

## **IMU Navi Mumbai Campus**

**T S Chanakya**

### **Passing Out Parade 2026**

Indian Maritime University Navi Mumbai Campus celebrated 86<sup>th</sup> Passing Out Parade on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026, marked a significant milestone for the graduating B.Sc. and DNS Nautical Science cadets

The occasion was graced by Shri Shailesh Kumar Pandey, IPS, D.I.G. (Agra Range), as a chief guest. He is the alumni of T S Chanakya TSC Ship No. 6018 (2003 Batch).

In the pleasant evening, the ceremony commenced on the Quarterdeck with a magnificent display of discipline and precision. The parade was headed by Parade Commander Cadet Parthib Pran Doley, featuring the Chanakya Samman Guard led by Cadet Rohit Kumar, followed by multiple platoons and the Chanakyan Band under the leadership of Cadet Suyagay Singh.

Campus Director Dr. Capt. Mihir Chandra opened the formal addresses by highlighting the institution's success, specifically noting a 95% placement rate for eligible cadets. He emphasized the importance of accountability, responsibility, and the "DNA" of discipline and nationalist values. The Director encouraged the graduates to find passion in their work and maintain high professional standards as they transition to the global maritime industry.

Shri Shailesh Kumar Pandey, IPS reflected on his own journey from these barracks to a 15-year career in law enforcement, which followed four and a half years of sailing. His address touched on the realities of the sea, noting that "the sea doesn't excuse the weak," and urged cadets to remain confident, tough, and aware of the evolving geopolitical landscape.

Academic and individual excellence was recognized during the prize distribution ceremony. Cadet Sanskar Jaikumar Malwade

was honored for maintaining a 100% attendance record and awarded the Runner-up for Cadet of the Year. Cadet Rajbir Singh was announced as the Winner of Cadet of the Year 2026. The 'Vedormi Best Sports Person' award was presented to Cadet Jagdish Chaudhary.

A major highlight was the "Shining Star Award 2025-26", established by the Class of 2006 to recognize promising second-year cadets based on academic performance, communication, and leadership. The second runner-up was Cadet K Pragadish, and the runner-up was Cadet Japji Makkar. Cadet Rupali Kumari was named the winner of the award.

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Chief Cadet Captain Sanskar Malwade (Ship No. 9018), who expressed sincere gratitude to the Chief Guest Shri Shailesh Kumar Pandey, the Campus Director Dr. (Capt.) Mihir Chandra, the Controller of Examinations Cmde KD Joshi, faculty members, officers, staff, sponsors, and all dignitaries present for making the event a grand success. Special thanks were extended to Mr. Anish Kapoor, Mr. Neelabh Gautam ; both from TS Chanakya batch of 2006 and to Mr. Aakash Aryan Sharma of 'Vedormi family' for sponsoring and supporting various awards and initiatives for cadet development.

Following the Vote of Thanks, the evening transitioned into a vibrant cultural segment. The T.S. Chanakya Band first took the stage for a rhythmic mastery performance, followed by a cultural dance by eight cadets representing the traditions of the eight cardinal directions of India. The formal proceedings concluded with the ceremonial lowering of the National Flag and the National Anthem, after which the dignitaries visited the campus museum. A sapling Plantation was done by Chief Guest. The event concluded with sumptuous dinner.

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