

ONE WHO NEVER STOPS DREAMING BIG

Lt. Cdr. Dhir Singh Yadav - A/44 – ERA

Believe it or not!



One of our partners is a sole director of a Merchant Navy training institute approved by various flag-states such as DG Shipping of India, Panama Maritime Authority and Cook Island, just to name a few, for training merchant navy cadets. Not only that, but is also dreaming of opening an engineering colleges, hospital, old age home and orphanage in his 40 acres campus. The **partner is Lt. Cdr. Dhir Singh Yadav – ERA A/44.**

Partner Yadav started his life in navy from the lowest rung. He got recruited as Boy and joined Boys Training Establishment INS Circars in in Dec. 1963. After completing 8 months general training there as a ‘Boy’, he was selected as an Artificer apprentice. As ERA III he got commissioned under CW scheme in Jan 1974. Studious by nature he always dreamt of doing something big in life. To become an entrepreneur he needed capital, so went to merchant navy after serving 27 years in uniform. The administrative tenure in officer cadre was quite rewarding for him for honing entrepreneurial skills. Coming to our friend Yadav. He served merchant navy on board oil tankers and later as DGM Tech. with Reliance Shipping. After precisely learning there the mercantile marine training requirements he found way for his dreams.

Yadav quit the shipping job and took first bold step in 1999 by registering the “YAK marine” training institute at CBD Belapur, to start DG Shipping approved course in “Fire Fighting and Fire Prevention”. This training was very much in demand then as the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), the governing body of international shipping industry, had started insistence on ship’s safety audits. In 2001, Yadav was elected as Chairman of the ‘Maritime Training Institutes Association of India’ and following year he conducted an interactive seminar inviting all stake holders of the shipping industry, such DG of shipping staff, Ship Management/ Manning companies, representatives from ship owners association, training institutes and surveyors for establishing proper guidelines for training. He also started a fortnightly publication called ‘The Marine World’ in the service of seafarers and started highlighting their problems to the authorities. No wonder, the publication gained instant popularity.

With every success, partner Yadav started raising the bar for himself. He acquired a piece of land at Khopoli near Navi Mumbai, founded “Yak Education Trust” and started training of Deck Cadets and GP Ratings. His appetite was much beyond satiation. He kept acquiring conjoining pieces of land and slowly expanding his radius of activities. As of today, his YAK Maritime Academy spreads over 40 Acres of land and operating under its wings very diverse maritime activities. He has a swimming pool of 20mtr. X 30mtr, with the deep end 22ft. There is also a Diving Tower 32ft. tall where ‘International Diving School Association’ (IDSA France) approved diving training is given. It is also used for in depth non-destructive testing. Such facility is first in Asia, under private sector. So far he has trained here over 200 candidates

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of various nationalities. 'YAK' has underwater welding set by the side of the pool. Deep end of the pool is used for underwater welding training. The pool has gathered additional fame because of the film shootings for under water scenes has been done here for popular films such as Happy New Year of Shahrukh Khan, Talash of Amir Khan, Bang Bang of Hritik Roshan and many others. At times the shootings have been going on from 5 to 45 days, without disturbing training schedules.

In 2010 he started conducting certified training courses of Dynamic Positioning Systems (DPS) used for dynamically positioning of vessels, particularly at off shores when doing hydro-carbon explorations and extractions. This has been the first Indian company to have such institute in India. These courses are approved by Nautical Institute UK, and over 400 candidates of various nationalities have availed this facility so far.

All these things can be seen on his website <http://yakindia.com>



In 2013 he started Primary and Secondary school following CBSE syllabus up to 10+2 grade, which is having CBSE board approval. Currently the school has nearly 160 students aggregate in various grades. Besides academics, the school also prepares students for IITs, Defence, and Merchant Navy. In a time, the school has gathered reputation of being the best in Raigad district.

Partner Yadav has open standing invitation for partners to visit the scenic beauty of the Khopoli facility and enjoy his hospitality.

