

## NATIONAL WORKSHOP

# MARITIME HISTORY OF INDIA- A MANTHAN

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021



Organized by  
**Indian Maritime University,  
Visakhapatnam Campus**

In Association With  
**Maritime History Society**

## About Indian Maritime University.

The birth of Indian Maritime University is a long cherished dream of the maritime community of India. The Indian Maritime University, established through an Act of Parliament (Act 22) in November 2008 under the administrative control of Ministry of ports, shipping and waterways, as a Central University and is poised to play a key role in the development of trained human resource for the maritime sector. For more information about IMU please visit [www.imu.edu.in](http://www.imu.edu.in).

## About Maritime History Society of India.

The Maritime History Society (MHS), a not for profit organization; came into being on 12 May 1978, as an academic initiative of the Western Naval Command primarily focusing on Maritime Research and to promote the study of India's maritime history. Maritime History Society Seeks to evolve into a body of eminence in the field of Maritime History through nurturing of historical research among young mariners, showcase Indian Maritime Heritage and publication of emerging perspective for a vibrant and resurgent Maritime India. For more information about Maritime history Society of India, please visit [www.mhsindia.org](http://www.mhsindia.org).

## About Indian Maritime University, Visakhapatnam Campus

The IMU Visakhapatnam Campus emerges from the confluence of the centrally established Indian Maritime University at Chennai, and India's premier ship design and maritime research institution, the National Ship Design and Research Centre. IMU Visakhapatnam Campus heralds the integration of visionary academic insight with the accumulated professional expertise and knowledge base on Ship Design and Maritime Technology. For more information about IMU Visakhapatnam Campus, please visit [www.imuv.edu.in](http://www.imuv.edu.in).

## Objective of the Workshop

India is traditionally a maritime nation and has a rich maritime heritage. History documents trade links of India had with other nations of the world from the ages of Harappan civilization. India's maritime history precedes the birth of western civilisation. The world's first tidal dock is believed to have been built at Lothal around 2300 BC during Harappan Civilisation, near the present day Mangrol harbour on the Gujarat coast. The Rig Veda, written around 2000 BC, credits Varuna with knowledge of the ocean routes commonly used by ships and describes naval expeditions using hundred-oared ships to subdue other kingdoms. The maritime tradition of India is as old as our civilization and as vast as the Indian Ocean.

The objective of the workshop is to bring awareness to 'Culture, Commerce, and Connectivity across the Indian Ocean' to our students, faculty and staff and also to anyone who is interested to participate.

## Benefits and Takeaway

The two days' workshop covering the theme "Maritime History of India: A Manthan" aims to further elaborate upon the Maritime India Vision 2030 in the form of a stepping stone for a larger initiative in the maritime journey. It will endeavor to bring about a new phase in developing maritime consciousness through certificate courses and projects in Indian maritime history and heritage in collaboration with multiple stakeholders.

### Who Can attend:

The workshop is open to everyone who is interested in Indian history and in particular Maritime History. For registration please go to the link below: <http://swechaap.org/events/imu>

**Live streaming at :** <https://live.swecha.org/imu/>

**Programme:**

**Day 1 – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021**

**Inaugural Session: 1000 – 1045**

1. Welcome Address by Prof. I. N. Niranjana Kumar, Director Indian Maritime University, Visakhapatnam Campus- (1000-1005)
2. Keynote Address by the Chief Guest, Dr, (Mrs) Malini V Shankar, IAS (Retd), Vice-Chancellor, Indian Maritime University (1005-1025)
3. Thematic Address by Director Maritime History Society, Cmde Odakkal Johnson (1025-1045)

**Break: 1045-1100**

**Session 1: 1100-1200**

1. Tangible and Intangible Maritime Heritage by MHS Research Associates Amruta Talawadekar and Aishwarya Devasthali (1100-1145)
2. Q&A Session 1145-1200

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**Day 2 – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021**

**Session II: 1000 – 1100**

1. Maritime Development Through History by MHS Research Associates Dennard D'Souza and Janhavi Lokegaonkar (1000-1045)
2. Q&A session (1045-11)

**Break: 1100-1115**

**Valedictory session : 1115 -1200**

1. Recap of two days of the session by Director Maritime History Society, Cmde Odakkal Johnson (1115-1135)
2. Vote of Thanks (1135-1140 mins)