

# *CENTER FOR MARITIME STUDIES*

**SCHOOL OF LAW - RAFFLES UNIVERSITY**



## *ABOUT THE CENTER FOR MARITIME STUDIES*

### **SCHOOL OF LAW - RAFFLES UNIVERSITY**

Center for Maritime Studies was **launched on the 23rd day of October 2019**, under the banner of Raffles University's School of Law. The Internal Container Depot, is located at a stone's throw from the University, in Bawal (Haryana) and others in Delhi, Haryana, and U.P., leads one to believe that today, the Maritime Trade, is not from **port to port**, but from **Warehouses to Ports**. , 21st Century is said to be a **Maritime Century**. **Oceans**, are a huge **reservoir**, of resources that **control, the development, and sustainability of all economies**, right across the globe and India is not an exception, as here also, seas and ocean, are central to **India's economic growth**, and have been **pivotal**, for its **transformed strategic profile**, in the 21st Century. This is best understood by the **growing Sea Trade ( 90% by volume and 70% by value are carried onboard ships)**, recognition of the importance of **port-led development (SAGARMALA)**, and **sustainable development of marine resources, and services (Blue Economy)** for inclusive. ...

**The Contemporary Mantra ‘security and growth for all’, i.e. SAGAR, articulated by Govt. of India, resonates at the national level as also across the wider Indian Ocean. This seminal maritime vision and practice are vulnerable, to a number of challenges, which attract regulatory and legal response, both at the National and International levels.**

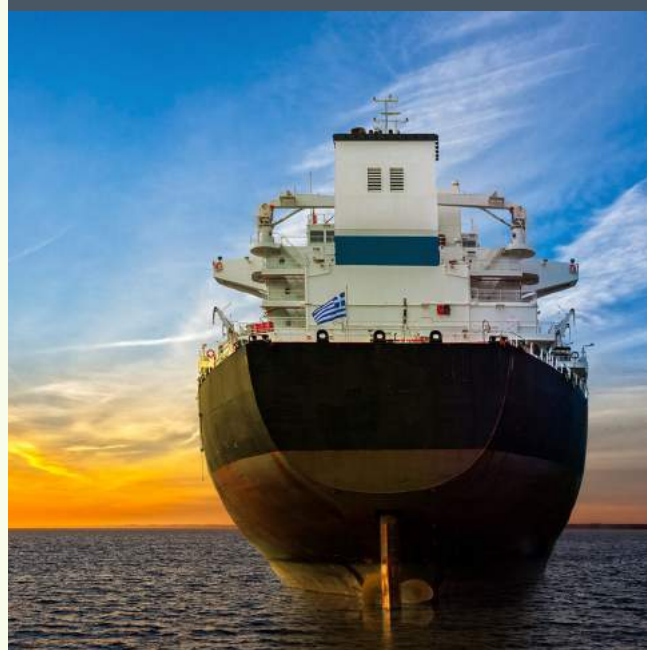
**The National Legal Framework, as also the associated human resource, has to keep pace, with the maritime vision, and address the glaring gaps, for timely and successful adjudication., Besides, the infrastructure, is weak resulting in many lawsuits, being adjudicated in International Arbitration Centers, in countries outside India, majorly, in United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, and even Sri Lanka.,**

**The maritime domain, is under transformation, offering newer opportunities, in terms of goods and services, led by technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), Robot, Drones, etc. are overwhelming, the way the maritime world conducts, its business and operations. Blue Economy which, according to World Bank, is the sustainable use, of ocean resources, for economic growth, improved livelihoods, and jobs, while preserving the health of ocean eco system.,**

**The Blue Economy is offering newer prospects, that transcend the traditional sectors, and requires a deeper legal understanding of the environment-ecology-socio-economic matrix., Likewise, underwater digital-energy-electricity highways, are posing new legal challenges, for seafloor management. Realizing the growing need, for strengthening, the existing knowledge base, taking into account the most contemporary developments, the CMS has been established.**

### **Objectives:**

*The Centre would promote the Teaching, Research, Training and Extension Activities in the area concerning the Law of the Sea, Maritime Trade and Practices, Maritime Safety, Maritime Insurance, Marine Environment and Policies, and Maritime Labour linked with the others non-land lock region in India and the coastal region in India for the enhancement of the shipping and maritime clusters.*



## **VISION**

- **TO BECOME THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR MARITIME STUDIES IN INDIA.**
- **TO PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT PLATFORM FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEACHING, RESEARCH, AND TRAINING'S.**
- **TO CREATE A NETWORK WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR TEACHING, TRAINING, AND RESEARCH.**
- **TO BECOME THE CENTRE FOR CAPACITY BUILDING IN THE SUBJECT OF MARITIME AFFAIRS.**





## MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF DEPARTMENT (HOD)

### *WELCOME TO CENTRE FOR MARITIME STUDIES, SCHOOL OF LAW, RAFFLES UNIVERSITY*

**Welcome to the Center for Maritime Studies.** This **Specialized Centre** has been set up for **Maritime Legal Studies** as also for **pursuing research** in the **legal dimension of new maritime issues**. The **maritime domain** is under **transformation** offering **newer opportunities in terms of goods and services**, led by **technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), Robot, Drones, etc.** are overwhelming the way the **maritime world** conducts its business and operations. **Blue Economy** which, according to **the World Bank**, is the **sustainable use** of ocean resources for **economic growth, improved livelihoods, and jobs**, while preserving the health of the ocean **ecosystem**, is also offering **newer prospects** that transcend the traditional sectors and requires a deeper legal understanding of the **environment-ecology-socio-economic matrix**. Likewise, underwater **digital-energy-electricity highways** are posing new **legal challenges for seafloor management**.

**The CMS offers One Year Program in Maritime Law and Law of the Sea** along with the introduction of the subject to undergraduate level.

On 12th December 2019, the CMS has signed the **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**, with **National Maritime Foundation (NMF)**, which is **India's Sole Think-Tank, established by Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India**, for the **enhancement of collaborative and policy-based research oriented works** and to provide the **professional training** to the **policymakers, Capacity Building, and various stakeholders in the maritime domain**.

**The CMS organized National Capacity Building Workshop** on the 1st & 2nd of February 2020, on the Subject, "**Law of the Sea & Admiralty Law, Maritime Trade, Technology & Security, Concerns for Professionals & Students**". **The Chief Guest for the Inaugural Ceremony was Hon'ble Dr. Justice Mrs. Neeru Chaddha, Judge, International Tribunal For Law Of The Sea (ITLOS), Hamburg(Germany).**

**Best Wishes!**

Head

**Centre for Maritime Studies,  
School of Law,  
Raffles University, Neemrana**

# AT CENTRE FOR MARITIME STUDIES SCHOOL OF LAW

***Raffles University Neemrana (NCR) Rajasthan, India***

**[01-02 FEBRUARY, 2020]**



## WELCOME

*The National Capacity Building Workshop on Law of the Sea & Admiralty Law, Maritime Trade, Technology & Security Concerns followed by cultural evening was organized in the university auditorium by the Centre for Maritime Studies.*

## KAROLINA ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

*Dr. Karolina, Associate Professor, School of Law, Vilnius University, Lithuania being received on her arrival to participate in the National capacity Building workshop on Maritime Law.*



## DR JUSTICE NEERU CHADHA, JUDGE, (ITLOS)

*The Hon'ble Dr. Justice Neeru Chadha, Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea ITLOS, Hamburg, (Germany), welcomed by the Chief Patron Raffles University, School of Law, Dr. Justice, Meena V. Gomber for Two Days National Capacity Building Workshop on Law of the Sea and Maritime Law.*





## DR VIJAY SAKHUJA

*The spokesperson Dr Vijay Sakhuja being received by Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Kapoor, President Raffles University, on his arrival on 31st January 2020 to attend the workshop organized by the Centre for Maritime Studies in Raffles University.*

## THE DIGNITARIES

*The dignitaries Hon'ble Dr. Neeru Chadha, Mr. Sunil Lamba., Dr Vijay Sakhuja, Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan with their better half greetings each others in the reception held on 31st January 2020.*



## THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY

*The Inaugural Ceremony of National Capacity Building Workshop on Law of the Sea & Admiralty Law, Maritime Trade, Technology & Security Concerns. Dignitaries & Participants and others guest arriving and being received by the students following Rajasthani tradition.*





## THE PARTICIPANTS

*The Navy Officers, Professors and Students from various universities are registering themselves for the two days workshop.*





## LAMP CEREMONY

*The programme began with the lighting of the lamps by the Chief Guest & the Guests of Honors.*



## THE PARTICIPANTS

*Professor (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel, Director General of Raksha Shakti University, Gandhinagar, Gujrat also graced the occasion as Guest of Honor*



## GUEST FELICITATION



*The Guests were felicitated by the president Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Kapoor and Chief Patron of the School of Law, Dr. Justice Meena V. Gomber. Raffles University, Neemrana.*

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*Professor (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel, Director General of Raksha Shakti University, Gandhinagar, Gujrat also graced the occasion as GThe workshop was declared open by Dr. Justice Meena V. Gomber followed by the welcome address. With very encouraging remarks highlighting the need for a Centre for Maritime Studies in India which has a coastline of 8118 km and a potential for a sustainable Blue Economy in line with the UNSDG 14 if we can synchronize this development through effective ocean governance. At the Raffles University School of Law Centre for maritime studies, we shall make continuous improvements to develop a center for excellence in the maritime domain. She expressed her gratitude to NMF for the MoU and expressed her desire to achieve the set targets with exemplary success. She highlighted the fact that maritime trade is no longer a port to port business but has been integrated backward into ICD's and warehouses. Therefore, laws need to be drafted to deal with these new situations and technological advancements in the domain.uest of Honor*





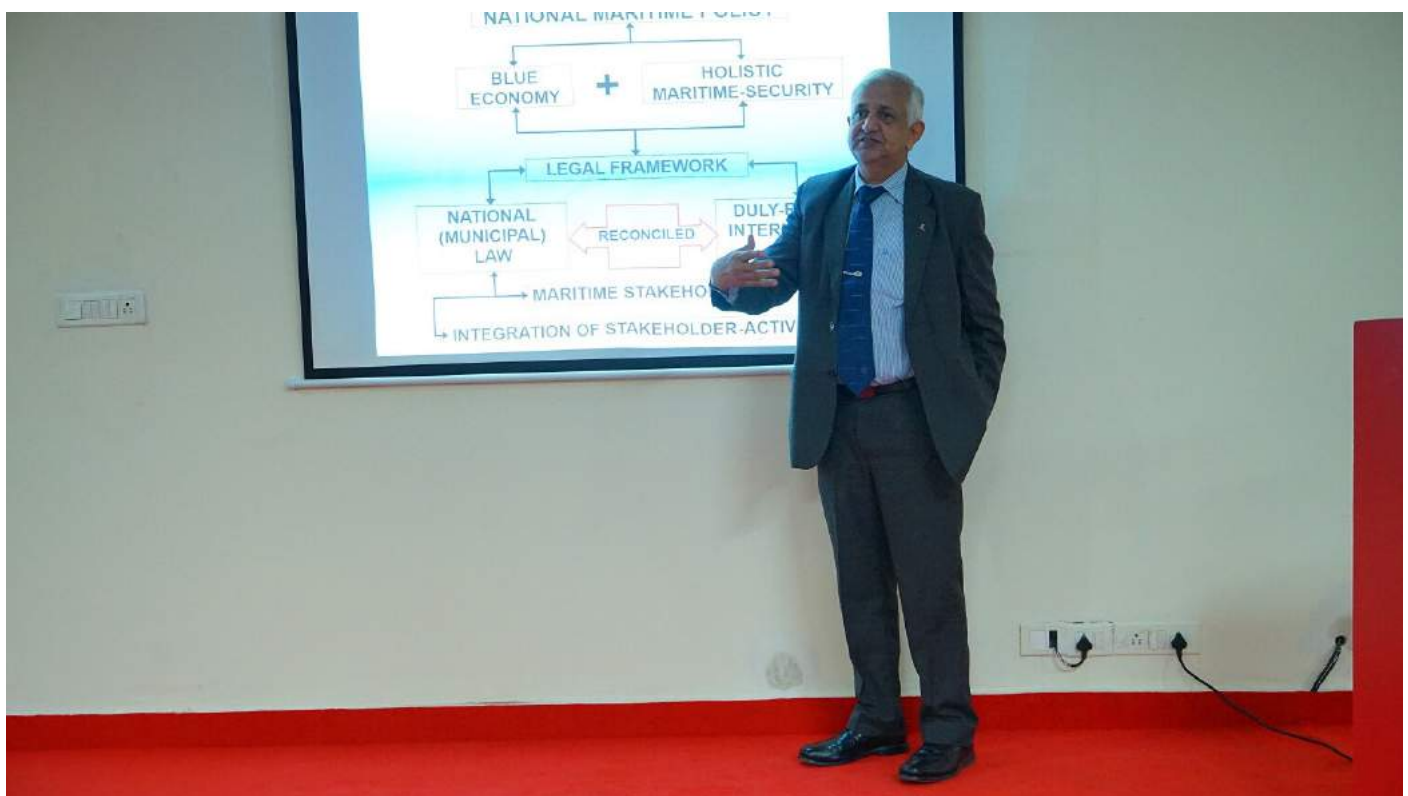
The Guests were felicitated by the President. Admiral Sunil Lamba, the previous Chief of the Navy congratulated Raffles University for organizing this comprehensive workshop. He said that India is essentially a maritime nation and the Indian seaboard has been the vertex of intense maritime activity over centuries. He said while globalization has been key to India's economic growth, the role of the seas has been equally important and often an unrealized aspect providing the basic economic sustenance. Contextually with international trade proving to be the important component of this process of globalization, the security parameters and concerns have gained primacy because seaborne commerce is open to vulnerabilities and requires protection. He discussed the potential linkages and contradictions between SAGAR and SAGARMALA and also highlighted the importance of the Information Fusion Centre at Gurugram towards addressing the maritime domain awareness in the IOR. Present Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Kapoor and Chief Patron of the School of Law, Dr. Justice Meena V. Gomber, Raffles University, Neemrana.



Technical sessions were spread over both days. The first session was of the day one taken by Capt. Sarabjit Parmar, Executive Director, National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi, on Historical Development of the UNCLOS Regime. He took us through the various debates that ultimately shaped up the Law of the Sea convention 1982 and what it means for the maritime world today.



*Second technical session by Prof.(Dr.) Bimal N. Patel the Director-General of the Raksha Shakti University, drew a parallel between the State of Rajasthan and various national and international development platforms for empirical and comparative studies within various aspects of the maritime domain.*



*Third technical session by Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan Director of National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi. He gave insight upon Maritime Zones, Rights, and Duties of nations. He discussed the ramifications of international maritime law from Hugo Grotius's mare Librum to Seldon's mare clausum. He explained how maritime zones are delineated and the various kinds of baselines issues. He also discussed the concepts of freedom of navigation and the common heritage of mankind issues.*



02 FEBRUARY, 2020



*On the second day of the National Capacity Building Workshop on Law of the Sea & Admiralty Law, Maritime Trade, Technology & Security Concerns first technical session taken by Dr. Vijay Sakhuja former Director of National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi. He spoke on the concept of nationality of ships and the integral issue of a genuine link between the shipowner and the flag as envisaged in the LOSC 1982. He discussed stateless ships and related challenges and threats.*



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*The third technical session by Anand Kumar spoke on the important aspects of Illegal Unreported Unregulated Fishing and how it has become a serious issue in the EEZ of various states causing a serious breach of the convention. Fourth technical session by Mr. Suriya Narayanabb an Associate Fellow gave an insight into the domain of Artificial intelligence, Robotics, and the future of maritime Space.*



*The fifth technical session was taken by Dr. Vijay Sakhuja, former Director, National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi and Dr. Madhumita Kothari, Advocate Supreme Court of India, highlighted the important issues under maritime infrastructure and contracts with special emphasis in the BRI concept whereby China is trying to establish its hegemony both on land and sea and unknowingly countries are entering into debt traps created by China. Underwater Cultural heritage is also an area addressed where India is yet to draft its legislation for the protection of heritage and historical remains below the water level.*



# THE VALEDICTORY CEREMONY OF TWO DAYS: NATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON LAW OF THE SEA & ADMIRALTY LAW, MARITIME TRADE, TECHNOLOGY & SECURITY CONCERNS



*The Chief Guest Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sunil Ambauni , former Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court and Ms. Kalpana Ambwani walking together to the auditorium with Hon'ble Dr. Justice Meena V. Gomber, Chairperson Gomber Education Foundation (GEF) Rajasthan and Chief Patron of School of Law, Raffles University, Neemrana, Rajasthan.*



*The programme was started with felicitation of the Chief Guest, Shri Justice Sunil Ambauni former Chief Justice Rajasthan by Dr Justice Meena V. Gomber the Chief Patron of School of Law, Raffles University and the Chairperson of the Gomber Education Foundation, Rajasthan.*

*Guest of Honor Capt. Sarabjit Sing & Wing Commander Rajendar Chaudhary, Indian Consulate to Lithuania address the gathering.*





*The valedictory ceremony was concluded after the vote of thanks by Prof.(Dr.) V.K. Kapoor, President of Raffles University, and Ms. Karolina Mickte Associate Professor, School of Law Vilnius University presented a book of the constitution of Lithuania (STATUTA LITUANIAE) to Dr. Justice Meena Gomber, Chief Patron of the School of Law, Raffles University, Neemrana, Rajasthan.*



*Overall, It was observed that the workshop had participants from the length and breadth of India who had an extremely enlightening experience and who are leaving with food for thoughts, future deliberations, and the immense scope of research opportunities.*



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