

DIRECTOR'S BLOG

- I, Capt. M.M. Saggi, Ex Nautical Adviser to the Government of India and Chief Examiner of Masters & Mates, and Ex Additional Directorate General of Shipping (Technical) after my superannuation in November 2012, have joined as the 'Director' of your Institute in February 2013.
- Shri Suresh B. Sawant, Ex-Dy. General Manager, The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd., on his superannuation, has joined us as 'Institute Secretary' in June 2013.
- The Admissions for 2014 have started. The consolidated course fees for 1st year is Rs. 21,500/- for class students and Rs. 18,000/- for correspondence students. The consolidated course fees for final year is Rs. 24,500/- for class student & Rs. 21,000/- for correspondence students. This includes cost of course material. In addition you have to pay an examination fee is Rs. 3,000/-. There is no other hidden cost/fee.
- The course syllabus & material is under review/upgradation. The revised/updated course material will be given to the students in this year.
- Capt. R. Kumar, Dr. (Mrs.) Nilima Chandiramani and Shri A.W.J. Fernandes have rejoined the Institute as faculty last year. Some new professionals have joined us as faculty members to share their knowledge with the students. Prominent amongst them is Capt. Bhargava, head Chartering, Essar Shipping, Capt. Suresh Verlekar, General Manager (Commercial), Chowgule Steamship Co. Ltd., Capt. K.J. Miranda, Sr. Vice President-Principal, MTI, SCI and Mrs. Madhuri Sharma, Lecturer with Insurance Institute of India.
- The Institute's premises and the Class room at your Nariman Point Headquarters, have been completely renovated.
- A new software for the Institute is being developed. This will facilitate on line filling of admission form. Time table, notices and many other details will now be communicated to the students through a software application. The Institute is moving towards placing course material on line. Eventually we would like to have on line examination.

- The Institute's Convocation & Prize Distribution Ceremony was held on 8th February, 2014 at SCI's Auditorium. Capt. PVK Mohan, Chairman National Shipping Board was the Chief Guest. Shri Atul Agarwal, President Indian National Shipowners' Association was Guest of Honour and Shri Arun Kumar Gupta, CMD, The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. had presided over the function. Distinguished/Senior officials from maritime fraternity attended the function. The photographs of this function are placed in Institute's web site.
- Some benevolent organizations have come forward to offer scholarship to the deserving students on merit-cum-means basis. We are working out the modalities.
- The students can be proud to know that one of our ex-students, Shri Arun Kumar Gupta, who was also our Governing Council member, has taken as CMD of The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. on 28th January, 2014.
- List of Library Books is now available on the Institute's website. List of successful students & awardees is also now available on Institute's website.
- In addition to our Local Study Centres at Ahmedabad and Gandhidham, your Institute is starting new Local Study Centres at New Delhi, Kolkata and Kochi this year. As you can see, with your support our Institute is growing from strength to strength.
- Past, present and prospective students are welcome to interact with undersigned or Mr. Suresh B. Sawant, Institute Secretary or any of the officials of the institute to seek any clarification w.r.t. studies, career prospects or any other aspect.

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