



# भारतीय समुद्री विश्वविद्यालय INDIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY

(Central University, Govt. of India)

HEADQUARTERS

## **Vice Chancellor's New Year Message**

The year 2020 was a difficult year for most of us, not the least so for the education sector. The perils of the global pandemic obliged us to rethink every aspect of governance – admission, examinations, teaching methodologies, practical training, and recruitment.

We are sensitive to the difficulties faced by the students while studying from home, sans the energetic environment of classrooms, classmates, workshop activities, and sports. Some of them have faced challenges in accessing online classes, clearing their doubts and fruitful interactions. The efficient team at the IMU contributed their might in overcoming the challenges and ensuring smooth progression of academics and of administration.

Our students are encouraged to sail beyond the classroom and gain global perspectives. One such exercise was exposing them to Webinars, aimed at honing their skills in communication. They were also nudged to participate in competitions – we heartily felicitate some of them who have done the IMU proud by winning prizes competitions (Cadet Hitesh Gupta, Cadet Monis Pagarkar, Cadet Joel J, Cadet Saad Khan and Cadet Arnab Ganguly).

The well being of our cadets and future career prospects of our young graduates have been our topmost priority. To this end, we proactively reached out to a wide range of industry associations – the CMMI (Company of Master Mariners of India), IMEI (Institute of Marine Engineers of India), CII (Confederation of Indian Industries), ICS (Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers), WTC (World Trade Centre Mumbai) among others. The constructive dialogue has led to the launch of one-on-one mentoring of cadets of the Nautical stream by CMMI members. Other such initiatives are taking shape.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire team – academic and administrative staff, faculty and Directors – for the yeoman efforts taken by them in keeping the classes running, in mentoring and guiding cadets and students, in responding promptly to the queries of students and their parents, and most importantly in keeping the spirits up.

Our achievements would not have been possible without the constant support of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, and in particular the patronage of the office of the Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya. Equally important has been the encouragement on the part of the Members of our Statutory Bodies – the Academic Council, the FC and the EC.

The past year has indeed been an unprecedented experience for each one of us. We were all in the same storm, but perhaps in different boats. Let us hope and pray that the boats take us to calmer waters and healthier times. We look forward to your cooperation in enhancing the experience of students in the University.

Best wishes for a healthy, happy New Year 2021.

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