

National Maritime Day

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The Prime Minister of India on the occasion of National Maritime Day, recalled India's rich maritime heritage and acknowledged the invaluable contribution of all those associated with the sector.

About National Maritime Day

- It is celebrated every year on **April 5**.
- **History:** National Maritime Day commemorates the **maiden voyage of S.S. Loyalty**, which sailed from **Mumbai to London on April 5, 1919**.
- This was a groundbreaking event as it represented India's independence in maritime affairs, challenging the British shipping monopoly.
- **Theme of National Maritime Day 2026:** "Maritime India – Empowering Progress"
- The theme of 2026 aims at fostering a self-reliant, technologically advanced, and eco-friendly maritime sector by 2047.
- **Key Focus Areas for National Maritime Day 2026**

- **Port-Led Development:** Expansion of port infrastructure, including the strengthening of the Sagarmala initiative to enhance India's port capacity.
- **Sustainability:** Promoting eco-friendly practices in shipping, and focusing on reducing the carbon footprint of the maritime industry.
- **Honouring Seafarers:** Acknowledging the vital role maritime professionals play in driving India's economy.
- **Technological Advancement:** Enhancing digital infrastructure to reduce port turnaround times and improve operational efficiency.

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