



NATIONAL MARITIME DAY CELEBRATIONS (CENTRAL) COMMITTEE

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No.55th NMDC/Awards/2018

Date: 31.01.2018

To,
INSA/FOSMA/MASSA

Sub: Nomination for awards – NMDC Week Celebrations 2018

Dear Sir,

As you are aware that the National Maritime Day is celebrated every year on 5th 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 5th 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 'National Maritime Day' (NMD) synonymous with the 'Merchant Navy Week' is proposed to be observed from the 29th of the March, 2018 to the 5th of April, 2018. On this occasion, following Shipping awards will be given:

- (1) **"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.
- (2) **"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.
- (3) **"Outstanding Contribution to Maritime Education and Training"** to recognize and honour distinguished individual(s) for their sustained contribution to the Maritime Education and Training.
- (4) **"Gallantry Award to the Indian Seafarers"** to recognize exemplary acts of Gallantry shown during the year ended 31.12.2017. The award would consist of a Memento, Certificate and a Citation.
- (5) Best Foreign Employer of Indian Seafarers.
- (6) Most Compassionate Employer of Indian Seafarers.
- (7) The Indian Shipping Company with Highest Growth of Indian Flag Vessels.
- (8) **"Eminent Overseas Maritime Personality Award"** to institute a special award to recognize and honor NRIs, PIOs/ OCIs for their sustained and outstanding contribution to the Maritime Sector.

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3. The purpose of the category at Sr no. 4 to 8 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.

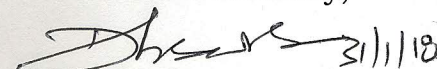
4. The National Maritime Day Celebrations (Central) Committee invites nominations for awarding the above categories to eminent persons/ companies eligible as mentioned above and to confer the same to the recipients on the occasion of the 55th National Maritime Day Celebrations (Main Function) on **5th April, 2018**.

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 **28th February, 2018** so that the same can be examined and evaluated by the Committee, appointed for the purpose. The nomination received after the due date will not be considered for evaluation.

6. It is also requested that nominations be also forwarded for **IMO Bravery Award** as per IMO Circular number 3781 dated 27th October 2017.

7. For further information with regard to guidelines on the above awards, you may kindly visit our website namely dgshipping.gov.in so as to download the guidelines and IMO Circular number 3781 dated 27.10.2017 accordingly.

Yours faithfully,



(DSR Satya Prakash)

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