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NMDC Committee celebrated "The Day of the Seafarer" On 25th June, 2019

25th June is celebrated every year as the Day of the Seafarer and celebrated internationally by the Maritime World. The day is an occasion to show respect to these sea men and women who bravely lead their lives at the high seas. It's also an opportunity to celebrate the qualities and merits of these men and women, who contributes largely to the economy of the country.

Under the aegis of Director General of Shipping, "The day of the Seafarer" was celebrated with full fanfare at Swatantrya Veer Savarkar Auditorium, Mumbai on **25th June 2019.** This is the 9th edition of the **Seafarer's Day** celebration in India. **The Theme of the year is** <u>'I Am on Board with Gender Equality'.</u>

Dr. Malini Shankar, I.A.S., Former Director General of Shipping, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Ms. Vijaya Rahatkar, Chairperson, Maharashtra State Commission for Women & Lt. Cdr. Bidisha Pandey, Logistics Officer, Sagar Prahar Bal, Organisation under Indian Navy were the Guests of Honour. These dignitaries while addressing the gathering empahsised that the change of mindset was required to provide greater opportunities for women to utilise their potential in various preferential areas.

Shri Amitabh Kumar, IRS, DG Shipping, Capt. Anoop Kumar Sharma, CMD SCI, Shri SPS Jaggi, Chairman NMDC Committee (Mumbai) & Director (P&A) SCI also graced the occasion and enlightened the audience with their words of wisdom & expertise in the field.

This occasion was celebrated in the presence of distinguished guests from shipping fraternity including family members of seafarers in great numbers. A panel discussion on the theme was organised under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Malini Shankar. Thereafter, to conclude the ceremony a cultural programme by seafarers was organised. The Maritime professionals from the industry were also felicitated for their outstanding achievements in various fields alongwith students from Maritime Training academies.

- NMDC Committee, Mumbai.





