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NATIONAL SHIPPING BOARD

India's Apex Advisory Board on Shipping & Maritime
Affairs (Merchant Shipping Act, 2025)

NATIONAL SHIPPING BOARD

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING & WATERWAYS

The Maritime Transport is a critical infrastructure for the social and economic development of a country. It influences the pace, structure, and pattern of development. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways encompass within its fold ports, shipping, and waterways sectors which include Shipbuilding and Ship-repair, Major Ports, National Waterways, and Inland Water Transport.

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has been entrusted with the responsibility to formulate policies and programs on these subjects and their implementation. A comprehensive policy package is necessary to address the diverse issues facing the Maritime transport sector.

The National Shipping Board is established by the Central Government by way of a notification issued under the Section (4) of the Merchant Shipping Act-2025 (the old Merchant Shipping Act-1958) for a period of 2 years, from the date of notification. As per the statute, the Board shall advise the Central Government on matters relating to Indian Shipping including the development thereof and on such other matters arising of this act as the Central Government may refer to it for advise. The Board shall have power to regulate its own procedure for the conduct of business.



HONORABLE MINISTERS



SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL
Honorable Cabinet Minister



SHRI SHANTANU KUMAR
Honorable Minister of State

Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retd.)

Chairperson,
National Shipping Board



Chairperson's Message...

It gives me great pleasure to present the second edition of नौक्षितिजम्, the Quarterly Newsletter of the National Shipping Board, for the period July–September 2025.

The past quarter has been marked by steady progress and purposeful engagement across India's maritime sector. Aligned with the national vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and Amrit Kaal, the maritime ecosystem continues to play a pivotal role in enhancing India's trade competitiveness, logistics efficiency, and blue economy ambitions. The National Shipping Board remains committed to providing informed policy guidance and strategic direction to support this transformation.

During the quarter under review, the Board deliberated on key issues relating to port-led development, maritime logistics integration, coastal shipping, shipbuilding and repair, and seafarer welfare. Our consultations with stakeholders—including government departments, industry bodies, ports, shipping companies, and maritime professionals—have reinforced the importance of collaborative and evidence-based policymaking in addressing both emerging opportunities and structural challenges.

I am particularly encouraged by the growing emphasis on sustainability, digitalisation, and resilience within the maritime sector. Initiatives aimed at green shipping, alternative fuels, capacity building, and technological adoption are not only future-ready but are also critical to strengthening India's leadership in global maritime governance. The Board will continue to engage actively on these priorities and provide constructive recommendations to the Government.

नौक्षितिजम् endeavours to serve as a platform for sharing insights, perspectives, and key developments from across the maritime domain. I hope this edition provides readers with a meaningful overview of the Board's work and stimulates informed discussion within the wider maritime community.

I take this opportunity to place on record my appreciation for the Members of the National Shipping Board, the Secretariat, and all stakeholders for their continued support and valuable contributions. I also encourage maritime professionals and institutions to engage actively with the Board as we collectively navigate the evolving horizons of India's maritime future.

I wish our readers an enriching experience with this edition of नौक्षितिजम्.

Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retd.)

Chairperson

National Shipping Board

Corrigendum to the Composition of the Board Gazzatte Notification dated 23.09.2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 4 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958(44 of 1958) read with Rule 4 of the National Shipping Board Rules, 1960, the Central Government hereby makes the following amendment in the notification vide S.O.1935(E) dated the 30th April, 2025 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section(ii). In the said notification, and entries relating thereto, the following serial number and entry shall in particular be substituted, namely:

"For serial number 11 and entry relating thereto, may be read as Captain Savio Ramos, General Secretary of the Maritime Union of India (MUI) in place of Captain Tushar Pradhan as Member."

2. The remaining terms of the Notification vide S.O.1935 (E) dated the 30th April 2025 will remain same.

Know about the new Board Member



Capt. Savio Ramos

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Captain Savio Ramos, a highly respected master mariner, has dedicated his life to the maritime profession, earning wide acclaim for his exemplary leadership, integrity, and unwavering commitment to the welfare of seafarers. He brings with him an extensive professional background and vast maritime experience. Over the course of his career, he has served in reputed international shipping companies such as Wallem, Dynacom Tankers, and Valles Steamship, where he commanded diverse vessels and led multinational crews with more than 37 years at sea, including 25 years in command.

Beyond his service at sea, Captain Ramos has been actively engaged in seafarers' welfare initiatives, training, and mentorship, consistently advocating for higher standards of safety, fair employment practices, and improved working conditions. His vision is deeply aligned with the mission of MUI — to be a strong, collective voice for Indian seafarers at national and international forums.

Know about the new Board Secretary



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Capt. Nitin Mukesh is a distinguished maritime professional with extensive experience in maritime administration, safety regulation, port security, and crew welfare. In addition to his core roles, he is presently appointed as Commissioner in the Seafarers Provident Fund Organization SPFO and was appointed as Secretary, NSB, in July, 2025 reflecting the confidence placed in his leadership across multiple critical maritime institutions.

Capt. Mukesh plays a key role in policy formulation and regulatory oversight aimed at strengthening India's maritime safety, security, and operational efficiency. He has been actively involved in major national maritime forums, including the 20th Maritime States Development Council (MSDC) Meeting held in Goa in September 2024, where he contributed to strategic deliberations on maritime security, regulatory reforms, and trade facilitation. A significant milestone under his stewardship has been the notification and implementation of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Rules, 2024, with the Directorate General of Shipping designated as the National Enforcement Authority.

As DDG (Crew), Capt. Mukesh oversees key crew welfare initiatives, including the Seafarers' Welfare Fund Society (SWFS), SPFO, Sagar Mein Yog, and Sagar Mein Samman, ensuring the effective administration of welfare schemes aimed at improving the social security, wellbeing, and quality of life of Indian seafarers.

Stakeholders Consultation of the Board

S. N.	Venue of the Meeting & Date	Details of the Stakeholder Consulted	Agenda Discussed
1.	Mumbai & 16.07.2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deendayal Port Authority, Kandla, Gujarat • Gujarat Maritime Board, Gandhinagar, Gujarat • Association of Ship Recycling Industry Alang, Gujarat • Alang Sosiya Ship Recycling and General Workers Association, Alang, Gujarat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination of a NSB member on the Governing Council of NMIS Mumbai • Issues of Shipping Building. Ship Repairing Sector & Ship Recycling & Workers' issues in Ship Recycling Sector • Issues of Indian Seafarers • Indian Representation in the IMO • Creation of New Sub Group on "Maritime Emergency Preparedness and Response" & "Authentic documentation of India's Maritime Heritage & Legacy" • Development of Maritime Single Window • Rationalization of existing Sub Groups (2023) & Formation of new sub groups (2025) of the NSB. • Status of Submission of Reports by existing Sub Groups (2023) • Decision on Membership of the NSB in the India Maritime Centre (IMC) Mumbai • Holding of the meetings of the NSB in the Coastal States • Publication of the monthly newsletter of the National Shipping Board • Issue of Email ID & Photo Identity cards to the members of the Board • Secretarial Assistance to the Board • Office Accommodation for the Board in New Delhi • Upgradation of the NSB Website • Logo for the NSB, Tagline for the NSB Logo • NSB Social Media handle

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2.	Kandla, Gujarat & 25.08.2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gandhi Dham Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Gandhi Dham, Gujarat • Kandla Ship Chandlers and Ship Repairers Owners Association, Gandhi Dham, Gujarat • FRRO Representative, Kandla, Gujarat • Mercantile Marine Department, Kandla, Gujarat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues relating to the Deendayal Port Authority • Issues relating to Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) • Issues relating to Gandhidham Chamber of Commerce & Industry • Status of submission of Subgroup Reports of old sub groups (2023) • Finalisation of Composition and TOR of the New Subgroups (2025) • Publication of the Monthly Newsletter of the National Shipping Board • Issue of Email ID & Photo Identity cards to the members of the Board • Secretarial Assistance to the Board • Office Accommodation for the Board in New Delhi • Upgradation of the NSB Website • NSB Social Media handle • Logo for the NSB with the Sanskrit tagline

Stakeholders Consultation of the Chairperson, NSB

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1.	JNPA, Mumbai	17.07.2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority, Mumbai JNPA Centralized Parking Plaza (Divvya), Mumbai JNPA SEZ, Mumbai
2.	Nhava Panvel, Raigad	17.07.2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T S Rehman Maritime Institute, Mumbai
3.	SCI, Mumbai	18.07.2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shipping Corporation of India, Mumbai Narottam Morarji Institute of Shipping, Mumbai
4.	Bhavnagar, Gujrat	22-23.08.2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Norwegian Consulate ILO India Office
5.	Alang, Gujarat	22-23.08.2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bansal Ship Recycling Yard, Alang, Gujarat Alang Soshiya Ship Recyclers and General Worker Association Alang, Gujarat
6.	Kandla	25.08.2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lighthouse, Kandla, Gujarat
7.	Mundra Port	26.08.2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mundra port New, Gujarat Mundra port Old Gujarat
8.	Gandhinagar	28.08.2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar Gujarat Maritime Board, Gandhinagar
9.	Lothal	29.08.2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Maritime Heritage Complex

Photo Gallery



Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, Retd. IAS, Chairperson of the National Shipping Board chaired the second meeting of the newly constituted Board on 16.07.2025 at DG Shipping, Mumbai.



Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, Retd. IAS, Chairperson, NSB with Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority Officials on 17.07.2025.

Photo Gallery



Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, Retd. IAS, Chairperson, NSB in an engaging discussion with Shri Unmesh Vagh, Chairman, JNPA during his visit to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority on 17.07.2025.



Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, Retd. IAS, Chairperson, NSB had an interaction with the officials of the Shipping Corporation of India, Mumbai on 18.07.2025.

Photo Gallery



Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, Retd. IAS, Chairperson of the National Shipping Board chaired the meeting with the officials of Shipping Corporation of India on 18.07.2025 at Mumbai.



Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, Retd. IAS, Chairperson, NSB attended the Convocation Ceremony at Narottam Morarji Institute of Shipping in Mumbai as the Chief Guest on 18.07.2025.

Photo Gallery



Chairperson, NSB welcomed Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, The Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways during the interaction of the Hon'ble Minister with the Members of the NSB at Transport Bhawan, New Delhi on 20.08.2025.



Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways interacted with the Members of National Shipping Board at Transport Bhawan, New Delhi on 20.08.2025.

Photo Gallery



Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, Retd. IAS, Chairperson, NSB and Ms. Sanjam Sahi Gupta, Member NSB visited the Alang Shiprecycling Yard with the Officials of ILO, Consulate of Norway and Shri Vidhyadhar Rane, General Secretary of Alang Sossiya Ship Recycling and General Workers Association on 22.08.2025 at Alang.



Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, Retd. IAS, Chairperson NSB participated as chief panelist in the concluding session of the Indo Norwegian Joint Workshop on the Challenges of Ship Recycling at Alang Vis-a-Vis Hong-Kong Convention organized at Bhavnagar, Gujarat on 22.08.2025.

Photo Gallery



Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, Retd. IAS, Chairperson of the National Shipping Board chaired the third meeting of the newly constituted Board on 25.08.2025 in the Conference Hall of Deendayal Port Authority, Kandla.



Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, Retd. IAS, Chairperson of the National Shipping Board, Shri Rahul Modi, Member NSB and Shri Santosh Darokar, PO, MMD planted a tree each during their visit to Mercantile Marine Department, Kandla on 25.08.2025.

Photo Gallery



Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, Retd. IAS, Chairperson of the National Shipping Board and Shri Rahul Modi, Member, NSB with the Officials of Lighthouse Kandla on 25.08.2025.



Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, Retd. IAS, Chairperson and Members of the National Shipping Board visited the Deendayal Port during his visit to Kandla on 25.08.2025.

Photo Gallery



Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, Retd. IAS, Chairperson of the National Shipping Board visited New Mundra Port, Gujarat on 26.08.2025.

Photo Gallery



Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, Retd. IAS, Chairperson of the National Shipping Board with Officials of National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal on 29.08.2025.



Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, Retd. IAS, Chairperson and Shri Rahul Modi, Member of the National Shipping Board visited the ongoing works of NMHC Lothal on 29.08.2025.

We gratefully acknowledge the contributions of the Board Members, stakeholders and partners in preparing this issue. Stakeholders are invited to share articles, suggestions and inputs for the next volume at chairperson.nsb@gov.in

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