

HIMT Celebrates 26 Years of Excellence in MET and presents Long Service awards to 74 employees

On 23rd September 2024, HIMT proudly marked its 26th anniversary with a grand celebration, including Long Service Awards and a memorable get-together at Hotel Hyatt Regency, Chennai. The event was a momentous occasion, filled with reflections on HIMT's successful journey, recognition of its dedicated staff, and an optimistic outlook toward a bright future.



In his inspiring welcome speech, CEO **Dr. Sanjeev Vakil** expressed immense gratitude and appreciation for the four pillars on which HIMT stands: the blessings of the Almighty, support of family, the dedication of employees, and the unstinted support of HIMT's stakeholders, which include pre-sea students and post-sea seafarers, shipping companies, administration and other well-wishers. Dr. Vakil emphasized acknowledged the critical role that families play in allowing employees to give their best efforts every day.

A special acknowledgment was given to **Tarangini S. Vakil, his wife**, who has been the co-founder, and was the only individual who supported setting up HIMT, against all odds. She has not only been the cornerstone of his personal life by balancing the family and home, but also a pivotal figure in HIMT's success. Tarangini has managed the complete finances of the HIMT Group of Institutes, ensuring financial stability while always encouraging reinvestment into training and development to strengthen the organization.

Honoring Long-Serving Employees

The **Long Service Awards** were a highlight of the evening, honoring the commitment and dedication of HIMT's loyal employees. A total of **74 members** were recognized for their years of service, underscoring the importance of each individual in building HIMT's legacy.

Those recognized for **25+ years of service** include:

- **Mr. Sekhar G.** (Executive Director)
- **Dr. Vaithya Subramanian** (Chief Medical Faculty)
- **Mr. Ranjith C. Joseph** (Senior Faculty)



25 Years

Those recognized for **20+ years of service** include:

- **Capt. Anand R.** (Principal)
- **Mr. Elumalai K.** (Maintenance)
- **Mr. S. Janaka** (Director- Engineering)
- **Ms. Mary Lourdhu** (Housekeeping)
- **Ms. Uvarani Murali** (Head Admin)
- **Mr. Venugopalan M.V.** (Chief Instructor)



20 Years

Additionally, 63 employees were honored for completing long service, acknowledging their loyalty and dedication. The same included 10 employees who completed 15 years, 21 employees who completed 10 years and 32 employees who completed 5 years of continuous service.



15 Years



10 Years



5 Years

Special Awards Presented

To recognize exceptional contributions, several special awards were presented:

- **Late Shri V.R. Venkatesan (VRV)** was honored with the **HIMT Legacy Award** for his 22 years of dedication to HIMT and Guru of Gurus and a role model.
- **Late Mr. C.P. Gopinath (CPG)** was posthumously recognized with the **HIMT Memoriam Award** for his invaluable contributions to the organization, especially QMS.
- **Capt. Anand Subramanian**, Principal, received the **HIMT Special Commendation Award** for his outstanding work over the last 6 years, particularly in the development of HIMT College and other approved/value added courses.

Looking at the Future



In a significant moment, Dr. Vakil welcomed the next generation of HIMT's leadership, **Kirtan and Tirth Vakil**, both graduating from World Maritime University (WMU), with specialization

in MET, and are set to carry the HIMT legacy forward. He shared his optimism and excitement about the future as they take on the leadership role and encouraged the HIMT family to extend their support to the next generation as they lead the institution to even greater heights.

An Evening of Celebration

The evening was filled with joy and camaraderie. After the awards ceremony, attendees participated in fun games, interactive activities, and enjoyed a celebratory dinner. The night ended with a sense of fulfillment and optimism, leaving the HIMT family excited about the future.

With 26 years of maritime excellence, HIMT continues to set the benchmark for maritime training in India and beyond.