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World Maritime Day 2026

- World Maritime Day is observed on 24 September 2026. The 2026–27 theme is “From Policy to Practice: Powering Maritime Excellence.”
- The theme, selected by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), focuses on putting international maritime regulations and conventions into practice. For the first time, the World Maritime Day theme is being observed for two consecutive years, 2026 and 2027.
- International shipping carries more than 80% of global trade, highlighting the importance of maritime transport to the world economy. The sector provides an efficient and economical means of transporting cargo between countries, making maritime safety, security and efficiency important for global economic activity.
- The theme is also linked with the following UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):
 - SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
 - SDG 13: Climate Action
 - SDG 14: Life Below Water
 - SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals



Bhikaji Cama Birth Anniversary

- Bhikaji Cama, popularly known as the “Mother of the Indian Revolution,” was born on 24 September 1861 in Bombay. Her 165th birth anniversary is being observed in 2026.
- She is remembered for unfurling a tricolour of green, saffron and red at the International Socialist Congress in Stuttgart, Germany, on 22 August 1907. It is described in the source as the first Indian national flag displayed on foreign soil.
- By raising the flag before an international audience, Madam Cama drew attention to India's demand for self-rule.
- She was permitted to return to India in 1935, at the age of 75, and died in Bombay on 13 August 1936. According to her will, a substantial portion of her estate was given to the Avabai Petit Trust, which supports girls.



Shantanu Moitra to Receive National Lata Mangeshkar Award 2026

- Music director **Shantanu Moitra** will receive the **National Lata Mangeshkar Award 2026** from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for his contribution to music direction.
- The award will be presented in **Indore on 28 September 2026** as part of a two-day programme commemorating the birth anniversary of legendary singer **Lata Mangeshkar**.

- Born on **22 January 1968 in Lucknow**, Moitra began his professional career in advertising before entering film music and background-score composition.
- His notable films include:
 - *Parineeta*
 - *Hazaaron Khwaishein Aisi*
 - *Lage Raho Munna Bhai*
 - *3 Idiots*
 - *Madras Cafe*
 - *Piku*
 - *October*
 - *12th Fail*
- In **2014**, he received the **National Film Award for Best Music Direction (Background Score)** for the Telugu film *Na Bangaru Talli*.



Rajat Sharma Re-Elected as NBDA President for 2026–27

- Rajat Sharma, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of India TV, has been unanimously re-elected as the President of the News Broadcasters and Digital Association (NBDA) for 2026–27.
- The election took place during the association's board meeting held on 23 September 2026.
- The development followed the 19th Annual General Meeting of the NBDA, during which the association's Board of Directors was also announced. The board includes Jayant Mammen Mathew of MM TV.

- The NBDA is an industry association representing news and current-affairs broadcasters and digital news platforms in India. According to the source, it currently has 29 member organisations operating 130 news channels and digital platforms.



Soorya Krishnamoorthy, Former ISRO Scientist Dies

- Soorya Krishnamoorthy, a theatre director, cultural organiser and former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) scientist, died on 23 September 2026 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- He was associated with the Soorya Stage and Film Society and founded the Soorya Festival in 1977. He also contributed to Kerala's cultural institutions and received national and state-level recognition for his work in stagecraft and direction.
- The Soorya Festival, launched in Thiruvananthapuram in 1977, developed into a major cultural event with participation from audiences from more than 30 countries.
- The Limca Book of Records recognised the Soorya Festival as Asia's longest-running cultural festival.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the theme of World Maritime Day 2026–27?

- A. Green Shipping for a Sustainable Future
- B. From Policy to Practice: Powering Maritime Excellence
- C. Maritime Safety for Global Peace
- D. Connecting Oceans, Connecting Nations

Answer: B. From Policy to Practice: Powering Maritime Excellence

2. Which organisation selects the theme for World Maritime Day?

- A. UNESCO
- B. United Nations Environment Programme
- C. International Maritime Organization
- D. World Trade Organization

Answer: C. International Maritime Organization

3. According to the article, international shipping carries more than what percentage of world trade?

- A. 50%
- B. 60%
- C. 70%
- D. 80%

Answer: D. 80%

4. Bhikaji Cama unfurled a tricolour at the International Socialist Congress in which city?

- A. Paris
- B. London
- C. Stuttgart
- D. Berlin

Answer: C. Stuttgart

5. In which year did Bhikaji Cama unfurl the tricolour at the International Socialist Congress?

- A. 1905
- B. 1907
- C. 1910
- D. 1912

Answer: B. 1907

6. Who will receive the National Lata Mangeshkar Award 2026?

- A. A. R. Rahman
- B. Shantanu Moitra
- C. Vishal Bhardwaj
- D. Anu Malik

Answer: B. Shantanu Moitra

7. Who was re-elected as President of the News Broadcasters and Digital Association (NBDA) for 2026–27?

- A. Rajat Sharma
- B. Arnab Goswami
- C. Sudhir Chaudhary
- D. Jayant Mammen Mathew

Answer: A. Rajat Sharma

8. How many member organisations does the NBDA have according to the article?

- A. 19
- B. 25
- C. 29
- D. 35

Answer: C. 29

9. Who was the former ISRO scientist and cultural organiser associated with the Soorya Festival?

- A. Krishnan Nair
- B. Soorya Krishnamoorthy
- C. K. Sivan
- D. G. Madhavan Nair

Answer: B. Soorya Krishnamoorthy

10. In which year was the Soorya Festival founded?

- A. 1972
- B. 1975
- C. 1977
- D. 1980

Answer: C. 1977