

**Andaman and Nicobar Administration  
Directorate of IP&T  
Information & Publicity Division**

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**Press Release**

**MESSAGE**

On the occasion of 55<sup>th</sup> National Maritime Day, I extend my warm greetings to all seafarers and their families.

The theme for this year's celebration is 'Indian Shipping - An ocean of Opportunity'. India has a vast coastline and rapidly expanding external trade, the Maritime industry is poised for major growth. This is likely to open up new avenues for investment and employment in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Shipping services are the life line of these Islands. Both the Govt. sector and Private sector play an important role in meeting the needs of these Islands and their contribution is invaluable. I congratulate all officers and staff of Directorate of Shipping Services, A&N Administration, Shipping Corporation of India, MMD, IRS and all personnel engaged by the private sector for the services rendered by them and with them all the best in their future endeavours.

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**(Anindo Majumdar)  
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