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An encomium Bestowed upon RLINS by Dr. L. Ramasubbu, Joint Secretary

Respected Chief Guest Dr. Sanjay Bavnani, our beloved President, Principal, dignitaries, guests, ladies and gentlemen. I welcome you all on this happy occasion.

RLINS is the dream child of our President Dr. Lakshmipathy, to fulfil the desire of his father of offering maritime education to the rural youth of South Tamilnadu. To start a Maritime Training Institute in Madurai, a city in the centre of Tamilnadu and not connected to sea or harbor was a bold decision.

RLINS has started a programme called Alternate Training Scheme in the year 1999. As the Shipping Companies were not willing to provide training slots to the students during their second phase of training, our President was able to promote an off campus degree programme in association with world



renowned BITS Pilani.

Since the students found it difficult to get training in Shipyard, our President built A SHIP IN CAMPUS called T.S. Meenakshi. It was the first of its kind in India to impart hands on training to RLINS students.

When our President had suggested this to the then DG Shipping and Secretary, Ministry of Shipping Mr. D.T. Joseph who had visited RLINS, appreciated this novel idea and discussed with the Directorate and made this a mandatory requirement for all Maritime Training Institutes.

Apart from this, RLINS students are recognized in the industry as the most disciplined seafaring officers. All these credits go to the entire team of RLINS, particularly the dedicated service of our past Principal & Advisor Mr. M.Subramanian and our Senior Admission Co-ordinator Mr. V. Prabakaran.

With these few words, I pray Goddess Meenkshi for the continuous growth of RLINS.

Jai Hind.

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF RLINS

R.L.Institute of Nautical Sciences reached another mile stone of completing twenty five years of its sailing successfully. In its course of this remarkable journey, the institute crossed many more hurdles and encountered many challenges .The institute proudly reminiscences its successful accomplishments of its glorious past and rejoices for the achievements of offering quality maritime education by upholding the tenets of discipline and integrity. Certainly the day 28th September, 2024 will be ever green in the annals of RLINS since on that day we celebrated the Silver Jubilee of our esteemed institute.

The Chief Guest of the function was

Dr.Sanjay Bhavnani, C O O and Director, MMS Maritime India. He was piloted by our cadets from the main gate and later he proceeded to Vidya Ganapathy Temple, Campus deity, to seek His blessings.Then our chief guest hoisted the national flag on the parade ground at 8:30 A.M and took the guard of honour .He was also accompanied by Capt.Ranjan Das,AGM, Learning and Development and Mr.Ashok Advani, EX GM, PIL-Shipping Company.

Then the venue was shifted to our auditorium where the main function was held .The Silver Jubilee programme started at 10:45 A.M with the lighting of Kuthuvilakku, traditional lamp, by the guests on the stage

and followed by invocation of the national song” Vande Matharam” and “Tamilthai Vazhthu”.Our Principal, Capt.V.Gnana Edison Raj delivered welcome address.

Dr.R.Lakshmipathy, President, RLINS delivered the presidential address delineating upon the inception of the institute and also recalled the days when he started this institute braving all odds with the support extended by the former principal Mr. Subramanian.

The most expected event was the release of the silver jubilee souvenir. Dr.R.Lakshmipathy released the souvenir which was received by our senior faculty members Mr.D.Nagasubramanian and

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Capt. Gabriel. Dr.M.Kumarasamy, Vice-Principal presented the institute's report by demonstrating chronologically all the eventful developments of the institute. Mr.R.Ramkumar, Management Executive offered his felicitations and expressed his good wishes for the growth of this institute on this special occasion. Mr.Ashok Advani, Placement Advisor and EX GM, PIL-Shipping Company also shared his experiences and gave a clarion call to the cadets who should be always ready with their skills and depth of the knowledge to face the challenges in the shipping industry.

Our President Dr.R.Lakshmipathy in honouring the chief guest presented a memento. Then the chief guest addressed the gathering and touched upon the needs and the expectations of the maritime sectors and how the cadets should fulfil the demands of such leading shipping companies. Capt.Thitumurthy Kamatchi, Head-Placement Cell delivered vote of thanks. The event came to a close with the national anthem. The institute hosted special lunch for all the dignitaries including the staff and the cadets.



■ Dr.Sanjay Bhavnani, C O O and Director, MMS Maritime India, inspecting the parade by our cadets. Along with him is Capt.Gnana Edison Raj, Principal, RLINS.



■ Dr.Sanjay Bhavnani, lighting the Kuthuvilakku (Traditional Lamp).



■ Dr.R.Lakshmipathy, President delivering the presidential address.



■ Dr.Sanjay Bhavnani, COO and Director, MMS Maritime India addressing the gathering during the silver jubilee celebration of RLINS.



■ The souvenir was released commemorating the silver jubilee celebration.



■ Mr.R.Ramkumar, Management Executive, delivering the felicitation address.



■ Mr.Ashok Advani, Placement Advisor shares his views about placement opportunities for the cadets on this special occasion.



■ Dr.R.Lakshmi Pathy, President, honouring the chief guest by presenting a memento on the occasion of silver jubilee celebration.

Dazzling Display of Hope and Success of RLINS



■ Launching of ship-in-campus by Shri.Ajoy Kumar Chatterjee along with Dr.R.Krishnamurthy, Editor, Dinamalar and President Dr.R.Lakshmipathy.

■ On the occasion of Unveiling of Plaque of RLINS hostel building by Mr.Aswin Atre, COO of NYK Shipping.



■ Our President receiving CRISIL Grading certificate from Mr.Ajoy Kumar Chatterjee, Former Chief Surveyor, DGS.



■ On the Occasion of Launching Simulator in RLINS – Dr. R.Lakshmipathy and Mr. Shravan Rewari, ARI.



■ Ms.Trisha Banerjee, GP Rating student - Awarded by DGS for Scoring the First Rank (Female) in All India GP Rating Exams held on Dec 2023. She received the award on Maritime day celebration 2024 held at DGS, Mumbai.

Reminiscence of our Alumni

Tijo K. Jacob MICS, Master Mariner, Assistant Port Manager, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd.

Expertise in Gas carrier operations and New Ship Delivery.

Our college days were a blend of learning, growth, and unforgettable memories. The friendships we built, the group activities we shared, and the thrill of new discoveries stayed with us long after we left campus. Those experiences created lasting bonds and sparked the inspiration we needed to pursue our dreams. College wasn't just a chapter in our professional journey, but a place where relationships and memories shaped our future path. The lessons we learned, both academic and personal, continued to influence us as we moved forward in life. Congratulations to the RLINS on 25 years of excellence! This milestone reflects the dedication of students, staff, and faculty. May the years ahead bring continued success, growth, and inspiration. Happy 25th anniversary!

Best regards, Tijo Jacob.

Monal Raj, Vessel Manager, BW Group.

Would like to thank all faculties and staffs for introducing and moulding us for Maritime industry. Very happy to celebrate 25 years of RLINS. Wish RLINS and all cadets great success.

Regards, Monal Raj.



Mona Tawte, MMS MARITIME (INDIA) 4th Engineer.

As an alumni I appreciate the placement cell which made possible for me to get placed in a tanker fleet. College has been very supportive towards Female cadets and I would recommend RLINS as one of the safe institute for female cadets. The institute's simulator based training and hands on experience prepared me well for the challenges of the maritime industry. The faculties guidance helped me secure a cadetship. I'm thankful for the campus facilities, including ship-in-campus which gave me exceptional vision about the ship. Personalized attention of mentors helped me a lot even during clearing class IV examination.



TRUE EDUCATION

V V Sundaram, Faculty

The general perception among the people is that education is just a tool to grab the coveted job and earn money. The whole of education has shrunk into the concept of only getting the power and pelf. In this process, they shun the values and ethics resulting in depravity of all basic values. The root cause of such maladies in our country is that people always seek unjustified paths for their progress. "The end should always justify the means".

Our leaders in the past had set great examples by leading a simple life yet a purposeful one. India is always bestowed with such eminent educationists who have made indelible imprints in the field of education and philosophy. One such shining example is Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, former president of India, who upheld the

tenets of virtue and righteousness in every act. He is highly respected for his intellect, humility and integrity.

Dr. Radhakrishnan wrote a book "The Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore" in which he delved deep into the spiritual nature of Indian philosophy. He also wrote extensively on Hinduism and tried to compare the eastern and western philosophies. He also served as a professor in Oxford University, where he was honoured with the title "Spalding Professor of Eastern Religion and Ethics"

Dr. Radhakrishna's role in education:

Dr. Radhakrishnan was a staunch believer in the concept of real education. He avidly declares that education should find its basis on "humanistic values" and promote the overall development of individuals.

His books such as "Indian Philosophy" and "The Idealist View of Life" are worth reading. He is not only recognized as a world renowned scholar but also a true and dedicated teacher. Indian government has acknowledged his yeoman service in the field of education by commemorating his birthday on 5th September as the Teachers' Day.

Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's life is a testament to the power of knowledge, intellectual curiosity, and moral integrity. He believed that education is the key to human development and worked tirelessly to promote the values of learning, critical thinking, and compassion. His contributions as a philosopher, educator, diplomat, and leader have left an indelible mark not only in India but also around the world.

REFLECTIONS ON THE SILVER JUBILEE OF THE INSTITUTE

Prof. S.Thiagarajan., M.E., M.I.E., (Faculty)

Over the past six years, my journey at RLINS has been incredibly rewarding, both professionally and personally. Being part of an institute that is dedicated to advanced maritime education, has given me a deep sense of pride and fulfilment. The institute has a clear vision of producing highly competent maritime professionals, and I have witnessed firsthand how our training programs transform cadets into

skilled seafarers ready to tackle the challenges of the maritime industry. What I appreciate most about working here is the commitment to innovation and continuous improvement. Our faculty is a blend of seasoned mariners and educators who ensure that the curriculum stays aligned with global standards and the ever-evolving demands of the maritime world.

Our facilities, including state-of-the-art simulators faculty members and practical training equipment, especially hands on practical training for Electrical Technology give students real-world experience even before they step onto a ship. Overall, my time here has been a fulfilling chapter of my career, and I look forward to contributing to the institute's growth in the years to come."

LATEST PASSED OUT BATCHES



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My Experiments with RLINS

V V Sundaram, (Faculty)

Exhibit abundant happiness on the occasion of silver jubilee celebration of RLINS. I am also very proud of being a part of the silver jubilee Year as a faculty. The Institute holds in high esteem the contributions given by the faculty members of yester years, It is the right occasion to recall the efforts of the faculty and staff members who have taken part in the

arduous task of constructing the ship-in-campus from scratch. Another important aspect to be recognised is the Institute insists upon the importance of discipline and inculcates this culture in every student and in every act. Truly it is followed in letter and spirit. This character will surely make the cadets as responsible mariners who will make the country proud

wherever they are working. I always cherish the idea of unity in the class room and emphasise this virtue as top most priority considering the heterogeneous group of students representing from all the corners of our country. This institute has made its imprints in all the endeavours also will be the torch bearer for the future mariners.

What do the different-coloured number plates in India mean?

Have you ever noticed the different-coloured number plates on vehicles in India and wondered what they meant? The colour of a vehicle's number plate can provide important information about the owner and the intended use of the vehicle. Here is what you need to know about the different types of number plates in India:

1. RED COLOUR NUMBER PLATE

This type of plate is reserved for the President of India and Governors of various states. The license number is replaced by the Emblem of India on these vehicles. However, it is important to note that the number plate of the Prime Minister of India's car is white, like a common man's car.

2. BLUE COLOUR NUMBER PLATE

The blue number plate is assigned to vehicles used by foreign delegates or



ambassadors. The number is written on this plate in white ink, and it uses the code of the diplomat's country instead of the code of the state in India.

These types of plates are used by foreign embassies or diplomats.

3. WHITE COLOUR NUMBER PLATE

If the number is written with black ink on a white number plate, it means that the car belongs to a common citizen.

However, it cannot be used for commercial purposes, such as hiring passengers or freight.

4. YELLOW COLOUR NUMBER PLATE

If the number of a vehicle is written with black ink on a yellow plate, it is classified as a commercial vehicle. These vehicles, such as trucks and taxis, can be used for carrying passengers or freight, and the drivers must have a commercial driving license.

5. MILITARY VEHICLES

Military vehicles follow a unique numbering system that uses 11 digits. The numbers are registered under the Ministry of Defence in New Delhi.

The first/third character is an upward-pointing arrow, known as a Broad Arrow, used in many parts of the British Commonwealth. The two digits succeeding the arrow show the year in which the Military procured the vehicle.

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Career Path

- 6 Months Pre-Sea Training Approved by (D.G. Shipping Govt. of India)
- Sail as AB for 12 to 18 Months Bosun
- After 6 Months of training on board ship get Watch keeping certificate (DG Shipping)
- After 36 Months of Sea time appear for 2nd mate NCV/MEO Class IV NCV. Then sail as a III officer/IV-Engineer