

Indian Maritime University Celebrates 11th Convocation; 1,993 Students Graduate

The Indian Maritime University (IMU), a premier Central University dedicated to maritime education, training and research, held its 11th Convocation Ceremony at the University's headquarters in Chennai, celebrating the academic achievements of graduating students from its campuses and affiliated institutes.

The event brought together graduates, faculty members, university officials and members of the maritime community to mark an important milestone in the professional journeys of the graduating students. The event was attended by **Prof. Malini Shankar, former Vice-Chancellor of IMU, and Shri L. K. Sudhish, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha**

A total of 1,993 students graduated from the University, including 1,605 seafarers, reflecting IMU's contribution to developing skilled maritime professionals for India and the global shipping industry. The graduates are poised to apply their knowledge and skills across shipping, ports, maritime logistics and other related sectors.

The convocation recognised the dedication and academic achievements of the graduating cohort and highlighted the importance of academic rigour, specialised training and research in preparing professionals for the evolving requirements of the maritime sector. The degree distribution included 13 gold medals and 11 silver medals. The figures also listed 329 graduates and four PhD scholars.

IMU Strengthens Collaborations Through Strategic MoUs

Indian Maritime University has signed an MoU with the Maritime India Foundation (MIF) for the Maritime Innovation Hub (MIH) under the Sagarmala Startup and Innovation Initiative (S2I2) of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. The initiative supports maritime innovation and startup development.

MIF has also formalised MoUs with IIT Madras and IIT Bombay to establish Maritime Innovation Hubs.

IMU has also entered into MoUs with the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) and Nord University, Norway, further strengthening its institutional collaborations in India and internationally.

The University reported 63 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), comprising 18 international MoUs and 45 national MoUs. In 2025–2026, IMU recorded 19 international MoUs and 11 national MoUs, reflecting its continued engagement with national and international institutions and organisations.

Expanding Academic Opportunities and Innovation

Highlighting the University's expanding academic portfolio and growing appeal among students, **Mr. Rajoo Balaji** said, "From startups at IMU to conducting 22 new value-added programmes alongside the long-duration courses, the University has continued to broaden its academic offerings."

He further noted that admission enquiries had witnessed a sharp increase, indicating growing interest among prospective students. He also highlighted IMU's consistent performance in education surveys, stating that the University had secured one of the top two positions over the past two years.

As India advances its maritime ambitions under Maritime India Vision 2030 and Amrit Kaal Maritime Vision 2047, IMU continues to support the development of a skilled maritime workforce, advance research and contribute to the country's aspirations to emerge as a leading global maritime nation.

Through its multidisciplinary programmes and network of campuses and affiliated institutes, the University contributes to talent development across the maritime ecosystem. IMU's network includes 21 affiliated institutes, strengthening its reach in maritime education and professional training.

The 11th Convocation marked a celebration of achievement, aspiration and opportunity as graduates embarked on the next chapter of their careers. Their accomplishments reflect the collective efforts of students, faculty and the University community in advancing maritime education and supporting the growth of India's maritime sector.