



# NATIONAL MARITIME DAY CELEBRATIONS (CENTRAL) COMMITTEE

Registered Society & Charitable Trust  
Regn. No. MS.BOM-679/1988-GBBSD & F/13025/BOM

**F.No.52nd NMDC/Awards/2015**

**Date: 9th February ,2015**

To  
All DGS approved training institutes.

**Sub: Nomination for awards – NMDC Week Celebrations 2015**

Dear Sir,

The National Maritime Day is celebrated every year on 5<sup>th</sup> April in commemoration of the maiden voyage of the first Indian Vessel "S.S. LOYLTY" owned by M/s. Scindia Steam Navigation Company from Mumbai to London on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 1919. The National Maritime Day recognizes the services of seafarers and services of persons and organizations connected with promotion and development of national maritime industry by giving them awards, scholarship and facilitations.

2. The theme adopted for the 52nd edition of the 'National Maritime Day' Celebrations scheduled to be held in 2015, on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, is **'Make in India' – an opportunity for the maritime sector**. The 'National Maritime Day' (NMD) synonymous with the 'Merchant Navy Week' is proposed to be observed from the 30<sup>th</sup> of the March, 2015 to the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015. On this occasion, following Shipping awards will be given:

(A). **"Varuna Award"** to recognize and honour persons for their sustained and outstanding contribution to the Indian Maritime Sector. The award would consist of a statue of Lord Varuna, Certificate and a Citation.

(B) **"NMD Award of Excellence"** to recognize and honour persons for their lifetime exceptional and distinguished achievements or performance at the senior functional level in Indian Maritime Sector. The award would consist of a Memento, Certificate and a Citation.

(C). **"Outstanding Contribution to Maritime Education and Training"** to recognize and honour distinguished individual(s) for their sustained contribution to the Maritime Education and Training.

(D). **"Gallantry Award to the Indian Seafarers"** to recognize exemplary acts of Gallantry shown during the year ended 31.12.2014. The award would consist of a Memento, Certificate and a Citation.

(E). Best Foreign Employer of Indian Seafarers.

(F). Most Compassionate Employer of Indian Seafarers.

(G). The Indian Shipping Company with Highest Growth of Indian Flag Vessels.

(H). Ship (Indian Flag in Foreign Trade) of the Year.



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- (I). Youngest Officer awarded the IInd Mate Certificate of Competency in 2014.
- (J). Youngest Officer awarded the MEO Class IV Certificate of Competency in 2014.
- (K). Rating obtained the IInd Mate/MEO Class IV Certificate of Competency in 2014.

3. The purpose of the category at Sr no. D to K is to recognize and honour the Indian Seafarers, Indian Shipping Companies and Foreign Employers for their sustained contribution to the cause of Indian Shipping and at the same time to motivate and encourage them to maximize their efforts towards this cause.

4. The National Maritime Day Celebrations (Central) Committee has accordingly decided to invite nominations for awarding the above categories to eminent persons/ companies eligible as mentioned above and to confer the same to the recipients on the occasion of the 52nd National Maritime Day Celebrations (Main Function) on **5<sup>th</sup> April, 2015**.

5. It is therefore, requested that nomination(s) from your organization for grant of above awards may kindly be sent to us with full details of nominees latest by **4<sup>th</sup> March, 2015** so that the same can be examined and evaluated by the Committee, appointed for the purpose. The applications will not be considered after the due date.

6. It is also requested that nominations be also forwarded for **IMO Bravery Award** as per IMO Circular number 3483 dated 03 September 2014 (Copy attached)

7. For further information with regard to guidelines on the above awards, you may kindly visit our website namely [dgshipping.gov.in](http://dgshipping.gov.in).

Yours faithfully,

(Sanjay Anchalwar)

Dy. Director General of Shipping &  
Member Secretary, NMDC (Central) Committee

Encl. As above