



National Maritime Day Celebrations (Central) Committee

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To,

All DGS approved Maritime Training Institutes.

Sub: Nomination for Sagar Samman Awards - 2023 -reg.

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 30th March, 2023 (Thursday) to 5th April, 2023 (Wednesday). It is further to inform that as suggested by Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Govt. of India, the NMDC (Central) Committee reduced the number of Awards by continuing three (03) 'Individual - based Awards' and changed the others 'Institution/ Entity based Awards' into ranking system. On this occasion, following awards will be given:

- (1) **"Sagar Samman Varuna Award"**: This is the highest category of such awards, granted for consistently exceptional and outstandingly all-round and leadership contributions made by an individual in the maritime sector, over time. The award would consist of a statue of Lord Varuna, Certificate and a Citation.
- (2) **"Sagar Samman Award for Excellence"**: This is the second highest category of such awards, granted for meritoriously excellent contributions, of a very high order, made all-round and consistently by an individual in the maritime sector, over time. The award would consist of a Ship Model, Certificate and a Citation.
- (3) **"Sagar Samman Award for Gallantry"**: This award is recognition of an exceptional act of outstanding bravery demonstrated in extraordinarily adverse circumstances in a maritime situation, including at risk to one's life.
- (4) **"Recognition of outstanding Maritime Training Institutes"**: This will be by way of formal recognition of the exceptional contributions made by three such entities, in each of the three identified categories, for advancing the cause of human resource development and skill up-gradation.
- (5) **"Recognition of outstanding Indian Ship-owning Companies"**: This will be by way of formal recognition of the all-round and consistent contributions made by three of the best Indian ship-owning companies for progressing the cause of the Indian merchant shipping flag, including tonnage and maritime safety & security and marine environmental pollution control.