



TECHNICAL ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT BY CENTRES / OVERSEAS CHAPTERS

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| 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:  | 05-04-2026                           | Venue: | On google meet from own place |

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| <b>Keynote Speaker Addressing the Audience</b>                                     | <b>Participants in the Webinar</b>  |

**Brief Report:**

National Maritime Day was celebrated on 05 April 2026 by organizing a webinar on Google Meet. Chairman, IEI, Meerut Local Centre Er. S.C. Mittal welcomed the members of IEI and guests. Er. Ranvir Singh, FIE, Retired Chief Engineer, Merchant Navy was the keynote speaker. The theme for this year's National Maritime Day is "Maritime India - Empowering Progress".

National Maritime Day commemorates the maiden voyage of S.S. Loyalty, the first Indian owned ship from Mumbai to London in 1919 and to acknowledge the significance of maritime sector to India's economy and trade. The day is being observed every year since 1964. Er. Ranvir Singh highlighted the importance of Maritime in India as bulk of India's trade externally moves via sea. The maritime industry has transformed the whole world into, a sort of global village which acts as interconnected, interdependent economic space and in turn acts as the backbone of international trade carrying over 80% to 90% of global trade by volume. Through efficient, low cost and high volume transport, maritime shipping bridges the gap between producers and consumers, making global supply chain possible. The maritime industry has articulated this transformation by containerization revolution- 1950 was the pivotal moment, intermodal connectivity- seamless movement between ships, trains and trucks and Just in

time logistics- reducing storage costs and allowing products to be assembled with components from multiple countries. The maritime sector facilitates the “village” concept by creating intense interdependence, where products manufactured in one part are consumed in another.

National progress is brought about through a holistic multidimensional approach, that combines economic growth, social development, infrastructural expansion and political stability rather than relying solely on technological or financial achievements. It requires a balance of strong values, good governance and active participation from citizens to create sustainable and inclusive growth. For national progress, empowerment of women, youth and marginalized communities is essential. Empowerment is fundamentally about enabling people to reach their full potential and take ownership of their future.

There was Question- Answer session at the end of the presentation by the keynote speaker.

To conclude the webinar, Er. Nikhil Kishore, Hony. Secretary, IEI, Meerut Local Centre presented the vote of thanks. Er. Rajneesh Kumar was the convener of the event.