

**Is there anything an Artificer can't do?**



Here is a partner we are proud of for his genius all-round approach for rising in life. Most of us stopped our academic progress after entry qualification and concentrated on professional career. However, **Partner Surender Kumar MCEAP A/75** not only outshined technically during his uniform days but also kept going with his desire for academics. Some of his contemporaries always talk of how he used to keep himself always busy on-board ships.

Whatever he may be today, Surender Kumar is basically an Electrical Artificer from A/75 class, and he proudly says so. He joined Navy in January 1980 and opted for volunteer retirement in January 1999 as MCEAP. Throughout his career progress, he was never found wanting. He had earned his MBA degree by distant learning while still in Navy and passed his National Eligibility Tests (NET) for Lectureship, approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in 1996. This made him eligible to teach management subjects in universities. After stepping out of uniform he picked up employment in corporate world as Asst. Manager and also kept pursuing his teaching interests as visiting faculty for management subjects, with full support from his employers. By virtue of his association with various universities for their management programmes as visiting faculty, he got his Accredited Management Teacher award from the All India Management Association.

At some stage he quit the management job and took full time employment in teaching career, but this time in absolute technical field. He started teaching Dynamic Positioning of ships in a technical institute where he soon rose to HOD position of Dynamic Positioning department. There he completed his thesis titled “Effectiveness of Seafarer’s Training Using Maritime Simulators” to earn his PhD in Management from the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (UPES), Dehradun in 2016. As an experienced maritime trainer with extensive experience in setting up and successfully running a maritime training centre, he was offered a post as Principal of a British shipping company’s training centre at Mumbai. There he established himself very well. But now he wanted to do something more as an entrepreneur. By now he had been pretty stable financially.

He quit his stable job and along with some other likeminded professionals, started “Aquamarine Maritime Academy” in CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai. His company is presently providing specialised maritime training consultancy and services to many international organizations like Kongsberg Maritime India, Azureus Offshore Training Jakarta, Indonesia, Charkin-Unique Offshore Training, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, HIMT Offshore, Chennai, Korean Maritime & Ocean University, Busan, South Korea and Ashtbit Technologies Pvt. Ltd. – Lucknow, India,

## **DR. SURENDER KUMAR (CEng FIMarEST, FNI, fDPO, PhD)**

**Surender Kumar MCEAP – A/75**

A qualified and accredited management teacher, with the experience to teach at university level courses, Dr. Kumar has effectively adapted and applied appropriate techniques in the niche sector of maritime education and training. His long influential association with international accreditation bodies such as the Nautical Institute and Maritime & Coastguard Agency, UK, as well as the success of thousands of maritime professionals trained by him around the globe, have earned him the prestige of the maritime training fraternity. Notwithstanding all this, he is still eager to learn new things.

Dr. Kumar, an electrical engineer by profession, is also a chartered engineer (UK), a Chartered Marine Engineer (UK), a Fellow of the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (UK) and a Fellow of the Nautical Institute, London.

With all these achievements, Surender is still an ex-Artificer at heart and soul. He is one of the regular participants in our annual EXAMs and moves around without any frills. From his highly busy schedule he manages to find time and enjoy the three evenings in company of his partners.

