

## **REPORT ON GME BATCH 28 PASSING OUT FUNCTION**

The passing out and prize distribution function of the cadets of GME batch 28 was organized on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020, at the Anglo-Eastern Maritime Academy Campus.

Chief Guest Mr. Ashish M. Wankhede, Engineer & Ship Surveyor-Cum-Deputy DG (Tech.& Training) and Guest of Honour Mr. Orson Lobo, Managing Director, AE Ship Management (Singapore) along with members from Anglo-Eastern family graced the event.

As per the AEMA tradition, the dignitaries were escorted from the gates of the campus to the academic block with a guard of honour by the cadets with the AEMA band playing. The Anglo flag was then hoisted by the Chief Guest followed by introduction of the faculties to the guests.

The guests were then given a tour of the training facilities present at AEMA such as the virtual reality module, navigational and engine simulator rooms, the newly inaugurated assessment centre, Navigation Bridge and Workshop. The guests also witnessed the projects demonstrated by the cadets and were highly impressed to see the facilities, which according to them were truly world-class.

After their walk around the Academic block, the guests proceeded to the auditorium, which was packed with parents, cadets, faculty members and staff and exuded an atmosphere of pride, happiness and joy.

The event hosted by Cadet Srija Biswas began with welcoming the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour by presenting them a bouquet. Mr. Mahesh Subramanian, Vice Principal AEMA, in his formal welcome address welcomed the dignitaries and the attendees and gave his best wishes to the passing out GME 28 batch. In his speech he made a note about the tenth year of operation of AEMA and the changes which the academy has undergone in its journey of a decade. He also thanked the Chief Guest Mr. Ashish Wankhede who took time from his tight schedule and agreed to be present for the event.

The next segment of the function was a cultural show by cadets.

It started with a skit depicting the positives and negatives of social media. It presented an important and profound message in a hilarious way.

With humans entering the digital era and with the advent of social media, we have become distanced from the world we live in. We tend to feign happiness or emotional contentment and put on an artificial facade that only smiles for a camera.

By the same token, one must admit that social media has built bridges where none existed previously; it connects us with long lost friends and brings people with similar interests together. It also simplifies content sharing and also helps build business from scratch. In the end, it conveyed the message that, it's upon an individual whether to enhance or jeopardize their growth with the help of social media.

The skit was followed by a foot tapping band which cheered the whole audience. A standup comedy and mimicry act was then performed by Cadet Abhishek Singh. The auditorium resounded with loud laughter and applause.

Thereafter, Course Report for GME batch 28 was presented by Mr. T.S Bhamra, Course-In charge and HOD Engineering. In his report he showed the 8-month journey of the passing out batch. He explained the purpose of the rigorous training in AEMA, which is required in such a dynamic sector as the maritime industry.

Chief Guest Mr. Ashish Wankhede in his speech admitted that he was filled with excitement and was inspired and motivated to see the dynamic cadets.

He encouraged students to keep the tempo of fun, and at the same time never cease in their learning. He advocated freedom to be given to the younger generation.

He was appreciative of the training facilities available at AEMA. In his talk, he acknowledged the proud parents attending the function and thanked them for their vital role in the lives of their children.

Guest of Honour Mr. Orson Lobo also appreciated the training facilities in AEMA and the pool of engineers and navigators it produces. He spoke about ship environment, safe working practices and Officer Like Qualities.

Capt. Pradeep Chawla's unique and light-hearted presentation in Bollywood style caught everyone's attention and left everyone in splits. He presented the journey of a cadet, right from their elementary education days to coming to AEMA and then being a seafarer.

Then the auditorium resounded with applause for the cadets receiving well deserved awards for their performance during the 8-month course.

Cadet Bravin D'souza was presented the award of best overall cadet of the batch.

Cadet Virendra Singh as the academic topper and Cadet Akshay Veigas won the award for cadet with best Officer like Qualities.

The event in the auditorium concluded with a vote of thanks by Cadet Vikas Nair and the National Anthem.

The guests and parents then enjoyed a well laid out lunch. The guests after visiting the workshop, seamanship, Fire-fighting area and Library left with good memories of the function.