



TECHNICAL ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT BY CENTRES / OVERSEAS CHAPTERS

Name of Centre / Overseas Chapter:		Meerut Local Centre	
Title of Activity:		Celebration of National Maritime Day	
Activity under Divisional Board (delete which are not applicable):		Statutory Day	
Date:	05-04-2025	Venue:	On google meet from own place

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Keynote Speaker Addressing the Audience	Participants in the Webinar

Brief Report:

Celebration of National Maritime Day – 05 April 2025

National Maritime Day was celebrated on 05 April 2025 by organizing a webinar on Google Meet. The event was hosted by the Institution of Engineers (India), Meerut Local Centre. Er. R.P. Agrawal, Chairman of the Centre, warmly welcomed the members and guests.

The keynote speaker for the occasion was Er. Ranvir Singh, FIE, Retired Chief Engineer, Merchant Navy. The theme for this year's World Maritime Day, which will be observed globally in the last week of September 2025, is "Our Ocean, Our Obligation, Our Opportunity." The same theme was adopted for India's National Maritime Day celebration.

Er. Ranvir Singh highlighted the crucial role of oceans in both national and global economies, noting that over 80% of global trade is transported by sea. He emphasized the ocean's significance as a source of employment and food for millions, a habitat for diverse marine life, and a regulator of the Earth's climate, helping mitigate the effects of climate change.

He further elaborated on the significance of National Maritime Day, which

commemorates the maiden voyage of S.S. Loyalty, the first Indian-owned ship that sailed from Mumbai to London in 1919. India, with a coastline of approximately 8,000 kilometers, hosts 12 major ports and over 200 minor ones. These ports handle about 95% of the country's trade by volume and 70% by value.

Er. Singh underlined the pivotal role of the shipping industry in safeguarding the marine environment and sustainably managing ocean resources. He discussed how, over the years, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has developed and enforced various mandatory regulations, recommendations, and guidelines aimed at minimizing the environmental impact of shipping. These include global treaties to prevent pollution from oil, hazardous chemicals, packaged goods, sewage, garbage, and harmful emissions from ships. IMO's efforts support the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly SDGs 14 (Life Below Water), 13 (Climate Action), 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), and 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

As a maritime lawyer, Er. Singh also provided a comprehensive overview of maritime laws, followed by an engaging question-and-answer session.

The webinar concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Er. S.C. Mittal, Honorary Secretary, Meerut Local Centre. The event was convened by Er. Rajneesh Kumar.