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Bhutan, India, Maldives,  
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## UNESCO Webinar in partnership with the National Maritime Foundation and Maritime History Society

### Safeguarding Underwater Cultural Heritage: Perspectives from India and beyond

24 September 2020, 16:00-18:35 IST

#### Opening Session

Moderator: Ms. Junhi Han, Chief of Culture Sector, UNESCO New Delhi Cluster Office

#### Opening Remarks

- 16:00-16:05 Mr. Eric Falt, Director and UNESCO Representative to Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka
- 16:05-16:10 Admiral Sunil Lanba, PVSM, AVSM, Indian Navy (Retd), Chairman, National Maritime Foundation and Former Chief of the Naval Staff, Indian Navy
- 16:10-16:15 Vice Admiral AR Karve, PVSM, AVSM, Indian Navy (Retd), Patron, Maritime History Society

#### Session I: Introduction to the UNESCO Convention on protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage and international best practices

Moderator: Ms. Snigdha Bisht, Programme Officer for Culture, UNESCO New Delhi

- 16:15-16:30 **Introduction to the UNESCO 2001 Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage:** by Ms Chihiro Nishikawa, Programme Specialist, 2001 Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage, Culture Sector, UNESCO, Paris

#### **International best practices on protecting and promoting underwater cultural heritage**

- 16:30-16:40 **Underwater Cultural Heritage in Indonesia: The Current State and Public Outreach:** by Ms Nia Naelul Hasanah Ridwan, Head of Research Institute for Coastal Resources and Vulnerability, Maritime Archaeology Research Scientist, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia
- 16:40-16:50 **Tourism and access to underwater cultural heritage in Eastern Europe:** by Dr Mladen Pešić, Director, International Centre for Underwater Archaeology, Zadar, Croatia
- 16:50-17:00 **Underwater diving trails, submerged museums and social participation New technologies applied to the registration, management and presentation of maritime, coastal and underwater cultural heritage:** by Dr Barbara Davidde, Director, Underwater Archaeology Operation Unit (NIAS), Istituto Centrale per il Restauro - Central Institute for Restoration, Ministero per i beni e le attività culturali e per il turismo (MIBACT), Italy

17:00- **UNESCO Best Practice initiatives - Valorising and raising awareness of**  
17:10 **underwater cultural heritage:** by Ms María Agúndez Lería, Head of the  
UNESCO Convention Area, Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, Spain

## Session II: Exploring India's underwater cultural heritage and its Safeguarding

### Theme 1: Recovering India's maritime heritage from the sea

Moderator: Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, AVSM & Bar, VSM, IN (Retd), Director-General, National Maritime Foundation

17:10- **Indian Maritime Archaeology: Tracing the Journey thus far:** by Dr André  
17:20 Baptista, Research Consultant, and Ms. Aishwarya Devasthali, Project  
Research Associate, Maritime History Society

17:20- **Diving efforts off Dwarka and Mamallapuram by Indian Navy in 2002 and**  
17:30 **2004:** by Cdr VS Rajan (Retd), Indian Navy

17:30- **Degree of research carried out in India, threats to submerged heritage and**  
17:40 **archaeological sites:** by Prof Alok Tripathi, Ph.D, Professor, Field  
Archaeology, Underwater Archaeology, Heritage Management, Museums,  
Assam University

### Theme 2: Domestic legislation and international co-operation

Moderator: Mrs Madhumita Kothari, Advocate, Supreme Court of India

17:40- **International law and Domestic legislation for protection of Underwater**  
17:50 **cultural heritage:** by Cdr Anand Kumar, Deputy Director, National Maritime  
Foundation

### Theme 3: India's potential in Underwater Cultural Heritage

Moderator: Cmde Odakkal Johnson, Director and Head of Research, Maritime History Society

17:50- **Protecting India's Maritime Heritage:** by Prof. Himanshu Prabha Ray, Former  
18:00 Chairperson, National Monuments Authority, Ministry of Culture, New Delhi

18:00- **Prospects to Progress Underwater Archaeology in India:** by Dr Tejas  
18:10 Garge, Director, Directorate of Archaeology, State of Maharashtra, and  
Academic Council Member, Maritime History Society

18:10-18:20: Question and Answer

## Closing Session Closing Remarks

18:20- Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, AVSM & Bar, VSM, IN (Retd), Director-  
18:25 General, National Maritime Foundation

18:25- Cmde Odakkal Johnson, Director and Head of Research, Maritime History  
18:30 Society

18:30- Ms. Junhi Han, Chief of Culture Sector, UNESCO New Delhi Cluster Office  
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