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(Central University, Govt. of India)

IMU/Admissions/2015-16

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Very Important/For Personal Attention

To

The Principals of All Affiliated Institutes.

Sir,

Sub: IMU - Online Counselling 2015 - Admissions to Affiliated Institutes -
- IMU's response to certain complaints - grave irregularities
committed by two Affiliated Institutes - reg.

Admissions to various UG and PG Programmes of the Indian Maritime University concluded on 14.08.2015. The total number of students admitted to *Affiliated Institutes as a whole* in 2015 is 1365 as against 1198 in 2014. [Please see enclosed Statement]. **This represents a healthy increase of nearly 14% in 2015 vis-à-vis 2014.** It is noticed that generally the good Affiliated Institutes have been able to fill up all or most of their seats. As many as 17 Affiliated Institutes could not admit even a single student in 2015 while 4 Affiliated Institutes were able to admit only single-digit number of students.

2) Some of these Affiliated Institutes seem to be under the mistaken impression that it is IMU's responsibility "to give them students". Clearly, it is illogical and incorrect to state that it is the responsibility of a Central University to find students for a *private* affiliated college. *If some Affiliated Institutes are finding it difficult to fill up their seats, it is partly because the colleges are not up to the mark (and prospective students know this), and partly because of the prolonged recession/slowdown in the global shipping industry (since 2009) which is yet to bottom out.*

3) Further, just as there is no legal compulsion on the private unaided Affiliated Institutes to surrender seats to IMU's Counselling and any such surrender has to be purely voluntary in the light of the Supreme Court-laid down law on the subject, **there is also no legal compulsion on IMU to extend the Counselling facility to the private unaided Affiliated Institutes.** *In other words, Counselling is optional not only for Affiliated Institutes but also for IMU.* Only 17 out of the 37 Affiliated Institutes in 2014, and only 11 out of the 39 Affiliated Institutes in 2015 had

surrendered seats (partly or wholly) to IMU's Counselling. *Barring a few exceptions*, it is only the average and below-average Affiliated Institutes that are not confident of filling up their seats on their own that surrender seats to IMU's Counselling. IMU also doesn't collect any fee from the Affiliated Institutes for availing of its Online Counselling facility and is actually doing a 'favour' to these Affiliated Institutes.

4) The Affiliated Institutes are also free to fill up on their own those seats which could not be filled up through IMU's Online Counselling. For e.g. MANET, Pune (a first timer) had surrendered 150 seats of B.Tech (Marine Engineering) to IMU's Online Counselling out of which only 119 seats were allotted. There were several drop outs even among these 119 seats. And yet, MANET, Pune managed to fill up 191 out of the 200 sanctioned seats by 14.08.2015. *This shows that if an Affiliated Institute enjoys a good reputation, it will always be able to fill up its seats either through IMU's Online Counselling or on its own.* At the same time, C.V. Raman College of Engineering, Bhubaneswar had surrendered 40 seats of B.Tech (Marine Engineering) to IMU's Online Counselling out of which all 40 seats were allotted. Due to subsequent drop outs, the Institute was able to fill up 8 seats (7 through IMU's Online Counselling and only 1 on its own). Both Institutes had the same amount of time, i.e. 25 days between 20.07.2015 (when IMU's Second List of Admissions was published) and 14.08.2015 (when the admissions were closed) to admit students on their own.

5) Some of the Affiliated Institutes (which are invariably the weaker ones that have been unable to attract sufficient number of students) have complained about IMU publishing a 'Second List of Admissions' to make good the drop outs in the 'First List' as a result of which several students 'migrated' out of their Institutes because they had got better options. There is zero merit in this complaint. In all Universities where admissions are done through Counselling, it is standard practice to publish a Second or Third or even Fourth List of Admissions to enable students to improve their prospects in the form of better Programmes/Colleges due to drop outs in the previous Lists. Since students are the primary clientele of any University, IMU would like to first take care of the students' interests and publishing only one List of Admissions will not only 'lock in' several students to Programmes/Colleges which may not be to their full liking but will also result in several seats going abegging. These problems were noticed in 2014 when IMU published only one List of Admissions owing to lack of time.

6) Some of the Affiliated Institutes (which are invariably the weaker ones that have been unable to attract sufficient number of students) have complained about IMU restricting Online Counselling facility to them only to the 'First List of Admissions'. As already stated in Para 3 above, IMU is under no legal obligation to do Counselling for private un-aided colleges. They cannot demand as a 'right' what they should be seeking as a 'favour'. It is IMU's prerogative to decide for which Programmes, and the

extent to which, IMU's Online Counselling facility may be made available to private unaided colleges. In 2014, DNS Programme was included in IMU's Online Counselling for Affiliated Institutes; this was taken out in 2015. In 2015, the Academic Council and the Executive Council consciously decided to restrict IMU's Online Counselling to only the First List of Admissions for Affiliated Institutes owing to sound practical reasons. As is evident from Statement 1 that was published as part of the First List of Admissions at the end of IMU's Online Counselling, the first few preferences of almost all the candidates are invariably for programmes run in IMU Campuses. This is partly because of the prestige associated with a Central University, and partly because IMU's fees are very reasonable and only a fraction of what are charged by the Affiliated Institutes. So any 'migration' of candidates when the 'Second List of Admissions' is published will be (i) from an Affiliated Institute to an IMU Campus, (ii) from a weaker IMU Campus to a stronger IMU Campus, and (iii) from a weaker Affiliated Institute to a better Affiliated Institute. There is zero scope for 'migration' from an IMU Campus to an Affiliated Institute. Whereas 82 candidates 'migrated' from Affiliated Institutes to IMU Campuses based on their options given in Online Counselling 2015, as many as 132 candidates 'migrated' from weaker IMU Campuses to stronger IMU Campuses. If the 'Second List of Admissions' had been opened to Affiliated Institutes, some more candidates would have 'migrated' from weaker Affiliated Institutes to better Affiliated Institutes, and the complainants would have actually been even worse off. Further, if the Affiliated Institutes had waited for the Second List, they would not have had enough time to fill up those seats which could not be filled up through IMU's Online Counselling, and again they would have been even worse off. [The closing date for admissions would have also had to be extended beyond 14.08.2015 which would have curtailed the time available for completion of the First Semester Curriculum]. Instead, Affiliated Institutes had adequate time of 25 days between 20.07.2015 and 14.08.2015 to try and fill up the vacancies on their own, not to speak of the three months' time available after the declaration of the May 2015 CET Results. It may be noted that even IMU Campuses have been able to fill up only 689 seats out of a total of 981 seats; the percentage of vacancy being 31% (with wide variations between Campuses).

7) Some of the Affiliated Institutes (which are invariably the weaker ones that have been unable to attract sufficient number of students) have requested IMU to drop the Common Entrance Test 'to enable them to admit more students'. As per Section 5, sub-sections (xxvii) and (xxxiii) of the Indian Maritime University Act 2008 read with Chapter VII of Ordinances Governing Academic Matters as published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary on 12th May 2009, no student shall be eligible for admissions to any U.G or P.G Programme in IMU unless he has passed the exam or exams prescribed by the University. Passing the Common Entrance Test (CET) conducted by the IMU is one of the essential eligibility criteria for admission, along

with criteria relating to age, marks in 10 + 2 exams, medical fitness, etc. No Affiliated Institute can admit to students (including sponsored candidates) unless they have qualified in the CET. This is a question of ensuring the quality of student intake and is non-negotiable. *Those Affiliated Institutes which are uncomfortable with IMU's CET are welcome to leave IMU and seek affiliation from any other University where CET is not mandatory. IMU will be pleased to give NOC to such Affiliated Institutes provided they have settled all their dues and have not committed any irregularities.*

8) We have had an Instance where an Institute affiliated with IMU sought and obtained affiliation for B.Sc (Nautical Science) with Bharathiar University, Colmbatore in 2014 *surreptitiously* without obtaining NOC from IMU, without even informing us and keeping Bharathiar University also in the dark. The Institute committed a grave irregularity in as much as this college is now simultaneously affiliated with two different Universities for the same programme showing the same infrastructure and faculty. We have had another instance where an Institute had obtained permission from DG Shipping for 40 seats for B.Tech (Marine Engineering) In 2010; had obtained affiliation with IMU for 40 seats in 2011; and had also *surreptitiously* obtained affiliation with Visveswarayya Technological University, Belgaum in 2012 for 60 seats for the same Bachelor's programme in Marine Engineering. This Institute committed two grave irregularities: (i) by exceeding DG Shipping's sanction, and (ii) by being simultaneously affiliated with two different Universities for the same programme showing the same infrastructure and faculty keeping each University in the dark about the other. IMU's Executive Council has viewed the action of both these Affiliated Institutes very seriously. It is hoped that no other Affiliated Institute has committed such irregularities.

To conclude, IMU seeks the active cooperation of all Affiliated Institutes to raise the standards of maritime education so that the students passing out with IMU degrees are much sought after by the global shipping industry.


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Affiliated Institutes - Total UG Admissions -August 2015

SI.NO	Name of the Institute	Course	Sanctioned Strength	Total No. of Admissions	Lateral Entry
		(1)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Anglo Eastern Maritime Academy	DNS	160	160	-
2	Applied Research International	DNS	120	80	-
3	B P Marine	DNS	40	-	-
4	C V Raman College of Engineering	DNS	40	-	-
		B.Tech(ME)	40	8	-
5	CMET Lucknow	DNS	40	-	-
6	Coimbatore Marine College	B.Tech(ME)	80	38	12
		B.Sc (NS)	80	26	-
7	College of Ship Technology	B.Sc(SBR)	40	6	-
8	Dr B R Ambedkar Institute of Technology	DNS	30	9	-
9	Euro Tech Maritime Academy	DNS	80	-	-
		B.Tech(ME)	80	35	-
10	GKM College, Chennai	B.Sc(NS)	40	-	-
11	Great Eastern Institute of Maritime	DNS	80	80	-
12	Haldia Institute of Maritime Studies	DNS	40	-	-
13	HIMT College	B.Tech(ME)	40	20	6
		B.Sc (NS)	40	12	-
		DNS	40	-	-
14	Hind Institute of Nautical Science & Engg.	B.Sc(SBR)	40	7	-
15	International Maritime Institute	DNS	120	99	-
		B.Tech(ME)	40	26	-
16	MANET	B.Tech (ME)	200	191	11
17	Mangalore Marine College	B.Tech(ME)	40	-	-
18	Maritime Foundation	DNS	40	-	-
19	MMTI'S Education Trust	DNS	40	16	-
20	Park Maritime Academy	B.Tech(ME)	40	-	-
21	Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Institute of Maritime Science & Engg.	DNS	40	-	-
22	R L Institute of Nautical Science	B.Tech (ME)	120	27	-
23	Sailors Maritime Academy	DNS	40	13	-

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24	Samundra Institute of Maritime Studies	DNS	120	119	-
		B.Tech(ME)	40	36	-
25	Shipping Corporation of India (MTI)- Mumbai	DNS	120	83	-
26	Shipping Corporation of India (MTI)- Tuticorin	DNS	40	40	-
27	Southern Academy of Maritime Studies	DNS	40	11	-
28	Sri Nandanam Maritime Academy	B.Tech(ME)	40	-	-
29	Sriram Institute of Marine Studies	DNS	40	-	-
30	Tolani Maritime Institute	DNS	120	71	-
31	Training Ship Rahaman	DNS	120	95	-
32	Vishwakarma Maritime Institute	DNS	40	28	-
33	YAK Education Trust	DNS	120	-	-
34	Acatech Institute of Maritime Studies	DNS	40	-	-
35	Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime	DNS	40	-	-
36	Marine Officers Training Academy	DNS	40	-	-
37	RVS College of Maritime Science and Engineering	DNS	40	-	-
38	Sairam Shipping Science College	DNS	40	-	-
39	Trident College of Maritime	DNS	40	-	-
Grand total			2950	1336	29

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