

National Maritime Day Celebrations:

Kochi branch actively participated in the event of Maritime Day celebrations organised by Director General of Shipping and MMD offices in Kochi.

- i) **Walkathon:** The week-long celebrations were kicked off on 30th March by a Walkathon at Marine Drive commencing at 07:30 hrs. Members, faculty and students of IME(I) took part in the walkathon in large numbers, along with faculty and cadets from other Marine Training Institutes like KMSME- CUSAT, Eurotech, Albertine Maritime Institute, CIFNET, Indian Maritime University etc.



Cadets' Band in attendance at the Walkathon

- ii) **Flag Hoisting Ceremony:** Kochi Branch attended the flag hoisting ceremony on 5th April at 8:00 AM



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- iii) **Meeting:** The third part of the celebrations was a Meeting held at the Merchant Navy Club Hall in the evening, followed by cultural events and dinner. The branch received a memento from the organisers for actively participating in the celebrations. Dignitaries like a sitting Judge of High Court

of Kerala, Chairperson of Kochi Port Authority etc. were the main invitees of the meeting.



Mr. N. Rajan (Hon. Secretary, Kochi Branch) receiving the memento

- iv) **Blood Donation Camp:** The branch also took part in the Blood Donation activity, conducted as a part of the celebrations.



*Mr. **Sivaram Narayana Swamy**, GM (CSL) (Executive Committee member of IME(I) Kochi Branch) donating blood*

- v) **Vessel Opened to Public:** A passenger vessel belonging to The Lakshadweep Administration was opened to the public as a part of the celebrations.



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2. CIP Audit of the Courses conducted by the Kochi Branch

The CIP Audit was carried out successfully by Mr. Ritesh Gupta, Surveyor, Lloyds Register of Shipping on 29th March, 2023. After the survey, the Grade A1 was awarded to the branch, a repeat performance!