

INDIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY

IMU MUMBAI PORT CAMPUS

The history of Maritime Training in India goes back to the year 1927, when Nautical Training started on H.M. Training Ship 'Dufferin'. In the year 1935, Marine Engineering Training was also started on T.S. Dufferin besides Nautical Training.

Govt. of India, soon after the country becoming independent on 15th August 1947, realised the need of having large Merchant Navy. "**The Merchant Navy Officers Training Committee**" was then constituted and subsequently in the year 1949, Directorate of Marine Engineering Training (D.M.E.T.) was established by the Govt. of India with its head office in Kolkata and branch office in Mumbai to train marine engineers. The main Aim and commitment of D.M.E.T. was to prepare young cadets into fine marine engineers by imparting paramilitary type training with a good mix of academics and practical hands-on training in marine workshops.

D.M.E.T. was renamed as Marine Engineering and Research Institute in the year 1995. Marine Engineering and Research Institute (MERI), Mumbai is not only a pioneer Maritime Training Institute in India but in the whole of South East Asia. MERI-Mumbai is accredited as an ISO 9001:2008 Institute and it is also graded by ICRA as Grade-I Institute.

The Training system at MERI, Mumbai is completely residential with lot of stress on discipline and hands on practical training in marine workshops. Regimental residential training includes extra curriculum, comprising of, indoor and outdoor games, aquatics and cultural activities besides academics.

Same dedication and commitment is continuing over the past 60 years and it's the M.E.R.I.'s heritage and trust of shipping Industry which has taken many cadets to various levels of competence on board ships as well as ashore. The many

assignments taken by ex-cadets of M.E.R.I. also includes a well-deserved posting at United Nations (U.N.), IMF, World Maritime University to name a few prize postings.

As the shipping was expanding and need of having large numbers of qualified officers was felt, gates were open to graduate engineers. M.E.R.I. rose to the occasion and started a one year training programme to adopt Graduates in Mechanical Engineering / Naval Architecture to become Marine Engineers. Since 1975 M.E.R.I. has successfully trained 2518 G.M.E. cadets and they are doing very well in shipping and related shore industries. The course for some years in between was converted into: "six months in college + six months on board" to cater to industry's needs.

With the formation of Indian Maritime University by an Act of Parliament on 14th November 2008, Marine Engineering & Research Institute, Mumbai has now become a constituent unit of Indian Maritime University, with its Headquarters at Chennai, Tamil Nadu. It is now renamed as IMU Mumbai Port Campus.

It has always been IMU Mumbai Port Campus's privilege to set the standards and a bench mark for others to copy and achieve. It's the trust of shipping industry, which makes IMU Mumbai Port Campus stand tall amongst all Maritime Training Institutes. We feel proud that IMU Mumbai Port Campus need not compete with others and it is the other training Institutes that strive to achieve standards set by IMU Mumbai Port Campus.

Wishing all aspiring candidates all the best.

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