

Captain Kersi Deboo comes up trumps!

Every year, National Maritime Day is celebrated in India on April 5, in commemoration of the maiden voyage of S.S. Loyalty, the first Indian ship owned by M/s. Scindia Steam Navigation Company, from Mumbai to London, in 1919.

This year too, March 29 to April 5 was observed as Merchant Navy Week, culminating with the Shipping Awards Function in Mumbai.

This 51st edition of the National Maritime Day Celebration saw experts from various maritime fields assemble at the Y.B. Chavan Auditorium.

The Government of India and Directorate General of Shipping have constituted three individual awards to recognize the distinguished services of persons connected with promotion and development of national maritime industry: the Varuna Award, to recognize and honour persons for their sustained and outstanding contribution to the Indian Maritime Sector; the NMD Award of Excellence, to recognize and honour per-



sons for their lifetime exceptional and distinguished achievements in the Indian Maritime Sector; and the

Award for Outstanding Contribution to Maritime Education and Training.

Captain Kersi Deboo, Director and Principal of the Anglo-Eastern Maritime Training Centre, Mumbai, was the recipient of this year's prestigious award for Outstanding Contribution to Maritime Education and Training.

The award consisted of a statuette, certificate and citation. Chief Guest Sumit Bose, ex-Finance Secretary to the Government of India, presented the award.

Deboo, after sailing as a Captain on merchant ships, came ashore 20 years ago to set up Anglo-Eastern Mari-

time Training Centre. Today, with colleges in Mumbai, Delhi and Karjat, Anglo-Eastern is one of the most reputed maritime training

institutions in India.

Deboo is on the academic council of the Indian Maritime University, a central university set up by an act of Parliament in 2008. He is also an examiner and moderator for Mumbai University.

He is a member of the Indian delegation to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), a UN body, headquartered in London since 2008. IMO is where regulations governing international shipping are formulated.

He is also a qualified chartered associate of the institute of insurance and shipbrokers and was a topper at the all India insurance exam.



Chief Guest Sumit Bose awards Captain Deboo

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