

Maharashtra Governor Inaugurates 62nd National Maritime Day and Merchant Navy Week Celebrations



Maharashtra Governor **Shri C P Radhakrishnan** inaugurated the 62nd National Maritime Day and the Merchant Navy Week at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai on 31st March 2025. Director General of Shipping **Shri Shyam Jagannathan, IAS**, pinned a miniature flag of National Maritime Day on the Governor's jacket and presented a memento and a Coffee Table Book to the Governor.

Addressing the officers, the Governor stressed the importance of the maritime sector to achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat. He called for better coordination between the Directorate General of Shipping, the Shipping Corporation of India, the Container Corporation, the Railways and traders. He further expressed the need for the modernisation of ports in the country.

The theme for this year's National Maritime Day was **Samridh Sagar – Viksit Bharat evam Neel Arth aur Harit**

Vikas Ke Liye Yuva' (Prosperous Seas – Developed India and Youth for Blue Economy & Green Growth).

Shri Ajithkumar Sukumaran, Chief Surveyor-cum-Addl. DG (Engineering), DG Shipping; **Shri Pandurang Raut**, Deputy Director General of Shipping; **Capt. B. K. Tyagi**, Chairman, Shipping Corporation of India; **Shri Pradeep Sudhakar K**, Chief Ship Surveyor-cum-Joint DG (Tech.) (I/C); **Dr. Sudhir S Kohakade**, Deputy Director General of Shipping; **Capt. Nitin Mukesh**, **Dy. Nautical Advisor-cum Sr. DDG(Tech)**; **Shri Mukul Dutta**, Shipping Master, Govt. Shipping Office; **Shri S M Rai**, senior Fellow Member, Institute of Marine Engineers (India); **Capt. Tushar Pradhan**, Chairman, Maritime Union of India; **Capt. Sankalp Shukla**, Manning Director, Bernhard Schulte Shipmanagement Crew Service and **Shri Milind Kandalgavkar**, General Secretary, National Union of Seafarers, were among those present.

Glimpses of the Event



Beach Clean-Up Marks National Maritime Day Celebrations

As part of the 62nd National Maritime Day and Merchant Navy Week celebrations, the National Maritime Day Celebrations (Central) Committee under the aegis of the Directorate General of Shipping, organised a beach clean-up drive at Dadar Beach, Mumbai on 31st March 2025.



The event began with an address by **Dr. Pandurang K. Raut, IRS**, Deputy Director General of Shipping, at Naarli Baug, Shivaji Park. Speaking on the theme *“Prosperous Seas – Developed India and Youth for Blue Economy & Green Growth”*, he highlighted the critical role of oceans in livelihoods, climate and economic development.



Career guidance sessions were conducted by **Capt. (Dr.) Ashutosh Apankar, Capt. Mihir Chandra** and **Mr. Mohan Singh Pal**, sharing insights into maritime career opportunities. Students from SCI MTI performed a

skit titled *“Environment First”*, focusing on the importance of environmental protection.



Over 600 students and volunteers, including participants from maritime colleges, schools, NCC, NSS, seafarers and Jay Foundation, took part in the initiative, collecting around one ton of waste and contributing significantly to the beach’s cleanliness. The event was supported by Maharashtra Maritime Board, Maritime Union of India, National Union of Seafarers of India and MSC Crewing Pvt. Ltd.



The event concluded with certificate distribution and a vote of thanks by **Ms. Bharati Bhandarkar**, promoting environmental awareness and community participation.

Youth at the Helm: NMDC 2025 Seafarer Seminar Highlights Maritime Sustainability



As part of the 62nd National Maritime Day, the Seafarer Seminar was successfully held on 1st April 2025 at the SCI Auditorium, Nariman Point, Mumbai. Centered around the theme “**Sustainable Shipping – Youth for Maritime Development**,” the event focused on the critical role of young professionals in advancing a sustainable future for the maritime industry. Held from 1500 to 1730 hrs, the seminar brought together key figures from the maritime sector, including industry leaders, policymakers and aspiring seafarers, to engage in thought-provoking discussions and share insights.

Under the stewardship of **Shri Shyam Jagannathan, IAS**, Director General of Shipping and **Capt. B.K. Tyagi**, Chairman & Managing Director of the Shipping

Corporation of India the seminar illuminated key facets within the theme. A special highlight of the event was the presence of **Capt. D.C. Sekhar**, Managing Director of AlphaMERS Ltd, who attended as a special invitee.

The seminar served as a dynamic platform to inspire the next generation of maritime leaders and promote collaborative efforts towards sustainable shipping practices. The seminar featured insightful discussions, expert perspectives and interactive sessions, providing valuable takeaways for attendees. The event reinforced the importance of youth engagement in driving sustainability within the maritime sector and concluded on a positive note with key takeaways for future initiatives.

Glimpses of the Event





Greener Seas Ahead: Industry Unites at NMDC Shipping Seminar



As part of the National Maritime Day Celebrations (Central) Committee, the committee successfully hosted a seminar on “Green Shipping Challenges” at the Indian Register of Shipping, Powai, Mumbai on 2nd April 2025. The event brought together maritime professionals, industry leaders and policymakers to explore sustainable solutions for the shipping sector.

The seminar focused on critical topics such as alternative fuels, eco-friendly ship technologies,

regulatory frameworks and sustainable port operations. Subject matter experts shared valuable insights on the challenges facing green shipping and discussed practical strategies to implement environmentally responsible practices within the maritime industry. The seminar served as a platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration aimed at reducing the environmental impact of global shipping.

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A Gift of Life: NMDC's Successful Blood Donation Drive

The National Maritime Day Celebrations (Central) Committee successfully partnered with reputed blood banks to organise a meaningful Blood Donation Drive on 3rd April 2025, held from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The drive took place across four locations: Sailors Home, Masjid, SCI MTI, Powai, MSC House, Andheri East and IMEI House, Nerul. Many generous donors came forward to support the cause, making a positive impact through their life-saving contributions. This initiative stood as a testament to NMDC's commitment to community welfare and social responsibility.

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In Memory's Wake: A Tribute at Victoria Dock



As part of the 62nd National Maritime Day Celebrations, the National Maritime Day Celebrations (Central) Committee under the aegis of Directorate General of Shipping organised a solemn visit to the Fire Explosion Memorial at Victoria Dock, Mumbai on 4th April 2025. This memorial commemorates the tragic explosion of April 14, 1944, when the SS Fort Stikine—carrying explosives—detonated in the dock during World War II, leading to immense devastation and the loss of countless lives.

The event was graced by **Shri Shyam Jagannathan, IAS**, Director General of Shipping,

who led the tribute to the brave seafarers, dock workers and first responders who perished in the disaster. His presence underscored the importance of remembering maritime heritage and honouring those who laid down their lives in service to the nation.

Officers and staff of the Directorate General of Shipping accompanied the Director General during the visit, reflecting the maritime community's collective respect, remembrance and continued commitment to maritime safety.

Glimpses of the Visit







Honouring India's Wartime Seamen

The 62nd National Maritime Day Celebrations (Central) Committee organised a solemn Wreath Laying Ceremony on Saturday, 5th April 2025, at the Indian Sailors' Home Society, Masjid Bunder, Mumbai, to honour the memory of Indian seafarers who sacrificed their lives during World Wars I and II.

Smt. Sujata Saunik, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, joined by **Shri Shyam Jagannathan, IAS**, Director General of Shipping and Chairman, NMDC (Central) Committee. Wreaths were laid by dignitaries and members of the shipping fraternity to pay tribute to the valiant seamen.

The Chief Secretary commended the facilities provided by the Indian Sailors' Home for seafarers and emphasised the importance of collaboration between the maritime industry and the Government of Maharashtra for infrastructure development, including Vadhvan Port and shipbuilding initiatives.

The ceremony also highlighted the rich history of the Memorial Hall and the Seamen's Hostel, established in remembrance of over 8,700 Indian seafarers who perished at sea during the two World Wars.





India's Maritime Strength Showcased at 62nd National Maritime Day Grand Finale



The Grand Finale of the 62nd National Maritime Day was held on Saturday, 5th April 2025, at the GJEPC Bharat Ratnam – Mega Common Facilitation Centre, SEEPZ SEZ, Andheri (East), Mumbai. The theme for this year was “**Samriddh Sagar - Viksit Bharat yevam Neel Arth aur Harit Vikas Ke Liye Yuva**” (“Prosperous Seas - Developed India and Youth for Blue Economy & Green Growth”). Distinguished maritime professionals, seafarers and their families attended the event, commemorating the first voyage of the Indian-owned vessel “S S Loyalty” from Mumbai to London on this day in 1919.

In a video message, **Shri Sarbananda Sonowal**, Hon’ble Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, appreciated the shipping industry’s progress and highlighted the policy reforms under Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, promoting global-standard infrastructure and seamless connectivity.

Shri T. K. Ramachandran, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, conveyed his greetings, emphasising initiatives that aim to reduce carbon emissions, enhance air quality and control marine pollution.

Capt. B. K. Tyagi, CMD of Shipping Corporation of India and Vice Chairman, NMDC (Central) Committee, delivered the keynote address, highlighting youth contributions in the maritime sector. He spoke about rising talents and how government policies are supporting their growth and involvement in nation-building.

As 2025 marks the 75th Anniversary of the Directorate General of Shipping, former Secretaries and Director Generals were honoured through courtesy visits and a tribute video that evoked a strong sense of nostalgia. A compilation of NMDC functions and sports events across India showcased the wide reach of the celebrations.

Shri Dnyaneshwar Patil, IAS, Development Commissioner, SEEPZ SEZ, was the Guest of Honour. He congratulated the maritime community and connected SEEPZ’s role with the shipping industry, suggesting collaborative opportunities in shipbuilding, training and skill development. He encouraged stakeholders to explore business possibilities in SEEPZ and expressed hope for achieving Maritime India Vision-2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision-2047.

Shri Shyam Jagannathan, IAS, Director General of Shipping and Chairman, NMDC (Central) Committee, reflected on India's maritime legacy and congratulated the Sagar Samman awardees and other recognised institutions. He praised the National Maritime Games-2025 and assured continued support for the 'Kheloge to Khiloge' initiative through better infrastructure and

outreach. He also shared progress on current initiatives in areas like women seafarers, shipbuilding, IT and e-Governance.

The year 2025 is significant as it marks the inaugural **National Maritime Games**, held throughout March. Winners were felicitated during the programme.

Sagar Samman Awards were presented to:

S. N.	Name of the NMDC Award	Name of awardees	Contribution
1	Sagar Samman Varuna Award (Highest category of such awards)	Capt. Rajesh Madhavan Unni	The highest singular and signal honor and recognition in the India maritime arena. It is an acknowledgement of the absolutely outstanding contributions of a stellar order of an Indian national rendered on a sustained basis, over time, primarily to and in the Indian maritime sector.
2	Sagar Samman Award for Excellence	Shri Bhuvaneshwar Saraswat	This is the second highest category of such awards, instituted and granted in recognition of meritoriously excellent contributions, of a very high order, made all-round and consistently by an individual in the maritime sector, over time.
3	Sagar Samman Award for Gallantry:	Captain Anmol Kumar Srivastava	To recognize acts of Gallantry performed by Indian seafarers employed in the Merchant Navy in India or elsewhere; To introduce general emulation of their exemplary conduct; And thus develop the best traditions amongst Indian seafarers

Additionally, 18 maritime organisations were recognised for outstanding performance across categories.

The celebration was attended by special invitees, officers from the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, DG Shipping, SCI, IRS and various government departments. Maritime companies, training institutes, RPSL, MTOs, unions and families of award

winners also joined. Cultural performances by cadets from various Maritime Training Institutes added charm to the event.

Shri Atul Ubale, Director (B&T) and Chairman, NMDC (Organizing), delivered the welcome address, while **Dr. Raut Pandurang**, Deputy Director General of Shipping and Member Secretary, NMDC (Central) Committee, gave the vote of thanks.

Recognition of Outstanding stakeholders in Maritime industry

Sr. No.	Name of the NMDC Award	Recommendations
1	Recognition For Outstanding Maritime Training Institutes	
1.1	Pre-sea training institutes conducting courses for Officer Cadets (Nautical & Engineering).	a) Samundra Institute of Maritime Studies, Lonavala- 1 st Rank b) Anglo Eastern Maritime Academy (A Division of Anglo Eastern Institute)-2 nd Rank c) Training Ship Rahaman - 3 rd Rank
1.2	Post-sea training institutes conducting Competency Courses.	a) Hindustan Institute of Maritime Training, Tidal Park, Thiruvanniyur, Chennai - 1 st Rank b) Hindustan Institute of Maritime Training, Kilpauk, Tamilnadu - 2 nd Rank c) FOSMA Maritime Institute And Research Organisations, Kolkata - 3 rd Rank
2	Recognition of outstanding Indian Employers of Seafarers	1) The Shipping Corporation of India (SCI)- 1 st Rank 2) Columbia Aurus Ship Management Private Limited- 2 nd Rank

Sr. No.	Name of the NMDC Award	Recommendations
3	Recognition of outstanding Foreign Employers of Indian Seafarers	
	Shipboard berth above 1000 GT	1) Anglo Eastern Ship Management Pvt Ltd- 1 st Rank 2) Synergy Maritime Pvt Ltd -2 nd Rank 3) Elegant Marine Services Pvt. Ltd – 3 rd Rank
4	Recognition of outstanding Indian Ports	
	outstanding Indian Ports	1) Kamarajar Port Ltd- 1st Rank 2) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA)- 2nd Rank
5	Recognition of outstanding Indian Terminals	
	outstanding Indian Terminals	1) PSA Mumbai (Bharat Mumbai Container Terminals Pvt. Ltd.)- 1st Rank 2)DP World Nhava Sheva- 2nd Rank
6	Recognition of outstanding Indian Ship-owning Companies	
	outstanding Indian Ship-owning Companies	1) The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd- 1st Rank 2) Seven Island Shipping Ltd.- 2nd Rank 3) Ocean Sparkle Limited & Adani Harbour Services Limited- 3rd Rank

Prize winners of National Maritime Games-2025

S.N.	GAMES	CATEGORY	GOLD
1	Table Tennis	TT Singles	Sanjay Patankar, MPA
		TT Doubles	Pankaj Kadoo and Sunil Kelkar, MPA
2	Swimming	Male	Vanshraj Khanna, Tolani
		Girls	Bhakti Zemse, NYK
3	Badminton	Singles	Ifitar Alom, IMU NMC
	Badminton	Doubles	Ajay Moghe & Prashant, JN Ports
4	Futsal		Parthiv June, Abhinav, Akhilesh Lobo, Jerson June from HIMT
5	Carrom	Singles	Sandeep Jadhav, Anglo Eastern
		Double	Sandeep Jadhav and Girish Nachne, Anglo Eastern
6	Pickle Ball		Yousuf And Omkar, TS Rahman
7	Chess		Rishi Jha, IMU NMC
8	Athletics-100 mtrs	Women Below 30	Diya Dilip, TMI
	Athletics-100 mtrs	Men Below 30	Vishal Varma, TMI
9	Relay-4 x 100 mtrs	Mens	SIMS
	Relay-4 x 100 mtrs	Women	TOLANI
10	Rowing	Women	Parvathy Manoj, IMU NMC
		Men	Gaurav Kumar, Menet
11	GOLF	Winner Over all	Jaywant Chaudhary
12	Darts		Sachin Pandit, SCI
13	Cricket	Winner	NUSI
14	Cricket	Exhibition match Women	IMU Chennai

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