of the cadets. The institute probably has the best inventory store for conducting practical amongst most of the other colleges in the country. The mock ship provides a ship like environment and the training, which covers all aspects of sea life, is made as realistic as possible with utmost importance to safety.



Mr. Dhanker receiving the proficiency award

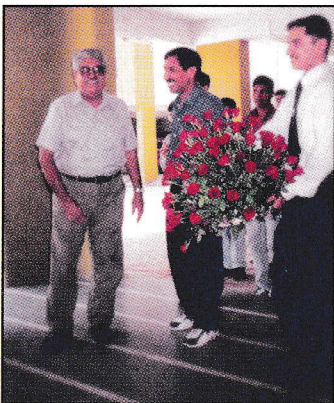
• **You have been around for so many years, what is that one thing that keeps you going?**

My motto has always been "sincerity and dedication towards work". I try to put my heart into work and work into my heart. Teaching comes to me by choice and not by chance and I believe that till the time you like what you do, you keep presenting yourself with new goals to achieve.

• **Any personal hobbies or interests?**

My world revolves around the life at sea. While in the Navy, I compiled a couple of books titled 'Lookout Capsule' and 'Aircraft Recognition Capsule'.

Being a Gunnery Sailor, my motto was 'hit first, hit hard and keep on hitting', it was a field where a second's delay could cause disasters.



The good old times

• **If not for a teacher at TMI, what would have you been?**

Teaching has always been my interest right from the beginning. I used to impart the 'Tricks of the Trade' to prospective seafarers. I served at the National Cadet Corps Unit (Ajmer) as the Chief Instructor and now I am sharing my bit of knowledge at TMI.

• **Your take on a mariner's life...**

Being a Gunnery Sailor, my motto was 'hit first, hit hard and keep on hitting', it was a field where a second's delay could cause disasters, therefore, summing it up to the 3D's: Dedication, Discipline and Determination would aptly define a mariner's life for me. At sea, all you need to do is to take care of the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves.

• **A message you would like to convey to the cadets through Maritimes...**

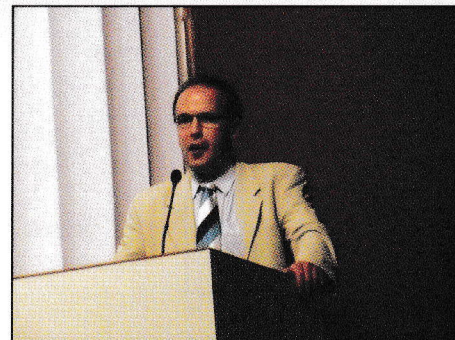
I would encourage the cadets to be loyal to themselves. Put service before self and remember the 3D's of life.

Expert Talks

Madhur Agarwal

The edifice of a successful career is based on a solid foundation. To strengthen this foundation during the course itself and to make cadets acquainted with latest developments of the maritime world, various guest lectures were held for the final year cadets in TMI.

• On 22nd September, 2009, **Captain Philip Wake**, CEO of Nautical Institute, London, accompanied by Cmdr. R. Vir (Retd.) of Navy Foundation, Pune, gave a lecture to the 3rd year nautical students and the faculty members. Captain Philip Wake stressed on the importance of CPD(Continuous Professional Development) for everyone in the seafaring career. Cadets were also familiarized with the Electronic Integrated Navigation and the STCW review. They were also made to understand the necessity of seamanship skills even in this era of technology.



Capt. Philip Wake

• 4th year Marine Engineering cadets and faculty members attended a lecture on "Recent Trends in Marine Instrumentation and Automation". **Mr. Sudhir Pandirao**, CEO & Director of San Techno Mentors Pvt. Ltd. visited TMI on 2nd December, 2009, and briefed cadets about the latest changes electronics has brought for better manning of ships. Mr. Dave coordinated the activity and a memento was presented to the guest by Mr. Chakravorty.

• 4th year M.E. cadets attended another guest lecture by **Dr. Gopinath Chandroth** on 11th December, 2009. Dr. Chandroth is the Inspector of Marine Accidents with the U.K. Government. He presented his lecture on "Marine Accident Investigation and Conditioning Monitoring."

Another presentation was given by **Capt. Narendra Kumar** of B.P. Shipping on LNG Operations.

These guest lectures surely helped the final year cadets who will be starting their seafaring career in another 6 months.

Making a difference...

Madhur Agarwal



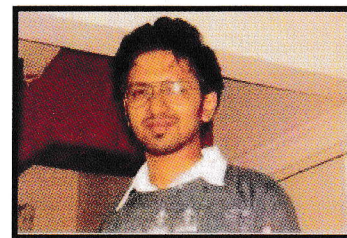
Mrs. Mona Dasgupta with her students

What began as a small help for her maids' children two years back, has turned out to be a blessing in disguise for the children from nearby villages. Indeed, Mrs. Mona Dasgupta (wife of Cdr. S. Dasgupta, Area Chair, M.E., TMI) has tried to help the society by educating its very roots and foundation and that is the youth. Along with Mrs. Anjali Mishra (wife of Mr. Naresh Mishra, Senior faculty, M.E., TMI), Mrs. Dasgupta has been teaching spoken English to around 25 children, five days a week, in three batches who not only get free education but are also given various books to read. "Don't feed, teach how to fish." With this thought in her mind, Mrs. Dasgupta wants to send across a message to all of us to come forward and help these young minds prosper into enlightened individuals. We hope she gets all the success in her righteous attempt.

Rock On!

Nitish Kumar Singh

Kurkure Desi Beats presented 'Rock On'- band wars, in collaboration with MTV this year. It was a hunt for the hottest Desi Rock Band in India. After the long lasting auditions in cities like Kolkata, Delhi, Bengaluru, and Mumbai, 50 finalists were given a chance to realise their dreams. The judges, Mr. Ram Sampat, Mr. Kailash kher and VJ Nikhil mentored the various musicians and artists. As these young talents from all over India were trying to prove themselves, TMIans were in no way behind. One of our ex-students, Mr. Pratyush Pillai of 2004 batch was selected among the top performers.



Mr. Pratyush Pillai

Pratyush is a promising guitarist and is in the process of forming a band. He feels that teamwork can take a simple basic tune to a whole new level. Being one of the brightest students of this institution, Pratyush successfully displayed his talent on screen and became a star overnight. We, on behalf of the whole TMI family, wish him the best of luck in his future endeavours.

In The Spotlight

Aniruddh Rao

E.F. Schumacher said, "The amount of genuine leisure available in a society is generally in inverse proportion to the amount of labour saving machinery it employs." How true that is in today's world. If not for the modern technology man possesses today, half the world's population might not enjoy even a good night's sleep. It is therefore vital for the youth of today to understand the working of these sophisticated machines. And for this reason, TMI houses a massive workshop that rises gigantically three storeys high and is a host to diversified machines for training of its cadets.

The workshop consists of two buildings spread over an area of 5000 square meters (100m*50m) approximately. In addition to the machines, the workshop also accommodates laboratories dedicated to Applied Electricity, Applied Mechanics, Engineering Drawing, Noise and Vibration, Thermodynamics and Strength of Materials.



The TMI Workshop

The TMI Workshop

The large ground area on entry into the workshop is devoted to the Machinery Section, Black Smithy and a Power Plant which also happens to be the pick of the lot in TMI's workshop. The Power Plant is operated for the training of the 3rd year engine cadets, wherein it produces enough electricity to sustain the energy needs of the whole campus without relying on the State Electricity Board. The system consists of a Boiler capable of producing 7 tonnes of steam per hour at a temperature of 440 degree Celsius with a pressure of 45 bars. This steam powers a Kessels' Impulse Turbine that can generate up to 800kW of power. Chillers, Central Air Conditioning System and an Electrostatic Respirator are some of the supplementary equipment of the plant.

The Machinery section consists of:

- 42 Lathe Machines, forty 4-foot lathes and two 7-foot lathes for greater accuracy and precision in job completion.
- 4 Shaping Machines, two of which can work with auto feed.
- 4 Milling Machines.
- 3 Pedestal Drilling Machines, and
- 2 Pedestal Grinding Machines.

These are the most fundamental Tool Cutting Machines to give hands-on experience and improve the understanding of cadets. To facilitate the overhauling of all equipment in this area, a 3 ton EOT(Electrically Operated Transverse) Crane has been set up that can move along the whole length of the workshop.

TMI also boasts of a Fitting, Carpentry and Plumbing Section that teaches the first year cadets the basics of engineering machinery.

The area behind the workshop building is set aside for the Oil Purification System, built by the cadets of TMI with help and guidance from the faculty members. Two Cummins manufactured Silent Generators, inducted as recently as September 2009, are fitted with an acoustic enclosure and a canopy to reduce noise pollution.



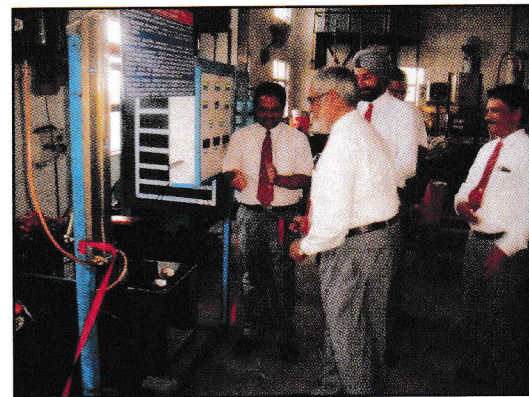
On the rear side, a newly inaugurated Diesel Engine Test Rig has been installed, to facilitate the detailed study of engine operation and parameter measurements for the 3rd year M.E. cadets.

TMI also contains a whole section for Welding Machines, where the cadets of the 3rd year ME undergo a Lloyd's Certification Training Course. The cadets are trained in 2G, 4G and 6G welding proficiencies.

The Welding section is as old as TMI itself. Having started in 1998, it has grown from just four machines to about forty now, with 20 Ador Ltd. make 'Seamoss' type machines; 10 L&T Thyristor type machines; and 10 'Electroweld' make machines of Diode Rectifier Type. Alongside this, there are 10 tables that are connected through pipes of oxygen and acetylene for Oxy-Acetylene Welding.

Not forgetting that this workshop is meant for the education of cadets, TMI has a host of other Marine Auxiliary Machines in its arsenal, starting with:

- A Yanmar Diesel Engine.
- Yanmar Diesel Generator Set.
- 3 Oil Purification Systems.
- An Air Compressor.
- Different types of Valves and Pumps.
- Working model of Oil Lubricating System.
- Working model of Hydro Dynamic System.
- Working model of IVO Lubricator.
- Working model of a Petrol Engine.
- Cut section of Turbo Chargers.
- A table for carrying out Shaft Alignment.



Dr. B.K. Saxena inaugurating the Engine Test Rig

With such modern machinery in place, TMI has not forgotten the importance of safety. The 21 faculty members and instructors present in the workshop at all times to impart knowledge and supervise upkeep of the machines, make sure safety practices are not compromised with. The bright yellow demarcation lines help guide everyone through safe zones. Personal Protective Equipment are a must for all cadets and faculty members working in the workshop, as there is always an underlying message: 'Safety First'.

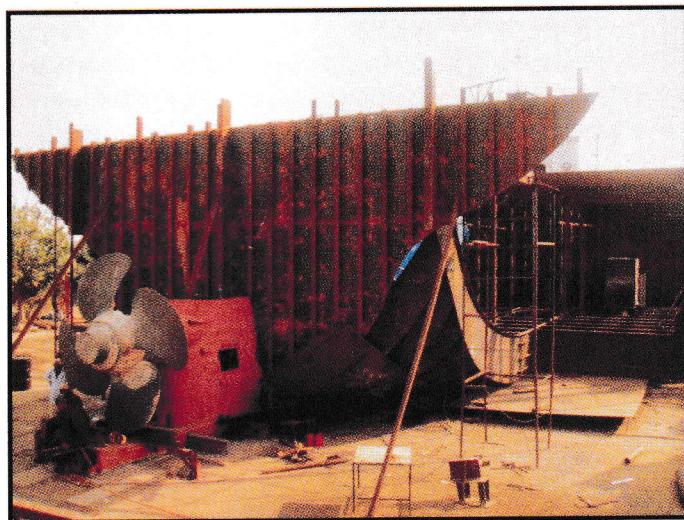
Extreme Engineering

Jannat Bhuller

In compliance with circular no. 22 issued by the Directorate General of Shipping in the year 2004 and in its endeavour to provide internship to all engine cadets, the construction of the Ship-in-Campus, in Tolani Maritime Institute, is finally underway. The naval architect responsible for its construction is Mr. Dilip Sawant and Vijay Marine Ltd. is serving as the contractor for the project. The auspicious keel laying ceremony was held on 2nd September, 2009, which had Capt. R. Razdan the Provost performing a puja and seeking the blessings of God.

The engine is an 8L40-54 MAN B&W, 4 stroke type. It has 8 cylinders and a brake horse power of 5000. It is a medium speed engine, working at about 400 rpm. For high propeller efficiency, an Epicyclic Reduction Gear is used to reduce the speed to 100 rpm. It is also coupled to a Controllable Pitch Propeller which is used as a mode of reversing. Two Cummins manufactured generators, each churning out 300 kW of power, are also installed as a part of Engine Room auxiliaries. Other auxiliary machinery in the Engine Room will include various pumps, compressors, machines like the lathe and arc welding equipment etc.

The Ship-in-Campus aims to replicate the environment in the actual Engine Room within the campus and will help the cadets to have a first hand experience of working in a Machinery Space.



Visits

Nitish Kumar Singh

Congratulations for such a great institute you have. Greetings from Chile and I hope you continue improving the process of formation of Merchant Navy Officers.

- Cdr. Jorge Imhoff, Maritime Instruction and Training Centre, Cimar, Chile.

Well structured campus and organisation upto international standards.

- Mr. F. Miranda, Chief Engineer, Sonangol Shipping Ltd.

29/08/09	Capt. K.S. Budwal, D'amico Ships India Pvt. Ltd.
29/08/09	Mr. Surinder Saini, Ishima Shipping.
08/09/09	Capt. S. K. Pillai, Senior Manager-Manning, Star Ship Management.
08/09/09	Mr. H. N. Tiwary, General Manager, Star Ship Management.
22/09/09	Mr. Phillip Wake, Chief Executive, The Nautical Institute.
06/10/09	Capt. J. S. Looney, TORM, India.
06/10/09	Cdr. Jorge Imhoff, Maritime Instruction And Training Centre, Cimar, Chile.
08/10/09	Ms. Lois Nahirney, Executive Vice President, Teekay Corp., Canada.
08/10/09	Mr. Rob Muller, Regional Director-HR, Teekey Corp., Singapore.
08/10/09	Mr. Tommy Olofsen, Glasgow, Vice President, Marine, HR, Teekay Shipping, Glasgow.
20/10/09	Mr. F. Miranda, Chief Engineer, Sonangol Shipping Ltd.
27/10/09	Capt. N. Kumar, B. P. Shipping, Singapore.
02/12/09	Mr. Sudir Panditrao, San Techno Mentars Pvt. Ltd., Pune.
09/12/09	Mr. Gopinath Chandroth, C/E, Ex Amet.
15/12/09	Mr. Kazunori Nagai, NYK Ship Management Pvt. Ltd.
15/12/09	Capt. C. P. Paul, Training Head, NYK Ship Management Pvt. Ltd.

Placement Tracker

Sumeet Sanjay Jadhav

"Well begun is half done". Tolani Maritime Institute stands firm on its excellent placement record and has started the placement session for the academic year 2009-10. So far, more than five companies have had their campus interview sessions and have recruited more than 85 cadets of BSME 3rd year and 20 cadets of BSNT 2nd year.

Curtain Raiser

Kushal Verma

It's time again to call upon the light bearers to enlighten the field of technology with their brightest ideas as TMI announces the third edition of 'Transtech'.

This much awaited tech fest of the institute promises to provide a forum for engineering students from various colleges to present technical papers on 'Innovation in Transportation'.

In association with The Institute of Engineers (India), Maharashtra State Centre, Transtech '10 is scheduled to be held from 18th to 20th March, 2010.

With the event round the corner and excitement in the air, it's time to gear up and start filing in your papers.

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TRANSTECH '10
18-20 March 2010

A common platform for Engineering students to present technical papers on

INNOVATION IN TRANSPORTATION

Left, right, left...

Rohan Rosario Fernandes

Marching to the tune of the Institute band, hand-picked cadets from each of the four houses : Cassim, Morarjee, Mudaliar and Master, kicked off the Inter House Sports Inauguration Ceremony on 9th September, 2009. The event was graced with the presence of honourable Chief Guest Mr. A. B. Gokhale, Ex-Foreign Secretary and a member of the TMI Governing Council, in whose honour, the cadets of the 1st year performed an immaculately synchronized Mass Demonstration Exercise, coordinated by Mr. Alex Martin, Senior Sport's coordinator.



This event is held annually to officially start the Inter House Competitions, which continue through the course of the year. Starting off with the March Past, won by Master House with Mudaliar House as the runner's up, each house adopted a theme to exhibit during their march. Cassim and Master chose a common theme, 'The Rampage of Swine Flu' for their march. Morarjee chose the theme of 'Unity in Diversity' whereas Mudaliar paid homage to the late Pop sensation Michael Jackson. The March Past was followed by the first Inter House football match between Cassim and Mudaliar.

It was also during this ceremony that the Morarjeeans were declared the winner of the Inter House Sports Championship for the year 2008-09.

Kick-off

Rohan Rosario Fernandes

The ball was set rolling to witness the skills and prowess of the Messis and the Ronaldos of TMI when the Inter House Football Tournament was organised from 9th September to 18th September, 2009. The Series of matches were divided between Team A and Team B.

In Team A, Master House and Morarjee House clashed in the finals. The first half saw a series of blitzkrieg attacks along with rock solid defences, in which Master House dominated with a superb goal struck by Cdt. Anshul Pandey. The second half was more evenly poised with both the houses scoring a goal each, sending the Masters to an eventual victory.

In Team B, Morarjee House clashed against the Cassim House. The first half of the match lacked any significant advances. However, the second half saw two spectacular goals by Morarjee House leading to their victory and the silverware.



The final house standings were:

1st - Morarjee house 2nd - Master house 3rd - Cassim house 4th - Mudaliar house
Best Players: Team A: Cdt. Richie Rodrigues (3rd Year Master House) Team B: Cdt. Leo Tavares (1st Year Morarjee House)

Innate reflexes

Rohan Rosario Fernandes

The eagerly awaited Inter House Table Tennis Tournament was organized from 23rd September to 30th September, 2009. Prof. D.D. Mundra presided over as the Chief Guest. In this cut-throat tournament, Morarjee House and Mudaliar House took the game to a whole new level.

In the finals, four doubles and three singles were played. Cdt. Anmol Bhatia and Cdt. Smanshu Minhas proved their mettle in the game. Morarjee House won three out of the four matches in the doubles category, whereas, Mudaliar House won two out of three in the singles, thus cementing their lead in the tournament. Among the girl cadets, Cdt. Tanushree Singh overpowered her opponent, putting Morarjee House in the first position and making them the eventual champions.

The final house Standings were:

1st - Morarjee House 2nd - Mudaliar House 3rd - Cassim House 4th - Master House
Best Players: Doubles: Cdt. Anmol Bhatia (4th year Morarjee House) Cdt. Samanshu Minhas (1st year Morarjee House)
Singles: Cdt. Chetan Rishi (1st year Mudaliar House) Cdt. Mahesh Dash (1st year Cassim House)
Cdt. Tanushree Singh (2nd year Morarjee House)

Volleying the smashes

After the Table Tennis adrenalin rush, it was time for the Inter House Volleyball Tournament, which was organized from 28th October to 4th November, 2009. The tournament sailed through with a lot of zest and vigour. Prof. D.D. Mundra took the chair as the Chief Guest.

Rohan Rosario Fernandes

In Team A, Cassim House and Master House duelled in the finals. The final set served as the deciding point of the match which was ultimately won by Cassim House.

Whereas in Team B, Morarjee House and Cassim House faced each other during the finals. The nail biting fight ended with another Cassim's win. Yet, Master House managed to rule over the other houses to secure the overall first position.

The final house standings were:

1st-Master House 2nd-Mudaliar House

Best Players: Team A: Cdt. Anupam Kumar (2nd year, Cassim House)

Team B: Cdt Aamir Khan (1st year, Cassim House)



Run TMI Run!

On 15th November, 2009, a cold hazy morning greeted more than six hundred participants of the Inter House Cross Country. The run began at 0605 hrs from the main building cafeteria and ended at the football field, covering approximately 5km in all.

Jannat Bhuller

The stipulated time for completion was 30 and 35 minutes for boys and girls respectively. All the participants put up a spectacular show with Cdt. Rajat Patidar, Cdt. Aakarshan Singhar, Cdt. Rakesh Nehra, Cdt. Balwinder Singh and Cdt. Vishal Vishvanath bagging the first five positions in order. Amongst the girls, Cdt. Deepali Kulkarni secured the first position. Also from the staff's children, Mas. Deepak, Mas. Peter and Mas. Parth Shinde in the boys' category and Ms. Apeksha Arya, Ms. Prachi and Ms. Sonu in the girls' category, made their presence felt.



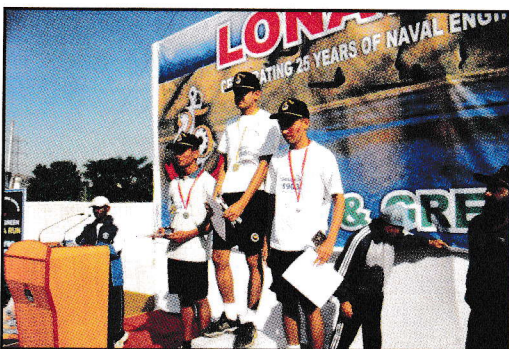
The overall house rankings were: Morarjee followed by Mudaliar, Cassim and Master House in order. This was followed by the prize distribution ceremony.

TMI sweeps stakes at INS Shivaji

In a prelude to the Silver Jubilee celebration of the Naval Engineering Course at INS Shivaji, Lonavala, a run was organized on Saturday, 31st October, 2009. It was an event to spread the message of environmental care in which 1300 participants ran in seven categories: 8 km run for men and women separately, 3 km run for students of classes 5 to 7 and from 8 to 12 and another 3 km open category run.

Nitish Kumar Singh

A large number of schools, colleges and institutions participated in the event amongst which were: Tolani Maritime Institute, Police Training School, INS Shivaji, K.V. Lonavala, and others.



Cmde. D.M. Deshpande, Station Commander, Lonavala and Commanding Officer, INS Shivaji, flagged off the run at 0700 hrs from Nausenabag Ground.

With an exceptionally outstanding performance, Tolani Maritime Institute bagged the maximum number of prizes in the 8 km category, grabbing 10 of the top 15 prizes. The positions held by the TMIans were: 1st- Cdt. Balwinder Singh, 2nd- Cdt. Rakesh Nehra, 5th- Cdt. Aakarshan Singhar, 6th- Cdt. Rajat Patidar, 8th- Cdt. Vishal V., 9th- Cdt. Akshay Singh, 10th- Cdt. Ritesh Yadav, 12th- Cdt. Polzy Fernandes, 13th- Cdt. Akshay Deshmukh and 15th- Cdt. D. Deshpande.

The zeal and enthusiasm with which our boys ran, paved their way to victory. "Winning is a habit", and the saying stands true when it comes to TMIans. It was indeed a day worth remembering for the participants as well as for all the TMIans.

Regatta

Jannat Bhuller

On 3rd December, 2009, 18 cadet and 3 faculty teams participated in Regatta, the sailing competition, held at TMI's lake. The teams presented some fabulous manoeuvring, catching the roguish winds in their sails.



Cdt. D. Cunha Kevin Antony and Cdt. Sagar Vyas, Pre Sea cadets of 2006 and 2003 batch respectively, also took part in the event. A total of nine races took place on the first day and the winning teams made it to the quarter finals. The other two days witnessed a close tussle among the winning teams and the frontrunners proceeded to the finals. Among the faculty teams, which participated in the competition, the team headed by Cdr. S. Dasgupta was adjudged the winner.



Ultimately on the third day, in the finals, the team comprising of Cdt. Anand Raj Kishore and Cdt. Aditi

Khilmani emerged as the winner and Cdt. Omesh Fatwani and Cdt. Viraaf Heerjee as the runner up. Later in the day, during the award ceremony, Capt. K. Iyer (Programme Chair, BSNT) gave away the trophies to the winners, heartily applauding their efforts.

Slam dunk

Rishi Sahni

After the Volleyball Tournament had set the pulses racing, it was time for the top leagues of the institute to put forth their challenge for the Inter House Basketball Trophy. The coveted trophy was in line from 7th to 15th December, 2009, wherein the tournament saw a fine display of shoots, rebounds and pivots.



In Team A, Mudaliar House dominated the proceedings by winning their matches against all the other houses. Although, Cassim House gave them a good fight in the finals, it was the 'reds' who eventually lifted the trophy. Cdt. Binny Sunny (Mudaliar House), with a fine show of his three-pointers and defence, won the title of the 'Best Player'.

The Team B matches were closely fought and gave the tournament some of its very exciting moments. The semi-final match between Mudaliar House and Cassim House proved to be a fine example of fluctuating fortunes with Cdt. Shrikar Singh scoring on a free shoot in the dying moments of the match and giving Mudaliar House a ticket for the finals. The final match was played between Morarjee House and Mudaliar House and the 'Men in Blue' succeeded in cutting the Gordian knot and emerged as winners. Cdt. Ravindra Choubey (Morarjee House) was adjudged as the 'Best Player'.

The final house standings were:

1st - Mudaliar house 2nd - Morarjee house 3rd - Cassim house 4th - Master house

Pune Marathon

Nitish Kumar Singh



Celebrating its Silver Jubilee, the 24th Pune International Marathon was held on 9th December, 2009. It was dedicated to the fifty years of Maharashtra State and was named as 'The Golden Run'. The marathon attracted around 50,000 runners including 100 international athletes for the top honour. Fifty cadets from our institute also participated in different categories of the run, which were:-

Under 19: 10 km run- 12 runners Open event: 10 km run- 28 runners
Open event: 42 km run- 08 runners Charity run: 3.5 km run- 02 runners

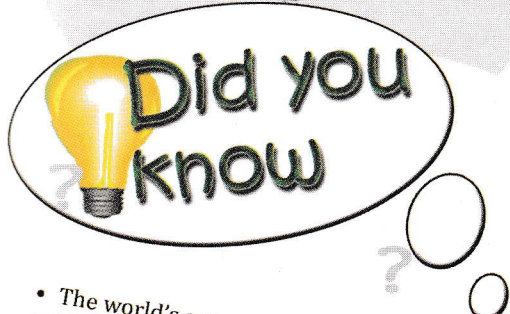
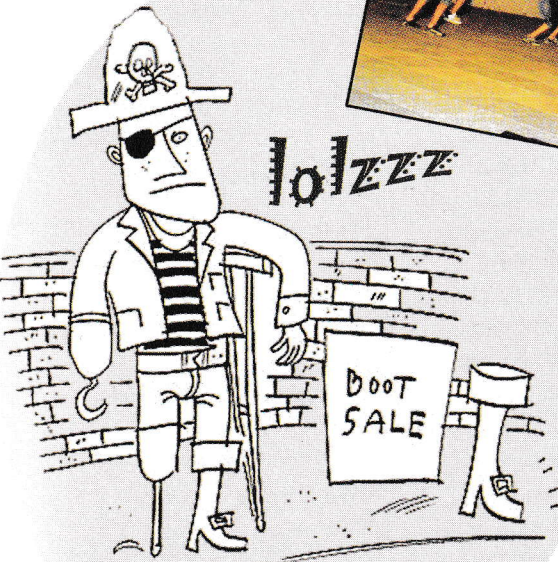
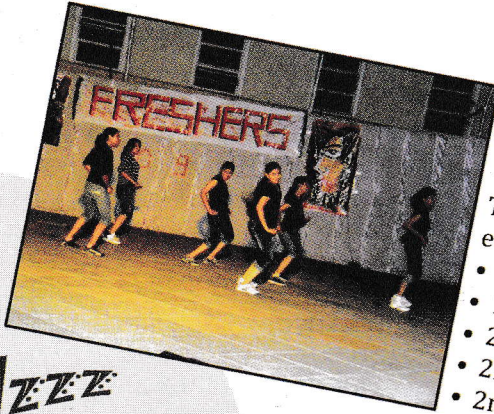
The cadets had a great time by any measure and not to speak about the stunning effort by 4 of our cadets who completed the 42 km run namely:

Cdt. Aakarshan Kumar Singhar (64th) Cdt. Rakesh Nehra (68th)
Cdt. Hameed Beg Ali (69th) Cdt. Amit Kumar Sinha (70th)

The Chief Guest for the event was Mr. Shashi Tharoor (Minister of State for External Affairs, Govt. of India). Ms. Neha Dhupia (Actress) and Mr. Rajat Kapoor (Actor & Director) were also present.

The night of 25th September, 2009 saw a cultural fiesta performed for the newly inducted 1st year batch that included music, dance, drama, band performance and DJ night at the end of it all. Fresher's Night is held at the start of every academic year to assert the arrival of a new batch of cadets with a grand celebration. This year, it was attended by Principal Dr. B.K. Saxena, Provost Capt. R. Razdan and other members of the faculty along with their families.

The night ended with a DJ performance, where the audience, inspired by the dance performances, came onto the dance floor and showed off some of their own moves.



- The world's oceans contain nearly 20 million tonnes of gold. If mined, all the gold suspended in the world's seawater would give each person on Earth 9 pounds.
- At the deepest point in the ocean, the pressure is more than 8 tonnes per square inch, or the equivalent of one person trying to support 50 jumbo jets.
- More oil reaches the oceans each year as a result of leaking automobiles and other indirect sources than was spilled in Prince William Sound by the Exxon Valdez.

• Over the past decade, an average of 600,000 barrels of oil a year has been accidentally spilled from ships, the equivalent of 12 disasters the size of the sinking of the oil tanker Prestige in 2002.

Goa Blues

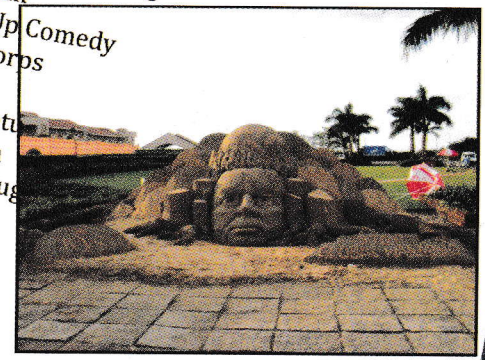
Kushal Verma

To reach the zenith, ground breaking performances alone are not enough but being able to invent is also an essential prerequisite. Every now and then, we come across new talents who not only thrill us with their incredible performances but also inspire others to be like them. Twenty five such TMI cadets were a part of WAVES '09, a prestigious cultural festival organized by the Birla Institute of Technology & Sciences, Goa Campus, from 6th to 8th November, 2009.

Under the guidance of Institute's Cultural Head and Senior Faculty, Mr. Naresh Mishra, the cadets took part in various events with zeal and a spirit to win and bagged an overall third position in the fest.

TMI competed against over 30 colleges in 16 events. The event wise positions were:

- 1st - Apparel Design
- 1st & 2nd - Potrait Making
- 2nd - Mocktalk
- 2nd - Stand Up Comedy
- 2nd - Press Corps
- 2nd - Merge
- 3rd - Impromptu
- 3rd - Panorama
- 3rd - Pull the Plug



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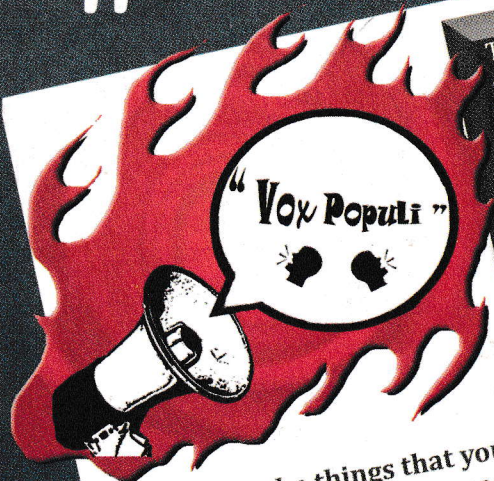
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Offbeat



The average TMian's life is an amalgam of chaos and harmony, a blend of hues of anarchy and adjustments. Sometimes, you will find us completely immersed in study, poring over books, sleeping in classes, trying and aiming for that magical CGPA. Yet again, there will be some who will choose the peaceful time of night or the wet environs of the bathrooms to let their musical genius unravel (all the while drawing the choicest curses from their neighbours). Just when you thought that explains a lot, our team went around the campus, looking for more...

What are the things that you like in the campus?

- Hmm. Let's see, it's all so good, mate. Beautiful place we've got here.
- Oh, the hostels. Good, ain't they? Comfy rooms and all.
- How about all the flora and fauna? Feels good to pass all those, uh, what are they? Lilies? No? Never mind, you get the drift.
- Such a lovely collection of people...again, you get the drift.
- Cafeteria! Life saviour.

A wise man once said, "We are all here to do, what we are all here to do". To be fair, it didn't sound very wise to me. It sounded less like the secret of life and more like the facebook status of Captain Obvious. Similarly, with a myriad of students with contrasting views and ways of life, it begs the question- WHAT KIND OF TMian ARE YOU? Take this simple test and find out.

1. Where would you be most likely seen during a mega event in Mettle X?

- In my room, studying for the comprehensives next month.
- In the thick of things, managing the band or the judges or something.
- Taking a leave and going home, yippeee!!!

2. What is your favourite pastime around campus?

- Spending some quality time in the library with the latest issue of 'Sailor's Today'.
- Just 'chilling' at the lake or cafeteria or Talenox with no agenda whatsoever.
- Hmm..I'd say ...Join 192.168.10.51 'No Rulzz' for Counter Strike.

3. What are your plans for the future?

- Well I am currently building my resume, doing 3 projects at a time, getting humungous 'A' grades in all subjects (even Ethics), preparing notes for my MEO Class IV, which is a few years away.
- I am going to be an entrepreneur!! I don't have any good business ideas, no experience, but I am going to be an entrepreneur because they make a lot of money.
- Are you talking to me??

Are you content with your life here?

- Whatever are you asking that for? Of course it's great! Like the rhythm divine.
- Ho-hum. What's the point? We have got to be here all the same.
- Huh. Life just goes on. Content? Never had time to think about that, did we?
- Wait. Am I eligible for credit points if I just say 'yes'?

What changes would you like to see in the campus then?

- There's nothing to change. It's all so good.
- Allow us to walk on the grass! (umm.. legally...)
- Change the hostel names! What in the world are these? Pesticide manufacturing plants?
- The mess! Proper food digestion must be allowed for each student. But then, it's just me.
- The internet connection. You cannot deny us that fundamental right for 10 hrs each day?

4. What did you think of the test?

- I thought it was an insightful and intriguing exercise which really got me thinking about my life here at TMI.
- It was scathing, sarcastic and contemptuous piece of junk and the author is a filthy hypocrite.
- Join 192.168.10.51 for Counter Strike!!!

Results:

If you answered 'a' to the majority of the questions, then you obviously know what you are doing here. I mean you definitely have a specific aim and good luck to you with that.

If you answered 'b', you must figure out exactly what you have to do with your life really soon. You desperately need to know what you are doing here.

If you answered 'c', you have nothing to worry about. The point of the entire exercise is quite irrelevant to you, and you have many people like yourself to keep you company in your blissfully ignorant life. What are you doing here?

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