

V. O. CHIDAMBARANAR ENDOWMENT LECTURE

153rd Birth Anniversary Celebration of V. O. Chidambaranar
A Visionary Freedom Fighter and Maritime Pioneer



Join Us in Commemorating a Maritime Legend

Let's celebrate the legacy of V. O. Chidambaram Pillai and
chart the future of India's maritime excellence!

24th April, 2025 Thursday | Time: 10:00 am

Venue : Sri Janakiraman Auditorium

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Biography of V.O.C.



Vallinayagam Olaganathan Chidambaram Pillai

A Visionary Freedom Fighter and Maritime Pioneer

"Kappalottiya Tamizhan" (The Tamil Helmsman)

(05. 09. 1872 - 18. 11. 1936)

Vallinayagam Olaganathan Chidambaram Pillai (V.O.C.) popularly known as **"Kappalottiya Tamizhan"** (The Tamil Helmsman), was a revolutionary freedom fighter, lawyer, and entrepreneur who played a crucial role in India's struggle for independence. He was the founder of **Swadeshi Steam Navigation Company** (SSNC); established India's first indigenous shipping company in 1906 to counter British dominance in maritime trade. As a Champion of Labour Rights, he advocated for fair wages and working conditions, inspiring future movements for economic self-reliance.

Inspired by his indomitable spirit and pioneering role in maritime industry, AMET University, India's first Maritime Deemed to be University for maritime-related education, training and research, was founded by our Hon'ble **Founder Chancellor Dr. J. Ramachandran** in the year 1993.

About the University

Academy of Maritime Education and Training (AMET) is the first deemed to be University in Maritime Education, recognized by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India under de novo category. AMET is a pioneering University with membership in International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU), Japan. AMET is ranked fifth among the

Maritime Universities of World in PIMET (Performance Indicators in Maritime Education and Training) Ranking of the IAMU. AMET has been accredited with "Grade A (II Cycle)" by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), Government of India has awarded Grade A1 (Outstanding) through Comprehensive Inspection Programme (CIP) for the past five consecutive years. AMET has so far produced more than 16,000 graduates who are occupying indispensable positions in the shipping & allied industries and service sectors all over the World. Over 4000 students are pursuing various Programmes ranging from Degree to Doctoral programs through seven Faculties comprising of 16 departments in addition to two intensive research centres and seven specialized laboratories. AMET is equipped with excellent infrastructure and ICT enabled education tools and facilities for teaching, training, research and development, co-curricular and extracurricular activities. AMET has strong International and National collaborations with renowned industries and academia through which the University organizes on-campus placements for students and cadets across all disciplines.



About the Faculty of Maritime Studies

The Faculty of Maritime Studies was established in 2001 with the aim to educate and impart skills required for the candidates to have a passion in the Merchant Navy. The Faculty of Maritime Studies will continuously endeavour to enlarge its boundaries of knowledge by familiarizing various educational programs meeting the revolutionary requirements of the Maritime industry, keeping to its philanthropic attitude, holistic culture and value system.

We aim at generating World Class Mariners for Merchant Navy at AMET who will make our country & the Marine Civilization proud. We provide Cadet-centered training with the help of vast experienced faculty with diverse exposure and knowledge.

Our cadets are exposed to real-life on-board ship scenarios through well-equipped laboratories and they are in build with enormous skill sets not only to handle various circumstances successfully but also to think innovatively to add value to their employer and their community.

Our cadets have in depth knowledge in practical Hands-on training by using World class Ship in Campus our "Jewel of AMET" a real time Engine Room and Bridge Simulators.

About V. O. Chidambaranar Endowment

The V. O. Chidambaranar Endowment is established in the Faculty of Maritime Studies. The income from the endowment is used to support the university's operations and programs. Endowments can be used for teaching, research, public service, scholarships, and fellowships. The V. O. Chidambaranar Endowment organizes endowment lecture in every year related to the Ocean Technology and V. O. Chidambaranar's vision to the future Shipping industry.

Topic: Leadership and Sacrifice:
What Young India Can Learn from V. O. Chidambaranar



Mr. C. V. Chidambaram

Grandson of Revolutionary Leader V. O. Chidambaram Pillai
Managing Partner, Meenakshi Amman Rubber Seals, Madurai

Mr. C. V. Chidambaram is a seasoned professional with a distinguished career spanning the defence, corporate, and manufacturing sectors. Holding multiple academic qualifications, including B.E., M.A., M.Phil. and a Postgraduate Diploma in Labour Law and Administration Law, he has successfully blended technical expertise with legal and managerial acumen. Chidambaram served in the Indian Air Force for 20 years, demonstrating unwavering dedication and resilience in diverse and extreme environments. Following his illustrious military service, he transitioned into the corporate world, where he excelled as Pan India Sales Head for a leading automobile multinational corporation and later as Business Head in a renowned legal compliance services company. Currently, he is the Managing Partner of Meenakshi Amman Rubber Seals, Madurai. Under his leadership, the company continues to grow, delivering high-quality products tailored to industry needs.

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