

Concept Note

Webinar on Final-Internship Presentation – The UDA Framework, 07th August 2026

Maritime Research Center, Pune

Background

The Maritime Research Center (MRC), Pune, has been engaging students from Liberal Arts and interdisciplinary academic backgrounds through its internship programme to promote research-driven inquiry into contemporary maritime, geopolitical, environmental, governance, and societal issues. The programme equips interns with structured research methodologies, critical analytical skills, policy-oriented thinking, and interdisciplinary problem-solving approaches, using the Underwater Domain Awareness (UDA) framework and related national and global challenges as key reference points.

As the culminating activity of the internship programme, MRC is organising a webinar to showcase the research undertaken by the current cohort of interns. The webinar will serve as the final presentation forum, where interns will present the outcomes of their research before an expert panel comprising distinguished practitioners and scholars from diplomacy, strategic affairs, regional cooperation, academia, and policy. The event will provide an opportunity for participants to receive expert feedback, engage in meaningful discussions, and reflect on the broader policy and societal implications of their work.

Objectives

- To provide students with a platform to present the final outcomes of their research and demonstrate the quality, relevance, and analytical rigour of their work.
- To facilitate expert feedback, promote interdisciplinary learning, and encourage future research, publication, and collaboration.

Expected Outcomes

- Successful presentation of the internship research outputs, accompanied by expert feedback to support further refinement and dissemination.
- Strengthened research communication, professional engagement, and opportunities for continued collaboration among interns, mentors, researchers, and policy practitioners.

Programme Schedule

Date: 07th August 2026,

Duration: 1600 hrs – 1800 hrs

Time	Session
16:00 – 16:05	Welcome Remarks – Dr. (Cdr.) Arnab Das (Founder and Director, MRC) (5 mins)

16:05 – 16:13	Research Presentation: Mr Shridhar Prabhuraman (Deputy Director, MRC)– <i>Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) Digital Platform</i> (8 mins)
16:13 – 16:21	Research Presentation: Mr Vaibhav Sachan (MRC Intern; St. Stephen's College) – <i>Modelling and Simulation-Driven Marine Spatial Planning for India's Exclusive Economic Zone</i> (8 mins)
16:21 – 16:29	Research Presentation: Mr Callistine Lewis (Research Fellow and Head of Publication, MRC) – <i>UDA in the Global Order</i> (8 mins)
16:29 – 16:37	Research Presentation: Ms Ekta (MRC Intern; St. Stephen's College)– <i>The Global Relevance of UDA</i> (8 mins)
16:37 – 16:45	Research Presentation: Mrs J. Cathrine (Head of Research, MRC) – <i>Blue Economy Accounting Framework</i> (8 mins)
16:45 – 16:53	Research Presentation: Mr Peter Baiju (MRC Intern; St. Stephen's College)– <i>Sector-Specific Analysis for the Blue Economy Assessment (BEA)</i> (8 mins)
16:53 – 17:01	Research Presentation: Mrs Nishtha Vishwakarma (Head of Communication and Outreach) – <i>Implementing 100 Warriors Initiative through the UDA Framework</i> (8 mins)
17:01 – 17:09	Research Presentation: Ms Gunn Pahuja (MRC Intern; St. Stephen's College)– <i>Social Impact Assessment of Underwater Domain Awareness</i> (8 mins)
17:09 – 17:55	Expert Interventions (46 mins) Ms. Jenna Lindeke Heavenrich , Lead Analyst, Director, Yokosuka Council on Asia Pacific Studies (YCAPS), Tokyo. Mr Niraj Khinvasara , Executive Director, World Trade Center, Pune. Mr. Aditya Sinha , Executive Director, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), Mumbai. Mr. Amitabh Sinha , Deputy Editor, The Indian Express, New Delhi. Dr. Ajit Ranade , Dean Research, Pune International Center (PIC), India. Anup K. Mudgal , IFS (Retd.), Former Diplomat, Government of India.
17:55 – 18:00	Closing Remarks & Way Forward – Nishtha Vishwakarma (5 mins)

The webinar will mark the culmination of the internship programme, serving as the platform for interns to deliver their final presentations. It will provide an opportunity to showcase the outcomes of their research, receive expert feedback, engage in knowledge exchange, and reflect on the key insights and contributions of their work while fostering a culture of research excellence and interdisciplinary collaboration.

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