



## NATIONAL MARITIME DAY CELEBRATIONS (CENTRAL) COMMITTEE

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#### 53<sup>rd</sup> NATIONAL MARITIME DAY CELEBRATIONS - 2016

#### OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO MARITIME EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARD

Capt. Ajay Achuthan, born 26th December 1957, pre-sea training on Training Ship Rajendra 1975-76 batch, joined the Shipping Corporation of India and sailed with SCI, OMCI, IMM and Dynacom Tankers till 1991, including Command of Oil Tankers and Bulk Carriers worldwide. He joined LBS College as a Faculty in 1991 and was the first Trainer of Oil Tanker Liquid Cargo Handling Simulator. He stood first at the Extra Master's examination in 1993.

He worked with IMS Ship Management during 1996-97 before setting up Synergistic Solutions / School of Synergistic Studies as its Proprietor / Partner in 1997. This Institute conducted various DGS approved and Value Added Courses ranging from Training of Trainers to BTM, VRM, ISO, SMS and OPA 90 for the Shipping Industry.

He is the Founder Principal of Massa Maritime Academy in 2001, where he worked till 2009 conducting Competency, Modular and Simulator courses, as well as Value Added Courses.

He also worked as Head, Maritime Services and Training, ABS IV, the Indian Subsidiary of ABS Consulting from January to May 2010. He designed and set up DGS approved Second Mates Course for St. Xaviers Technical Institute, Mahim between October 2010 and February 2011.

Thereafter, he worked as Executive Director of Maritime Association of Shipowners, Shipmanagers and Agents (MASSA), and Maritime Training & Research Foundation (MTRF) from June 2011 to March 2016. He worked for obtaining ISO Certification for MASSA and setting up Facilitation Centre for issuance of Tanker Endorsements and Watch-keeping & Able Seafarers Certificates under the authority of DGS. He also project managed setting up Massa Maritime Academy at Chennai in 2015

Capt. Achuthan has organized Teachers' Day Seminars Creating Learning Environment / Auditing Learning Systems, International Learning Management and Demystifying Behavioural Competencies.

He is the Author of a book "If the learner has not learnt - the teacher has not taught".

Capt. Achuthan has presented numerous papers in Company, National and International Seminars.

He topped the 18th Batch of MBA General from ITM Sion and SNHU, USA in 2008, and presently pursuing Doctoral Studies in Accelerating Learning Systems with AMET University. He is the Founder Trustee of BEST, an initiative of CMMI and IMARE for improvement of GP Rating Training, was the Treasure of CMMI and Nautical Institute India West Branch. He was also part of Indian Delegation to STW 37 in 2006.

In appreciation of his lifetime devotion to maritime education and Training, the National Maritime Day Celebrations (Central) Committee confers the '**OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO MARITIME EDUCATION AND TRAINING Award**' to **CAPT. AJAY ACHUTHAN**, on this day, the 5th April 2016.

(Subhash Barguzer)

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Member Secretary, NMDC (Central) Committee