

**V. O. CHIDAMBARANAR PORT TRUST CELEBRATED 54th NATIONAL  
MARITIME DAY**

V.O. Chidambaranar Port celebrated the 54th National Maritime Day on 5th April 2017 in a grand manner. Shri S. Anantha Chandra Bose, Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust placed wreath at the Memorial for Sailors who sacrificed their lives at sea.

As a part of the programme, a grand function was organized inside wharf. Shri S. Anantha Chandra Bose, Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust hoisted the Maritime Day flag and took salute of the Sail Past from an array of flotilla consisting of Tug Thiruvalluvar, Tug Ocean Brave, Tug Ocean Endurance, Pilot Launch Nallathanni, Pilot Launch Tuticorin and Patrol boats Harsha-III and Jyothi. Eye-catching demonstration programmes on ‘ Man over Board Drill, ‘Search pattern of Man over board’ and Firefighting at sea were displayed to the gathering. Shri S. Anantha Chandra Bose, Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust also distributed the prizes to the winners of various events like heaving line throw, Swimming, Essay writing, painting, Pot breaking, Tug of War and musical chair.

Shri S. Natarajan, Deputy Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust, Heads of Departments, Officers of the Port, Port users, Stakeholders, General public and school children took part and graced the occasion.

In India, 5th April marks the National Maritime Day. On this day in 1919, navigation history was created when SS Loyalty, the first ship of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company, journeyed to the United Kingdom. The National Maritime Day was first celebrated on 5th April, 1964

