

<b>Board for Community Development Through Education Govt. of AP</b>			
<b>Title of the Seminar:</b>		<b>National Maritime Day</b>	
<b>Program Date:</b>	<b>08<sup>th</sup> - 05 - 2025</b>	<b>Program Time:</b>	<b>10AM</b>
<b>Associate organization (if any):</b>	<b>The Institution of Engineers (India), Andhra Pradesh State Centre &amp; Krishna University</b>		
<b>No. of Participants logged in</b>	<b>98</b>		

### **REPORT**

Board for Community Development Through Education Govt. of AP, in Association with Krishna University and The Institution of Engineers (India), Andhra Pradesh State Centre, organized a grand celebration of National Maritime Day under the central theme *“Our Ocean, Our Obligation, Our Opportunity.”* This annual observance acknowledges India's rich maritime legacy and raises awareness about the strategic, economic, and ecological significance of the oceans.

#### **Patron**

**Prof. Koona Ramji**  
Vice-Chancellor  
Krishna University

#### **Chief Guest**

**Prof. (Dr.) M. L. S. Deva Kumar, FIE**  
Secretary & CEO, BCDE, Government of Andhra Pradesh  
Chairman – IEI, Andhra Pradesh State Centre

#### **Keynote Speakers:**

**Er. Chandu Sambasiva Rao**  
Space Scientist, Member – AP RERA

**Cdr. Adesh Pal Singh**  
Commander, Indian Navy

#### **Guest:**

**Prof. (Dr.) A. V. Naresh Babu, FIE**  
Hon. Secretary – IEI Andhra Pradesh State Centre



## Inaugural Session

The program began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing knowledge and wisdom, followed by the National Anthem. A welcome address was delivered by **Prof. Koona Ramji**, Patron of the event and Vice-Chancellor of Krishna University. He expressed his appreciation for IEI's continued commitment to community-centric and nationally relevant educational outreach. He emphasized the urgent need to protect our oceanic resources and integrate maritime topics into higher education.

## Chief Guest Address

**Prof. (Dr.) M. L. S. Deva Kumar**, in his capacity as Chief Guest and Chairman of IEI-APSC, underscored the role of institutions like IEI in leading maritime sustainability efforts. He discussed ongoing community education programs by **BCDE** and how these initiatives aim to empower coastal populations through awareness, skill-building, and education. He urged the youth to seize opportunities in the blue economy and marine technology sectors.

**Er. Chandu Sambasiva Rao** Drawing from his vast experience in space sciences, Er. Rao explored the convergence of space technology and oceanography. He highlighted the use of satellite-based tools in coastal monitoring, navigation systems, ocean pollution tracking, and Ocean management. His address inspired interdisciplinary thinking among students and professionals.



**Cdr. Adesh Pal Singh Representing the Indian Navy, Cdr. Singh gave a passionate address on maritime defense, coastal security, and India's naval capabilities. He shared real-time scenarios and success stories, motivating students to explore careers in defense and maritime strategy. He also emphasized the Indian Navy's commitment to maritime peace and international cooperation.**



## **Vote of Thanks:**

**By Prof. (Dr.) A. V. Naresh Babu, FIE**  
**Hon. Secretary, IEI – Andhra Pradesh State Centre**

It is my great pleasure to deliver the Vote of Thanks on behalf of **The Institution of Engineers (India), Andhra Pradesh State Centre**, at the end of this meaningful celebration of **National Maritime Day**.

First and foremost, I sincerely thank our **Patron, Prof. Koona Ramji**, Vice-Chancellor of Krishna University, for his support and encouragement in making this event possible.

My heartfelt thanks to our **Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) M. L. S. Deva Kumar**, Chairman of IEI-APSC and CEO of BCDE, for his inspiring address and continued dedication to community development through education.

I would also like to thank our **Keynote Speakers**,

- **Er. Chandu Sambasiva Rao**, for sharing valuable insights from the space science perspective, and
- **Commander Adesh Pal Singh**, for his inspiring words on maritime defense and security.

I thank all the faculty members, staff, and volunteers from **IEI, Krishna University**, and **BCDE** for their excellent coordination and support.

A special thanks to all the **students** who participated with such enthusiasm. Your presentations, questions, and performances made this event vibrant and meaningful.

Finally, I thank each and every one of you present here today for your time and interest in this important occasion. Let us continue to protect and respect our oceans, as they are truly our obligation and our opportunity.