



## 61st National Maritime Day

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Recently, the 61<sup>st</sup> National Maritime Day was celebrated by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. The event also included the celebration of Sports Day on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in New Delhi.

- The day was observed as a tribute to the maiden voyage of the **first Indian-owned ship, SS Loyalty from Mumbai to London on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1919.**
- On this day, various ports and maritime organisations under MoPSW, commemorated the valour and dedication of seafarers, exemplifying Maritime Excellence.
  - Seafarers are people who work on ships or people who travel regularly on the sea.
- Also, the prestigious **Sagar Samman Awards** were to acknowledge exemplary contributions within the maritime sector.
- India is a signatory to both the **STCW Convention and the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC).**
  - **STCW Convention 1978:** It was the first to establish basic requirements on training, certification and watchkeeping for seafarers on an international level.
  - **The Maritime Labour Convention 2006:** It provides standards and regulations relating to the working and living conditions of seafarers.

**Read more:** [Maritime Vision 2030](#), [Call for Safer and Healthier Working Environments: ILO](#)

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