



# MARITIMES

*A Campus News Server ...*

**From The Editors' Deck**

**The voyage has begun.  
Maritimes wait for none;  
As do the tides.  
Along with all of you  
I greet the first issue of  
"TMI Maritimes" -  
A campus news server!  
You're welcome to write back.  
We'll improve  
And that's a promise!**

**New Batch Of Deck Cadets For Pre- Sea Training**

Various companies like Nortrans, Selandia, T K Tankers, K C Maritime and V-ships have sent their deck cadets to undergo pre-sea training at TMI. The cadets shall undergo a four-month extensive training programme, which commenced on July 1, 2003.

They will be trained in subjects like navigation, Chart Work, Seamanship, Cargo Work & Workshop Practical Skills.

**Happy Birthday Dear Doctor**

We, the TMI family were proud and happy to spend the day with our dear founder, Dr. N P Tolani on his birthday on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2003. Dr. Tolani was indeed kind enough to take time off from his busy schedule in order to spend the time with faculty, staff and students. An ever cheerful Dr Tolani cut the customary birthday cake and shared it with all present .



It was a real pleasure to see the noble dignitary extenuating all hurdles of time and toil, as he mingled with his extended family. "Every moment spent with the respected veteran was a learning in itself as he shared his experiences, a couple of anecdotes and left us with his blessings"- exclaimed one of the cadets after having a word with

the distinguished gentleman. His eloquent speech, his placid eyes, his charm and his high spirits, confirmed that, time will not mellow the spirits of the dynamic visionary. The TMI family takes this opportunity to, once again, wish Heaven's choicest blessings on our dear Founder.

**Interviews for New Batch of Engineering Cadets**

The interviews for the sixth batch of Marine Engineering cadets were held from the 8<sup>th</sup> of July to the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2003 in the TMI campus. Students were tested through an online exam. A medical test and an interview were also conducted for sound assessment of the candidates. The new course commences August 25, 2003.

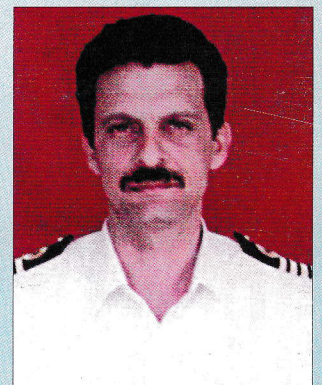
*Dear Patrons, Parents, Friends and Alumni,  
It gives me great pleasure to share my thoughts with you through this inaugural issue of "TMI Maritimes" - the newsletter of our institute.*

*TMI is the happening place now! We are moving ahead with launch of new programmes in diverse aspects of the maritime industry and also new constructions on campus. In this process we felt that all of you, who have supported, encouraged and been a part of this large family over these years should know about the new developments here at the institute. This is how the idea of commencing a newsletter took birth.*

*We solicit your suggestions, criticism and views on this newsletter so that it improves with each issue.*

*Happy reading!*

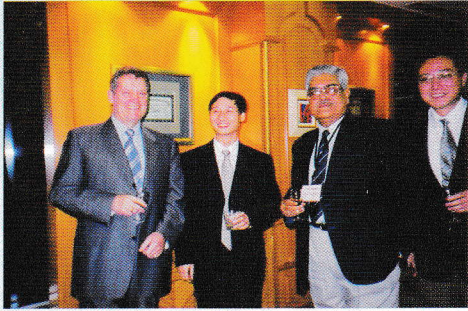
*Pawan Kapoor  
Chief Executive*





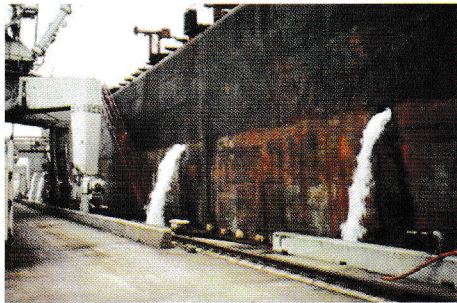
### IMLA Conference

The college Principal Mr. B. K. Saxena, attended a conference of the International Maritime Lecturers Association at Shanghai Maritime University (SMU) from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2002. Maritime educationists from 22 countries participated in the conference whose theme was "Making Maritime Education and Training more Efficient and more Effective A Global challenge". Mr. Saxena also had the privilege of chairing a session, along with Mr. Karl Laubstein, Rector of WMU (Sweden) and Prof. Gao Deyi, Vice-President of SMU. He also presented a paper titled "Quality systems in MET institutions under revised ISO 9001:2000 Standards" which further added leaven to the proceedings.



### Ballast Water Throttles Hibernation

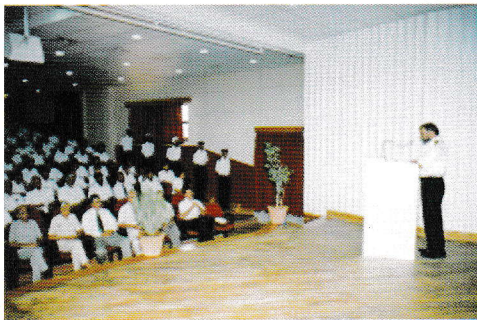
Awareness levels soared after a seminar on management of Ballast water in the college auditorium on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2003, by Mr. Sanjay Chakraborty (Deputy Chief Surveyor-Govt. Of India). The event was further, marked by the prudent presence of distinguished dignitaries like Dr. Anil (National Institute of Oceanography) & Dr. (Mrs.) Joshi (IMO), presently with DGS. The seminar held the attention of even the experts as it outlined how ballast water acquires dreadful proportions by becoming a major source of pollution, thus posing a grave threat to aquatic life. The presentation also featured a 45-minute video film on the same.



The seminar ended with an interactive session with Mr. Chakraborty clearing all the nebulous concepts and queries of the audience. "From where should one obtain ballast water supply for testing purposes?"- was the question he left for the audience to answer.

### Bon Voyage To The Pioneers

The pioneer batch of deck cadets from Tolani Maritime Institute signed off on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 2003 when they passed out after a toilsome and grueling three and a half months of training.



The Cadets here honed their skills and learnt the ropes of the trade under the able guidance of the highly competent faculty. They passed out with flying colors with Cadet Rajeshwar Phule topping the batch.

The Passing Out Parade was graced by the presence of chief guest, Mr. N C Singhal [former chairman of SCICI Ltd.] and Captain P S Barve, who delivered a discourse on the marine profession in general and life at sea in particular, wished the cadets well in life. Mr. B K Saxena [Principal, TMI] proposed the vote of thanks.

### Visit Of Newly Appointed DG

The newly appointed Director General of shipping Mr. G. S. Sahni visited the TMI campus on the 12<sup>th</sup> Of April 2003. Admirably, it marked his first visit to any private maritime training institute after being appointed to this post. Mr. Sahni was given a presentation about the institute, which was followed by members of the faculty escorting him on a tour of the entire campus. He then addressed the faculty and students in the auditorium where he commended the standards achieved and maintained by TMI. He further stated that TMI must always be proficient in catering to the needs of the shipping industry and of the maritime community at large.

### Lloyd's Unraveled

Captain Mukesh Gautam, a master mariner and the Lloyd's agent in India, conducted a seminar in the college auditorium. The cadets of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year and the members of the faculty attended the seminar. The audience was informed about Lloyd's activities in India and the methods by which the Society gathers information regarding:

- (a) Condition of ports in India.
- (b) Government policies concerning the shipping industry.
- (c) Ships moving in and out of India's territorial waters.

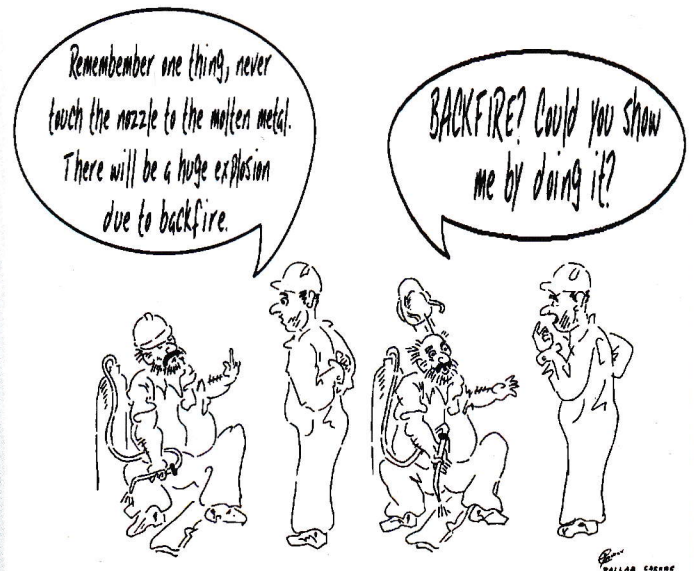
Capt. Gautam also spoke about how the society aids ship-owners by giving them guidelines on how to preserve facts in case of accidents so as to claim compensation from insurance companies. " It really feels good to observe LRS at such close quarters" said one of the members of the audience. The seminar was educative and well received by all present.

### Maersk Visit

On June 20, 2003, Mr. M. B. Hansen, Mr. Eric Miranda, and Capt. S. G. Jensen from Maersk Lines - visited the TMI campus. They complimented the good facilities provided to both, staff and the students. They also showed interest in recruiting TMI students in the near future.

### Seminar On Soil Conservation

Renowned environmentalist Mr. Nimkar visited TMI on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2003, to deliver a seminar on soil conservation and rainwater harvesting. The 72-year-old gentleman's energetic discourse on India's water dilemma, kept the audience glued to their seats. He also enumerated the measures that could be adopted to combat it. To conclude, he also shared his experiences of sheep and goat breeding.





## TMI Defines Expansion at 93.9FM

A career counseling program was organised by Radio Mirchi (93.9 FM) at Nehru Stadium, Pune, from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2003 to boost awareness levels among students, by providing them with sufficient information on an interactive platform that endorsed them with the power of making the most suitable choice, before embarking on their long thought about careers. Over 60 institutes, embracing all streams, from in and around Pune had erected their stalls.

TMI's fame seemed to reach its zenith as the crowd swarmed its beguiling stall in search of answers to their questions regarding the institute, the scope of its courses and job prospects. Smartly dressed cadets, who enamored and fascinated many, under the able guidance of adroit faculty members, convincingly solved queries.

### Teachers Turn Students

A "Training for Trainers and Assessors" programme was conducted in the campus during the mid semester break in May. Mr. A. Gopalakrishnan and Capt. V.C. D'Paiva of the Maritime Training Institute scrutinized and reviewed the current teaching techniques and provided course management experience. Sixteen faculty members from different departments made optimum use of the program and refurbished their methodologies.



### YES!! It's Time to Sail Again!

Here at TMI, with the rain comes greenery, cool breeze, PT muster-off, picnics to water parks and of course the sail boats are back to where they belong! After a long dry wait, the sailing enthusiasts were happy to get the "GO-CAT"s ready for sailing again, now that the lake is filling up quite fast. And with the lake having been deepened during the summer, they are sure sailing will be even more fun this season. It is hoped that many new faces will be seen on the water!



## TMI Gains Another Dimension

TMI, as we know it today, has traversed innumerable miles from the day Dr. Tolani laid the foundation stone for the institute in 1998. To cater to the growing needs, a new administrative block was inaugurated by Dr. Tolani on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2003. The new block is aesthetically designed with the offices of the Principal, the Dean (Placements) and the CEO located on the ground floor and 10 spacious classrooms on the first floor. It also offers a trendy faculty area with a couple of tutorial rooms and an exclusive library. In the pipeline is also an executive hostel, which will accommodate seafarers doing their preparatory courses. It is hoped that the long voyage of developmental activities planned for the future will soon catapult TMI to university status.

### Splashing Away to Glory

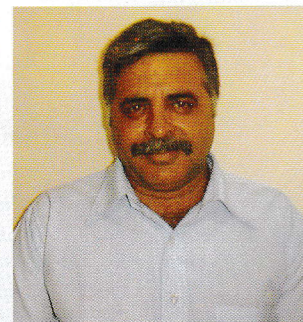


Exams and last dates of submissions were placed on the backburner as the Houses went on their respective picnics with Mudaliar House leading the way. Permission and blessings were sought for these long overdue house picnics. And yes, the college-

transport was available! The venue happened to be Splash Mountain, a water park located in Lohegaon. It was an ideal venue to get away, far from the rigmarole of life in the rainy season. Needless to say everyone had loads of fun the whole day.

### Profile - Mr. S H Kriplani

Mr. S H Kriplani has been with the Parent Company for the past 25 years and has been the catalyst in the endeavor to transform barren land, into the present beautiful Campus.



On the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 1993, Dr N P Tolani and Mr. S H Kriplani set out for Induri early in the morning in search of suitable land area for the 'University'. Having seen large sites at various places such as Saswad, Junnar, they finally settled for the land in Induri.

Mr. Kriplani stayed back that day at Sandhya Lodge, Talegaon and initiated proceedings for the purchase of the first piece of land on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 1993.

Whilst the procurement of land went on unabated the marine engineering program was commenced in a temporary arrangement at Sharda Center on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 1998 with Shri Ram Jethamalani gracing the inauguration.

In a race against time Mr. Kriplani worked at converting the dream of Dr Tolani into a reality, and the students moved into the Campus between the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2000. Notwithstanding the various teething difficulties the Campus was inaugurated on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2001 with Mr. Pinto and Mr. Joseph gracing the occasion. After the inauguration the issue of constructing the Main Building was taken up, and completed in a record time of 5 months.

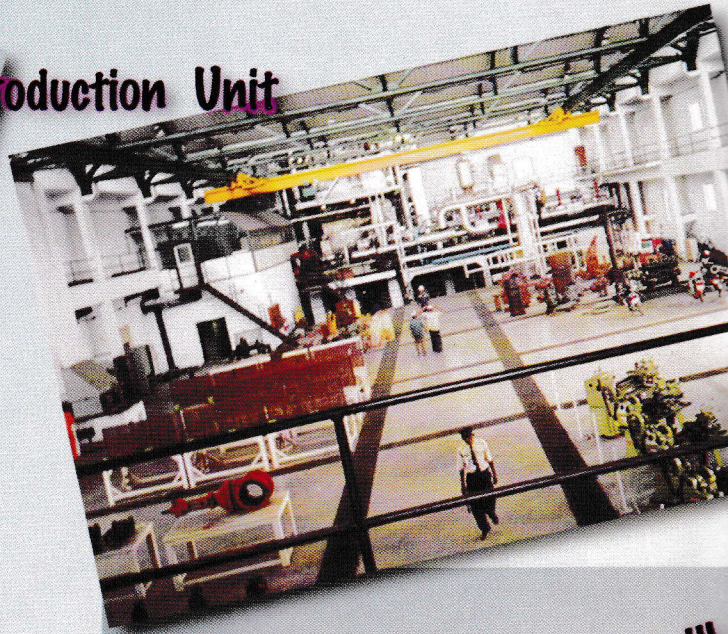
On one occasion, while looking over the campus spread out below, from Sant Tukaram hill, Mr. Kriplani was asked how he felt. 'I am happy and satisfied that I am fulfilling Dr Tolani's dream' said a contented Mr. Kriplani.

### Shaadi Mubarak to the newly weds:

Nitin & Unnati Chaudhary (March 29, 2003)  
Nilesh & Sheetal Supe (May 18, 2003)

Heartiest Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Potdar on the birth of their daughter 'Sakshi' on March 17, 2003.

The Production Unit



Institute in a Nut-shell!



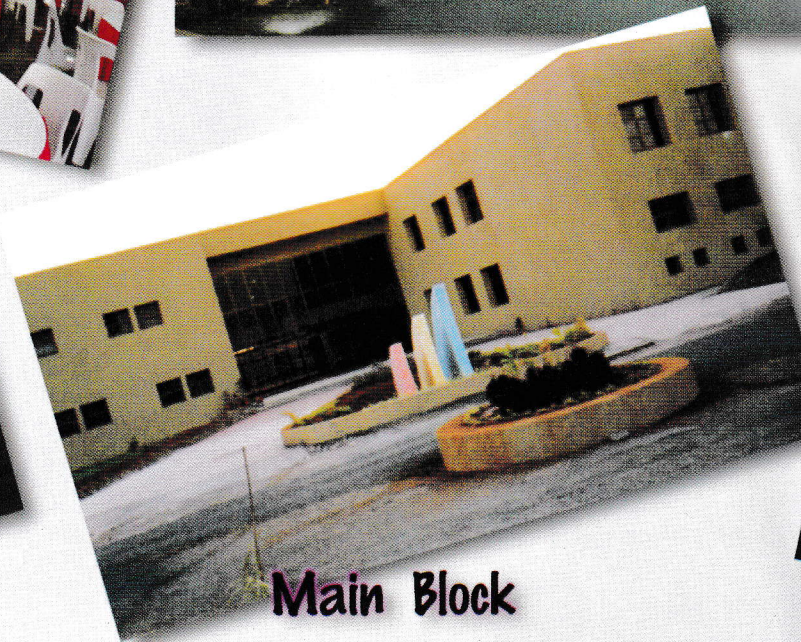
What a Mess!!



Spiritual Retreat



Main Block

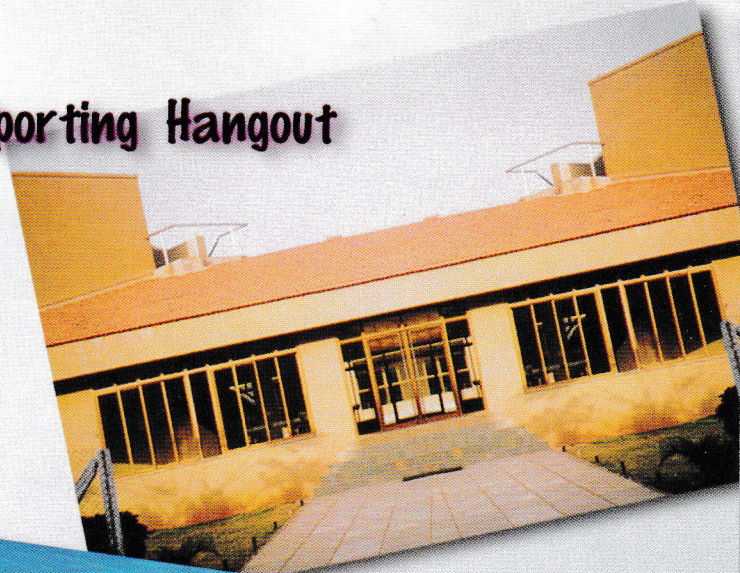


# A Glance

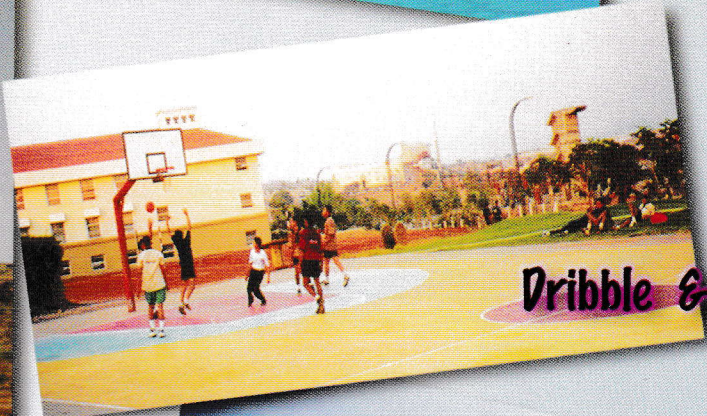
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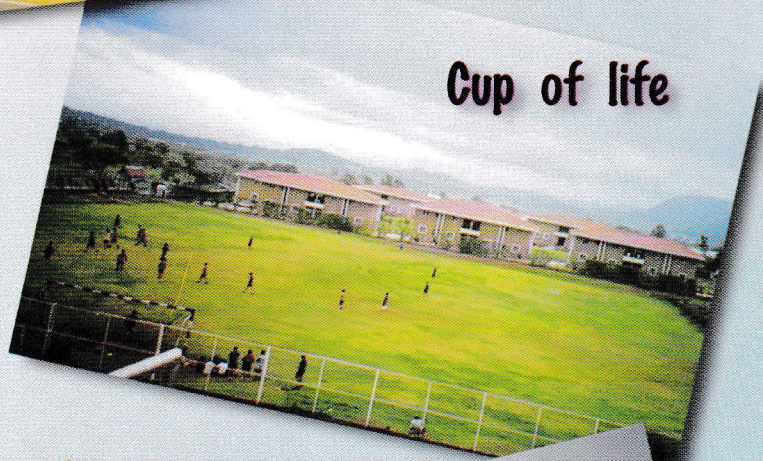
Sporting Hangout



All 4 One



Dribble & Dunk!

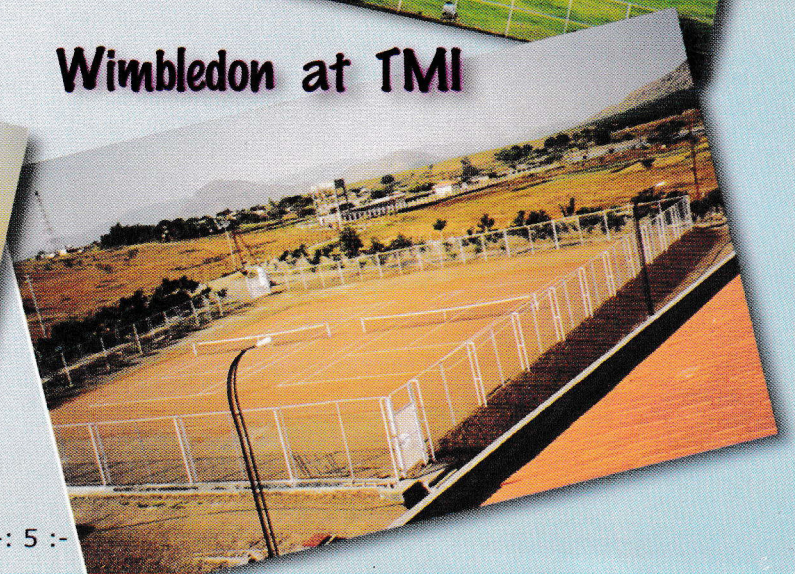


Cup of life

Sunset by the Lake



Wimbledon at TMI



## Cultural Activities

### TMI leads from the front

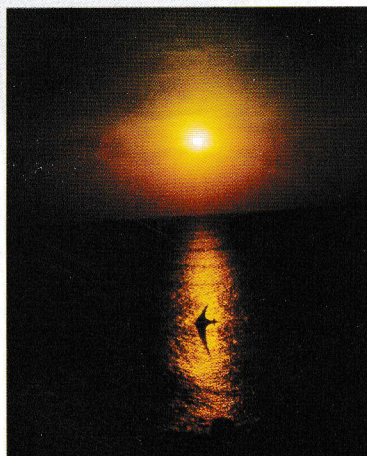
To mark the International Maritime Day, April 5, TMI made its first successful attempt at organizing an Inter College event a Technical Quiz Contest.



The stage was setup in the college auditorium. Five teams, comprising of 3 members each, participated in the nerve-racking contest. The participating teams were: NEC Lonavala,

MANET Pune, AIT - Pune, and two teams from the hometown. Contestants were quizzed on topics like mechanical engineering, electrical & electronics engineering, current affairs and general science. The TMI team comprising Ashhad Rizvi, Agnik Jana & Deepankar Arora proved its mettle and emerged victorious.

### "Visions 2003" Photography Exhibition cum Contest



Another event organized in celebration of International Maritime Day (April 5), 2003 was a photography exhibition cum competition. An overwhelming number of entries were received from both faculty and students. The photos were displayed under five categories 'Life is all about ...', 'Nature & Scenery', 'TMI Campus', 'Marine Activity' & 'Technology' and prizes were awarded for each category, judged by Capt. Razdan, Capt. Iyer and Mr. Majumdar.

### Winners "Visions 2003"

#### Category: Marine Activity

First - Mr. B. Biswas, Second - Cdt. Karun Mehra (Yr IV), Third - Cdt. C. Pradeep (Yr IV).

#### Category: Technology

First Cdt. Nikhil Kale (Yr IV), Second - Cdt. Nikhil Kale (Yr IV), Third - Cdt. Nikhil Kale (Yr IV)

#### Category: Life is all about ...

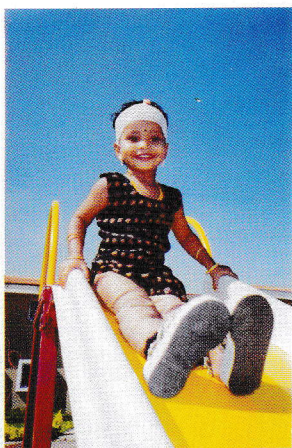
First - Mr. Pradeep Zunake, Second - Cdt. Manas Vaid (Yr I), Third - Cdt. Sanket Koka (Yr III)

#### Category: TMI

First - Cdt. Sumeet Malhotra, Second - Mr. B.D. Deshmukh, Third - Cdt. Jakson D'souza (Yr II)

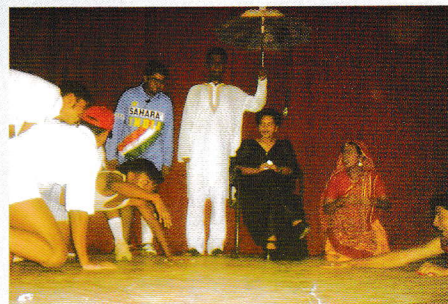
#### Category: Nature

First - Cdt. Ashish Panda (Yr I), Second Cdt. Sitanshu Rai (Yr III), Third - Mr. Rajiv Pimpale, Cdt. Pranay Jaiswal (Yr IV), Cdt. Vijaykrashna Bhattacharya (Yr III), Cdt. Ashish Panda (Yr I)



### Actors Galore!!!

An inter house skit competition was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July in the college auditorium with Mrs. & Mr. Pawan Kapoor, and Mrs. & Mr. B.K. Saxena as the chief guests. The event saw superb acting performances by the artists from all the houses with the plays' themes ranging from sublime to trivial, serious to the comic. In



the end, Mrs. Basu & Mrs. Kanungo, members of the jury adjudicated Cassim House as the best. The exhilarating success of the event could be easily read on the audience faces who were driven to the edge of their seats and the faculty members who jam-packed the front rows with their families by reaching in large numbers.



### Cultural Programme by Talegaon based Artists

On July 4, 2003, TMI experienced a gala cultural night presented by the Talegaon based cultural group 'Shreerang Kala Niketan'. The programme started with the traditional 'dweep prajwalan' by Mr. Pawan Kapoor followed by spellbinding 'Bharatnatyam'. Some excellent vocals by noted exponent Mrs. Geetanjali Arora and a superb *Jugalbandi* with Mr. Vidur Mahajan on sitar and *Tabla Nawaaz* Mr. Miraskan had everyone craving for more. The cultural night ended on a high note with the recital of 'Raag Megh Malhar' & 'Raag Bhairavi' by Mr. Sakholkar and the announcement of the introduction of music classes in the campus.

### Actions speak louder than words

A Dumb Charades competition was successfully organized in the hostel courtyard in May 03. The response to the competition was tremendous with the organizers having to increase the number of participants to accommodate the wannabes. Teams from all 4 years took part in the contest and provided a lot of entertainment to the audience with some rolling with laughter. The final round was a very tough one with all teams coming up with super timings but a team from the first year clocked an unbelievable 3 seconds to win the competition.

### Grooming wordsmiths of TMI

'Word Quest A Challenging Vocabulary Quiz' was organized by the students of the first year on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2003, in the college auditorium. Six teams of two members each participated in the spirited quiz, that consisted of three rounds, and ultimately helped decide whom the master linguists were. Among all customary rounds the final round proved to be the most entertaining one. Such events indeed boost up the confidence of the cadets in understanding and improving their skills.

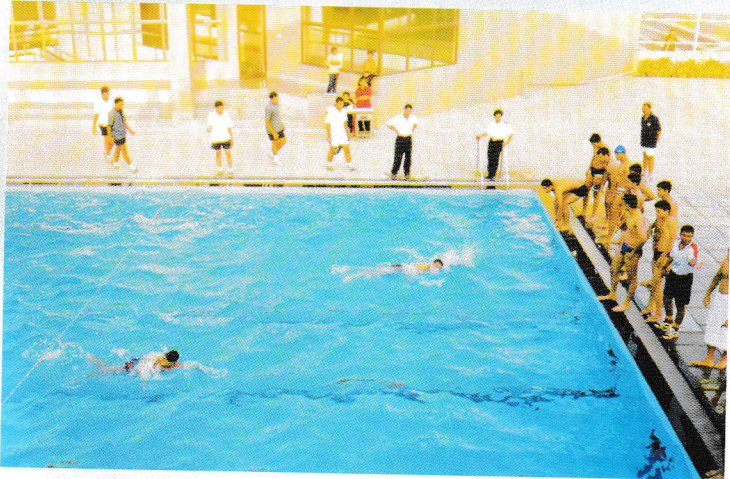




## Sports Activities

### Beating the Heat in Style

The swimming pool of TMI became the site of yearning ambience and unusual exuberance, albeit scorching afternoons this summer, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2003 as contestants splashed in tranquil waters to mark the beginning of the Inter House Swimming Competition. The various events conducted were: the 50m Butterfly stroke; the 50m

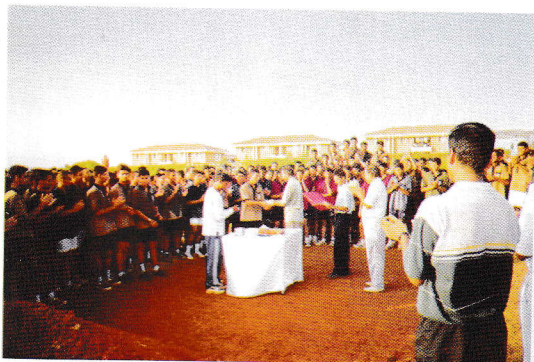


Freestyle; 50m Breast stroke; the 6\*100m Relay etc. Master House, boasting of dexterous swimmers like Abhinav Sharma, Nikhil Udapa, Zaahir Papar, Shivanshu Sharma, Hartej Singh and captained by Nikon Kolipakkam, brushed aside all competition and easily walked away with the top honours. Mudaliar House and Tolani House finished in the second and third place respectively. Abhinav Sharma was felicitated with the title of 'The Fastest Swimmer of TMI'.

### Inter House Basketball

The Inter House Basketball Tournament witnessed a plethora of twists and turns as the front-runners were scuttled out and the dark horses took over. The finals witnessed the traditional archrivals Cassim and Chettiar house locking horns with each other for the coveted trophy. A tough fight was anticipated but it turned out to be a damp squib as the excellent defense by the Cassim team saw them romp home comfortably. Priyank Gupta and Sailesh Pundir were the heroes of the day after delivering scintillating performances. Jasmeet Singh (Tolani House) was adjudged the most valuable player of the tournament.

### Litmus Test of 25 Minutes...

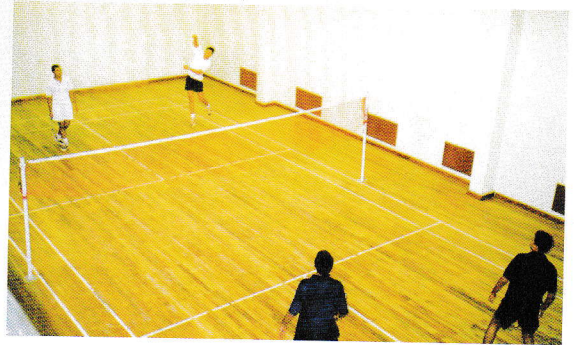


Sunday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, 2003, saw cadets of TMI beat the morning chill with warm-up exercises, before being flagged off batch wise for the biggest and the most awaited sports event of the year The Cross

Country. The, 5 km. route, was well chalked out and the stipulated time was 25 ...harrowing...minutes. With adrenaline rushing, Priyank Gupta (4th year), Ryan Fernandez (3rd year), Arjun Trivedi (2nd year) and Blain D'Lyima (1st year), came in first in their respective years. Tolani House was adjudged the overall winner.

### Inter House Badminton

The Inter house badminton championship reached a crescendo when the arch rivals Chettiar and Cassim house locked horns in the finals with Cassim emerging triumphant thanks to the spirited display of



skill by Brijesh Mongia, Anupam Mittal, Pallab Sarkar and Krishna Kumar who defied all odds to help their team.

### Faculty Sports

There's never a dull moment on campus! Be it a festival, a birthday, a wedding or just the cricket fever, its enough of an excuse to celebrate!!!

Watching cadets romp in the season of fair winds and sunshine, the faculty, staff and their families, not wanting to be left out of the fray, conducted a series of tournaments among themselves. These are a few of the recorded events:

#### Men's Badminton Competition

Winners: Alex Martin and Vikas Nandpurkar.

#### Campus Children's Badminton Competition

Winners: Rishi R. Razdan

#### Women's Badminton Competition

Winners: Mrs. Poonam Kapoor.

#### Men's Table Tennis Competition

Winners: S. T. Chavle.

#### Women's Table Tennis Competition

Winners: Miss Anjali V. Deshpande.

#### Cricket Match between the Faculty and Staff

Result: Tie between Team A and Team B.





## Cultural Activities

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**K. Madhok**  
 Managing Director

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### ISO 9001:2000 Certification

TMI adds another accolade to its list by receiving the ISO 9001:2000 Certification from IRQS (Indian Register Quality Systems) in November 2002. The institute was earlier certified under ISO 9002:1996 but was quick to respond to the changes brought about in global quality systems and standards. TMI is one of the foremost maritime training institutes in the country to be awarded ISO 9001:2000 certifications.

Lets all take this great achievement as a stimulus to strive even harder to achieve excellence in all aspects on life.

### Paving New Roads

TMI has embarked on providing yet another service to the maritime fraternity.

We offer to conduct online entrance examinations for selections to various maritime courses. The online test is based on science (at the 10+2 level), English Language Skills and Analytical cum Logical skills.

It is pertinent here to mention that we have successfully conducted entrance tests for Nortrans for selection to a Pre-Sea Deck Cadet course.

Please feel free to contact us (at the address given below) for further information.

### TMI Enters Competency Exam Training

Further to the approval from D G, Shipping, TMI begins the MEO Class IV Preparatory Course on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2003.

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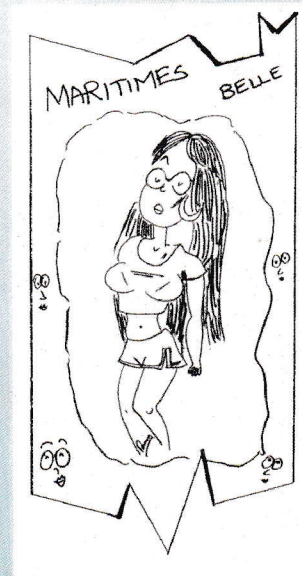
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