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NMDC under aegis of DG Shipping, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways Celebrates 59th National Maritime Day Theme 2022: Propelling Indian Maritime to Net Zero



Hon Minister Shripad Naik

As National Maritime Day was being celebrated across India on 5th April 2022, 'Merchant Navy Week' celebration by National Maritime Day Celebrations (Central) Committee (NMDC) came to a close with a glittering ceremony at Domestic Cruise Terminus, Mumbai Port Trust on the 5th April 2022. Hon'ble Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Shri Shripad Naik graced the event.

National Maritime Day is dedicated to recall the role of maritime trade in the development of the Indian economy, and the role of India and its strategic location in global trade. "Propelling Indian Maritime to Net Zero" – was the theme adopted for this year's celebration.

National Maritime Day is celebrated on 05th April to commemorate the

maiden voyage of the first Indian commercial vessel SS Loyalty that set sail from Bombay (Mumbai) to London, on 05th April 1919. The ship was owned by Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd, the biggest large-scale Swadeshi shipping company of that time.

take Training and skill enhancement of Indian maritime institutes to global standards so as to achieve the goals of Maritime Vision 2030. He also apprised the maritime fraternity about various steps taken by the government for the promotion of tonnage under Indian Flag.



DG Shipping Amitabh Kumar addressing

Chief Guest and Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shripad Y. Naik congratulated all stakeholders of maritime fraternity on the occasion. He mentioned that gender equality in Indian maritime sector is our prime objective and gave the detailed account of steps taken to increase the participation of women in maritime sector. Now India has 3000 women in active employment in the sector.

He stressed upon the need to foster academic partnerships with leading global maritime Universities and

Shripad Naik further said that at present we have 156 maritime training institutes in the country. Indian maritime response to Covid-19 pandemic was exemplary, he said. On enhancing maritime skills, the minister informed that with collaborating with IITs and leading education institutions in maritime sector will help bring in skilled maritime human resources. Maritime sector is a key industry for achieving Aatma Nirbhar Bharat, the Minister added.

Director General of Shipping Amitabh Kumar in his keynote address mentioned that the path



Mrs Sonali Banerjee, Senior Surveyor IRS

towards net-zero target in the maritime sector would require to deliberate upon the overall operational supply chain including ports, future alternate fuels, technological modifications in ships, revamped logistics requirements and proper training and sensitization of the seafarer in particular and the whole maritime sector in general. He mentioned that the Directorate is the process of implementing online Certificate of Competency

examination for Seafarers and establishment of Maritime Knowledge Cluster to drive coordinated and collaborative research in maritime field.

The event was moderated by Mrs Sonali Banerjee, Senior Surveyor IRS and Mr. Bhadodia- DGS.

During the program, following Sagar Samman Awards were conferred:

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Capt. Bhasin with MSC Crewing Services Team receiving the honor.

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Family of Late Capt. Harry Subramaniam receiving the honor

1. **Sagar Samman Varuna Award- Recipient Late Capt. Harry Subramaniam.**



Capt. Bhasin appreciation his Team and NMDC

2. **Sagar Samman Award for Best Foreign Employer of Seafarers- Recipient MSC Crewing Services Pvt Ltd.**



Capt. Sushil Kumar Singh with family receiving honour for Crew of vessel " Greatship Ahalya"

3. **Sagar Samman Award for Gallantry- Recipient Capt. Sushil Kumar Singh and Crew of vessel " Greatship Ahalya".**



Mr. David Birwadkar receiving honor for The Great Eastern Institute of Maritime Studies

4. **Sagar Samman Award for Best Maritime Training Institute- Recipient The Great Eastern Institute of Maritime Studies, Lonavala.**

5. **Sagar Samman Award for Best Indian Ship Owning Company- Recipient The Shipping Corporation of India (SCI).**



6. **Sagar Samman Award for Best Indian Employer of Seafarers- Recipient The Shipping Corporation of India (SCI).**

On the occasion, release of NMDC Bulletin and a Coffee Table Book on 'Dufferin, Rajendra, Chanakya' was also released by **Hon Minister Shri Shripad Naik and DG Shipping Shri Amitabh Kumar**. TS Dufferin (1927-72), TS Rajendra (1972-93) and TS Chanakya (1993 – till date) are the Training Ships of the Indian Maritime University, Mumbai. While Dufferin and Rajendra were actual floating ships, TS Chanakya is a shore based training academy in Navi Mumbai offering various training programmes including the much sought after B.Sc (Nautical Sciences) degree.



Release of NMDC Bulletin



Release of Coffee Table Book

Earlier in the day, **Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi**, in a series of tweets recalled India's glorious maritime history on National Maritime Day. Stating the importance of maritime sector towards India's economic growth, he said that in the last eight years the Government of India has focussed on port-led development which includes expanding port capacities and making the existing systems even more efficient. He further said that waterways were being harnessed to ensure Indian products get access to new markets. He also emphasized that Government of India is taking adequate care to ensure the marine eco-system and diversity.

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal in his message emphasised the important contribution of seafarers during the tough COVID times in making country self-reliant and keeping global supply chain operational. The Minister informed that during the height of COVID pandemic over 2.10 lakh Indian seafarers served on Indian and Foreign ships. He further elaborated that the share of Indian seafarers in world shipping has grown by 25% between 2016 and 2019. "The Government is promoting 'Ease of Doing Business' to reduce logistics costs and facilitate shipping to make India a pre-eminent player in the maritime sector.



Vote of Thanks by Dr.Raut Pandurang, Secretary NMDC

Event was closed with **Vote of Thanks** by **Dr.Raut Pandurang, Secretary NMDC** to Chief Guest **Shri Shripad Naik, DG Shipping** **Shri Amitabh Kumar, CMD SCI** **Mrs H. K. Joshi, Chairman NMDC** **Shri Atul Ubale, Chairman JNPA** **Mr. Sanjay Sethi, Chairman Mumbai PT** **Mr. Rajiv Jalota** Maritime personalities, Seafarers and their families, officers and staff from Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, DG Shipping team, IRS, Shipping Companies, Maritime Training Institutes, Unions in Maritime field from

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Participants of the event

India and abroad and Sagar Samman award winners and their families, Media and other departments of Government of India and state governments all who participated, followed by **National Anthem.**

Shri Shripadji Naik, Minister of state for ports, shipping and waterways has been ever supportive of AIMPA activities. He was part of AIMPA's largest research paper competition on

Pilot ladder alternatives. He personally took interest post competition to discuss top ideas submitted by our cadets. His inclusion as AIMPA Maritime Pilot safety ambassador just



Capt. Nazir Upadhye honouring AIMPA Badge to Hon. Minister Shripad Naik

culminates the drive. He **function. Capt Nazir Upadhye** did the honours which followed by **sported the AIMPA badge through the** interactive discussions on Pilot activities.



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