

"Sail Responsibly, Lead Courageously, and Live Responsibly"

— AMET University Special Convocation 2026

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AMET University, Chennai, a premier institution in maritime and allied higher education, successfully conducted its Special Convocation Ceremony on Wednesday, 28 January 2026, at the Anna Centenary Library Auditorium, Kotturpuram, Chennai.



The Convocation was graced by the Chief Guest, Dr. Rajan Welukar, Vice Chancellor, ATLAS SkillTech University, Mumbai, and former Vice Chancellor of the University of Mumbai, Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik, and AURO University, Surat, who delivered an inspiring Convocation Address. Emphasizing responsibility-led leadership in an era of rapid technological change, Dr. Welukar remarked, "Technology is dangerous when it becomes a substitute for responsibility. Artificial Intelligence can assist you, but you alone can author it. Sail responsibly, lead courageously, and live responsibly."

The ceremony commenced with the Welcome Address by Prof. Dr. V. Rajendran, Vice Chancellor, AMET University, and was presided over by Dr. J. Ramachandran, Founder Chancellor, AMET University, whose visionary leadership has shaped the University into a globally respected centre for maritime education, training, and research.

The Special Convocation marked the Conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) upon two distinguished leaders of the maritime industry, recognizing their exceptional professional contributions and service to the sector. The citations were read by Col. Dr. G. Thiruvassagam, Provost, AMET University, following which the degrees were conferred upon:

- Capt. Sankalp Shukla, Chairman – FOSMA and Managing Director – BSM India Pvt. Ltd., for advancing maritime operations, safety standards, and professional excellence at national and international levels.
- Capt. Arun Mehta, Managing Director – OSM Thome, India, for his distinguished leadership in maritime management, manpower development, and strengthening India's maritime human resource capabilities.

The Felicitation Address was delivered by Dr. Rajesh Ramachandren, President, AMET University, who reiterated the University's commitment to academic excellence, industry-integrated education, innovation, and sustainability.

Synergy Marine Group supports wind-assisted propulsion integration on MR tankship MAERSK TRIESTE



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Synergy Marine Group has supported the integration of wind-assisted propulsion technology on the MR tankship MAERSK TRIESTE, owned by Maersk Tankers and managed by Synergy Denmark A/S, with the installation of four eSAIL® suction sails supplied by bound4blue completed during scheduled yard activity in Antwerp.

The installation followed more than a year of preparatory work, during which Synergy Marine Group worked closely with the vessel's Master, its shipboard team, the vessel owner and the technology provider to support planning, technical readiness and safe execution. The Antwerp phase marked the final integration of the system as part of the vessel's broader maintenance schedule.

Synergy Marine Group's role focused on technical oversight, coordination and operational integration, supporting the safe incorporation of the eSAIL® system in line with class, regulatory and onboard operational requirements.

Synergy Marine Group acknowledges the professionalism and support of Capt. Harsimran S. Virdi, Master, Chief Engineer Andrey Dranov, and the entire MAERSK TRIESTE shipboard team, whose engagement was central to the completion of the work.

As shipowners explore a range of efficiency and emissions-related measures, projects such as this underline the role of ship managers as technical thought partners, supporting the practical integration of established technologies within day-to-day vessel operations.



The Special Convocation Ceremony was attended by members of the Executive Council, Academic Council, Finance Committee, senior administrators, faculty members, industry leaders, parents, and graduating students. The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem, marking a memorable, dignified, and inspiring academic occasion for the entire AMET University community.