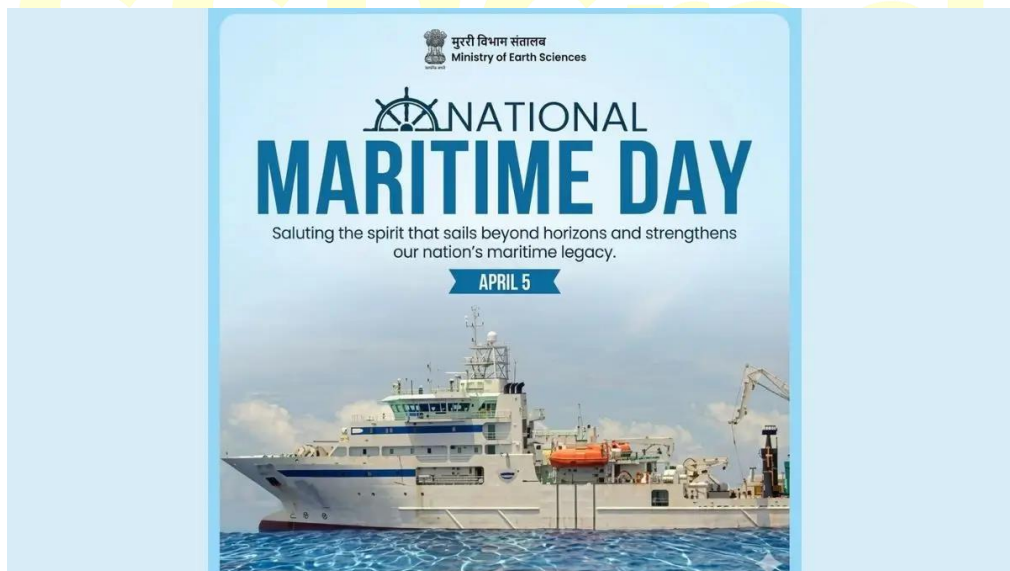


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National Maritime Day 2026

- Every year on 5th of April India celebrates the National maritime Day. This day recognize the the rich maritime heritage and crucial role of the shipping sector which help to economic growth and national security of nation.
- 63rd Maritime day to be celebrated under the theme of “**Maritime India – Empowering Progress**”. The origin of this day trace back to the April 5, 1919 when the historic ship SS Loyalty has sailed from Bombay to London.
- Although the historic voyage occurred in 1919, The Government of India officially declared April 5th as National Maritime Day in 1964.



Intl Day of Sport for Development and Peace

- International Day of Sport for Development and Peace celebrated worldwide on the 6th April every year. For the 2026 the theme is “**Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers**” and which reflects the powerful message that sports are not just games but its tools for unity, inclusion and global cooperation.

- The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace was officially declared by the United Nations in 2013 and has been observed annually since the 2014.
- This global observance,
- Promotes the peace, inclusion and equality
- Also encourages community development through sport
- And highlights sport's role in education, health, and social change



**INTERNATIONAL
DAY OF SPORT
FOR DEVELOPMENT
AND PEACE**



IAS Chanchal Kumar Takes Charge as I&B Secretary

- Shri Chanchal Kumar has taken charge as the Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on the 1st of April, 2026. Mr. Chanchal Kumar is the 1992 batch IAS officer from the Bihar cadre and he will succeed the Sanjay Jaju.
- The appointment of the Chanchal Kumar as Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is the important bureaucratic appointment.
- The ministry plays the crucial role to regulating media, broadcasting and digital communication in the country. It is also overseeing the public broadcasters like the Doordarshan and All India Radio.



Brand Ambassador for India Census 2027

- The Government of India has appointed the Famous Sand artist Mr. Sudarshan Pattnaik as the brand ambassador for Census 2027. Announcement made by the Ministry of Home Affairs and it aims to encourage the citizen to participate in the country's first-ever digital census.
- He is an internationally acclaimed sand artist from the State of Odisha. He is also widely recognized for the blending art with social awareness and drives.
- He was also honored with the Padma Shri Awards in the year 2014 for his contribution to art and public messaging via unique artwork.
- The launch of the Census 2027 hints the major transformation in how the India can collect and manage demographic data.
- For the first time the enumerators will use smartphone based mobile applications instead of the traditional paperwork methods.
- This digital shift is expected to improve accuracy and efficiency and also to reduce delays in data processing. And this will also ensure real time monitoring.
- Additionally, the citizens can now have the option to participate via the self-enumeration portal and this feature never have been introduced before in the India's census history.



Murali Sreeshankar Wins Men's Long Jump

- Indian long jumper Murali Sreeshankar has delivered the strong performance and won in men's long jump event at the Indian Athletics Series 2026. He was competing for the first time this season and he recorded the jump of 8.15 metres.
- This is his best performance after returning from knee surgery in 2024. The event took place at the Kanteerava Stadium and where the Sreeshankar stand out as the only athlete to cross the 8-metre mark.
- The event has seen competitive performances but Sreeshankar have dominated the field.
- Winner: Murali Sreeshankar – 8.15m
- Second Place: Sunny Kumar – 7.90m
- Third Place: Purushotham – 7.87m
- Also the women's event has witnessed the tight competition.
- Winner: Ancy Sojan – 6.54m
- Runner-up: Shaili Singh – 6.52m
- Third Place: Moumita Mondal – 6.37m



Sadhana Saptah 2026

- Sadhana Saptah abbreviation is Strengthening Adaptive Development and Humane Aptitude for National Advancement. It is one of India's largest collaborative governance initiatives.
- It is organized by **Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT)**, Capacity Building Commission and the Karmayogi Bharat. The initiative aims to promote responsive and citizen-first governance and also to build skills and competencies among civil servants.
- Sadhana Saptah idea lies in the Mission Karmayogi which is the India's flagship program for the civil services capacity building. It is also known as the National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building.
- **Three Core Themes Driving Sādhana Saptah 2026**
- Technology: Which will be powering the smart governance.
- Tradition: Learning from the India's knowledge systems
- Tangible: Measuring real impact of the reforms



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. When is National Maritime Day celebrated in India?

- A. April 1
- B. April 3
- C. April 5
- D. April 7

Answer: C. April 5

Explanation: National Maritime Day is observed every year on April 5 to recognize India's maritime heritage.

2. Which historic ship's voyage is associated with National Maritime Day?

- A. INS Vikrant
- B. SS Loyalty
- C. Titanic
- D. INS Arihant

Answer: B. SS Loyalty

Explanation: SS Loyalty sailed from Bombay to London on April 5, 1919, marking a milestone in India's maritime history.

3. In which year was April 5 officially declared National Maritime Day?

- A. 1947
- B. 1955
- C. 1964
- D. 1971

Answer: C. 1964

Explanation: The Government of India officially declared April 5 as National Maritime Day in 1964.

4. What is the theme of National Maritime Day 2026?

- A. Blue Economy for Growth
- B. Maritime Security First
- C. Maritime India – Empowering Progress
- D. Ocean Sustainability

Answer: C. Maritime India – Empowering Progress

Explanation: The 2026 theme highlights India's maritime growth and development.

5. The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace is observed on:

- A. April 4
- B. April 5
- C. April 6
- D. April 7

Answer: C. April 6

Explanation: This day is celebrated globally on April 6 every year.

6. Which organization declared the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace?

- A. UNESCO
- B. International Olympic Committee
- C. United Nations
- D. FIFA

Answer: C. United Nations

Explanation: The United Nations proclaimed this day in 2013.

7. Who has been appointed as the Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in April 2026?

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Sanjay Jaju
- C. Chanchal Kumar
- D. Anurag Thakur

Answer: C. Chanchal Kumar

Explanation: IAS officer Chanchal Kumar took charge as I&B Secretary on April 1, 2026.

8. Who is the brand ambassador for Census 2027?

- A. M.F. Husain
- B. Sudarshan Pattnaik
- C. Raghurajpur Artist
- D. Subodh Gupta

Answer: B. Sudarshan Pattnaik

Explanation: Renowned sand artist Sudarshan Pattnaik has been appointed to promote Census 2027.

9. What is a key feature of Census 2027?

- A. Paper-based survey only
- B. Use of AI robots
- C. Smartphone-based digital data collection
- D. Door-to-door interviews only

Answer: C. Smartphone-based digital data collection

Explanation: Census 2027 will be India's first digital census using mobile applications.

10. Who won the men's long jump event at the Indian Athletics Series 2026?

- A. Neeraj Chopra**
- B. Murali Sreeshankar**
- C. Tajinder Toor**
- D. Avinash Sable**

Answer: B. Murali Sreeshankar

Explanation: Murali Sreeshankar won the event with a jump of 8.15 meters.