



DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
Government of India



NATIONAL MARITIME GAMES 2027

*Games of the Sea,
Spirit of Courage*

सागर का खेल, साहस का मेल

Together as families,
together in maritime pride

05 to 12

January 2027

Eight days of competition

Venue
GANPAT UNIVERSITY
Gujarat, India



**Ganpat
University**

॥ विद्यया समाजोत्कर्षः ॥

**CENTRE OF
EXCELLENCE**

NOTIFIED
BY GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT



One Maritime Family, One National Platform

The National Maritime Games 2027 are proposed as India's first integrated national sports and family platform for the maritime ecosystem bringing together seafarers, ports, shipping companies, PSUs, maritime training institutes, shipyards, RPSLs, logistics organisations, ship-recycling units, universities, research institutions, unions, veterans and maritime families on one campus, under one command.

OUR VISION

To establish the National Maritime Games as India's trusted biennial platform for sporting excellence, maritime unity, workforce wellbeing, family participation, Para inclusion and youth aspiration.

Why a National Maritime Games Platform is Needed

- India's maritime workforce is nationally distributed and professionally diverse. A common event builds identity across ship and shore, public and private, education and employment, active service and retirement.
- Maritime employment carries long separations, shift patterns and demanding safety responsibilities. A family-inclusive event recognizes that seafarer wellbeing is inseparable from family support.
- Sport is a visible entry point for fitness, mental wellbeing, teamwork, leadership and organizational pride – without diluting regulatory or professional priorities.
- A single national edition allows standardized governance, tested digital systems and a measurable baseline before regional or zonal expansion is considered.
- A residential university campus integrates venues, accommodation, volunteers, control-room space and community engagement within one operational command.

Four Strategic Pillars

COMPETE

Nationally governed competition across team, racquet, indoor, aquatic, endurance, specialist and Para disciplines with qualified officiating, transparent draws and published results.

CONNECT

A common platform for seafarers, shore staff, cadets, maritime students, ports, PSUs, shipyards, RPSLs, unions, families, universities and the wider maritime supply chain.

CELEBRATE

Maritime identity, family sacrifice, women pioneers, veterans, rescuers and unsung contributors – through ceremonies, Sagar Mein Yog and Sagar Mein Samman.

BUILD

A repeatable national event model, a digital participant database, institutional sports culture and a 2030 pathway for maritime-sports and technical-skills competitions.

*Proposed operational host: Ganpat University, Gujarat
– one campus, one command, one digital system, one shared national identity.*



The Games at a Glance

28

public disciplines

25 championship sports plus three family and wellbeing activations

5,000+

people on campus

Athletes, team and technical officials, workforce and support staff

265+

organisations

Named national outreach universe across six maritime verticals

08

days of Games

Registration, preliminaries, opening, main Games, finals and closing

1,000+

family participants

Across yoga, family run, community ride and children's activities

04

Para disciplines

Para Carrom, Para Chess, Para Swimming and Para Darts

Event Profile

Event window	5–12 January 2027
Main venue	Ganpat University, Gujarat; specialist events at audited off-campus venues
Competition model	Direct entry to National Maritime Games
Registration day	5 January 2027
Preliminaries	6–8 January 2027
Proposed opening	9 January 2027
Main Games	10–11 January 2027
Finals, medals and closing	12 January 2027
Residential capacity	More than 6,000 hostel beds available on campus

Participation Planning

A planning band of 60–80 individuals or teams per event, with large team draws normally capped at 32–64 teams per category. One primary entry per organisation per event is considered before second entries, so that representation stays wide. Gender, age, Para and sport-event splits are reported separately – none can be inferred from the overall target.



About The Venue

Ganpat University & International Sports Complex

Ganpat University is a leading multidisciplinary university in Gujarat, spread across a vibrant "300+ acre campus", combining academic excellence, innovation, technology and holistic student development.

A major strength of the campus is its "International Sports Complex", supported by extensive indoor and outdoor sporting infrastructure. The facilities provide an excellent ecosystem for competitive sports, large-scale tournaments, athlete engagement and national-level sporting events.

With its "integrated residential campus, academic infrastructure, sporting facilities and event-management capabilities", Ganpat University offers a distinctive environment where "education, discipline, fitness and sporting excellence come together", making it an ideal destination for prestigious event "National Maritime Games".

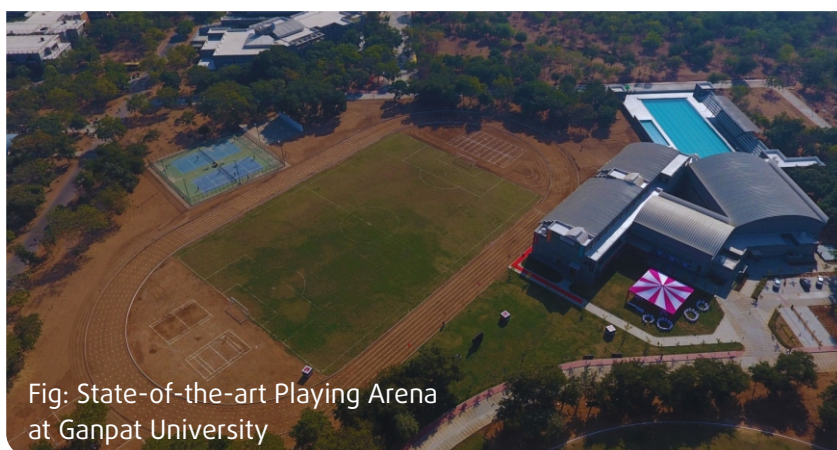


Fig: State-of-the-art Playing Arena at Ganpat University



Core Committee

Name	Position	Organisation
Shri Shyam Jagannathan, IAS	Chairman	DGMA
Dr. Mahendra Sharma, Joint President & Group Pro Chancellor	Co. Chairman	Ganpat University
Shri Deependra Singh Bisen, Dy. DG	Member Secretary	DGMA
Shri Satish Kamath, PO(I/C)	Member	MMD Kandla
Capt Girish Phadnis COO	Member	MASSA
Dr. Girish Patel, Executive Registrar	Member	Ganpat University
Prof. Giriraj Tejra, Executive Dean, FMTS	Member	Ganpat University
Prof. Jitendra Singh Rawat, Executive Dean, CDIE	Member	Ganpat University
Dr. Kamlesh Patel, Assistant Director – Sports	Member	Ganpat University



Twenty-eight championship disciplines, one umbrella

Men's, women's, mixed and Para competition under a single approved Technical Handbook, with the rules of the relevant national or international federation as the reference in every sport.

Team and Field Sports

Cricket (T10), Futsal,
Volleyball, Kabaddi
Basketball, Tug of War



Aquatic

Water Polo
Swimming — 50 m and
100 m freestyle, 50 m backstroke,
breaststroke and butterfly



Racquet Sports

Pickleball, Badminton,
Table Tennis, Lawn Tennis



Precision and Indoor

Chess (seven-round Swiss), Carrom,
Darts, Indoor Rowing — 500 m,
1,000 m and mixed relay



Track, Endurance and Specialist

Athletics — 100 m, 200 m, 400 m,
800 m, 4 × 100 m relay and shot put,
Maritime Marathon (10 km, 5 km),
Cyclothon (20 km),
Golf (09-hole Stableford), Weightlifting



Para Disciplines

Para Carrom, Para Chess,
Para Swimming (50 m freestyle),
Para Darts

Plus Three Participation Activations

3 km Family Run • 10 km Community Cycle Ride • Sagar Mein Yog mass session

Non-championship and open to families — participation recognition only, with no effect on the medal table.

Categories and Age Bands

Young
18-27

Seniors
28-44

Masters
45+

Team sports
Open 18+

Age is calculated as of 4 January 2027. A band with fewer than four valid entries may be merged, converted to a demonstration or cancelled by the Technical Committee — disclosed before the competition in every case.



Eight days on one campus

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| 5 JAN | Arrive & Register
Arrivals and organisation check-in; identity and eligibility verification; accreditation activation; room and transport allocation; medical and Para desks; captain, manager and technical meetings. |
| 6 JAN | Preliminaries I
First preliminary sessions and early individual rounds; familiarisation and technical equipment checks; unresolved entry exceptions closed; daily results and next-day fixtures published. |
| 7 JAN | Preliminaries II
Rounds of 32 and 16, pools, heats and early indoor and racquet competition; selected weigh-ins; full venue operations test; controlled media ramp-up. |
| 8 JAN | Qualification
Rounds of 16 and quarter-finals, heats and event sessions; opening rehearsal; security sweep planning; final accreditation and dignitary route lock. |
| 9 JAN | Official Opening
Proposed official opening, subject to confirmation; athletes' march and pledge; inclusive demonstrations and marquee fixtures — designed never to disrupt competition integrity. |
| 10 JAN | Main Games & Family Day
Quarter-finals, semi-finals and specialist events; flagship Sagar Mein Yog; Sagar Mein Samman; 5 km, 10 km Maritime Marathon, 3 km Family Run and Golf; exhibitions and career outreach. 20 km championship Cyclothon and 10 km community ride; |
| 11 JAN | Main Games & Finals
Semi-finals and finals across multiple sports; medal sessions; closing rehearsal and final medal verification. |
| 12 JAN | Finals, Medals & Closing
Selected showcase finals; final medal distribution; overall championship; national closing ceremony; departure operations and immediate post-event asset and finance controls. |

Venue managers publish next-day fixtures by 20:00 each evening, after Technical Committee sign-off.

Results become official only after score verification, closure of the protest window and Technical Committee release.

Expected Guests

PROPOSED

Chief Guest

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

Subject to PMO Protocol, availability and written acceptance.

GUEST OF HONOUR

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya

Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports

GUEST OF HONOUR

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways

SPECIAL GUEST

Shri Bhupendra Patel

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat



More than a competition



Fig: Capt. Kamal Chadha, Shri Unmesh Wagh, JNPA Chairman, Mrs. Kiran Phadnis, Director K2K Sports, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Cabinet Minister MoPSW, Capt. Girish Phadnis, COO MASSA, Shri Shyam Jagannathan, IAS, DG(MA), Capt. Binesh Kumar Tyagi, Chairman & MD SCI

SAGAR MEIN YOG



The Games' preventive-health and wellbeing platform. Daily sunrise sessions combine with short, evidence-informed inputs on mobility, sleep, nutrition, mental wellbeing, breathing, stress management and fitness for maritime life.

A flagship mass session is proposed for 10 January. Participation is voluntary, inclusive and non-competitive, with modifications for age, disability and medical condition.

SAGAR MEIN SAMMAN



A dignity-based recognition platform for verified maritime service — not a popularity award. Recognition groups include seafarers with distinguished service, seafarer families, women maritime pioneers, rescuers, veterans, instructors and welfare workers, and unsung institutional contributors.

Every nomination requires evidence, conflict declarations and committee verification.

Family And Community Programme

3 km Family Run

Non-championship, with separate registration, bib and route; guardian consent for minors; cut-off, sweep and medical plan; participation certificate only.

10 km Community Ride

Separate from the 20 km championship; helmet and bicycle inspection; age and guardian limits; traffic-controlled route; no championship medals.

Children's zone

Age-banded supervised activities with safeguarding, registration, parent or guardian contact and controlled handover.

Career pavilion

MTIs, universities, careers, scholarships, women-at-sea and maritime technology — with no unapproved recruitment claims.

Welfare helpdesks

Seafarer welfare, family support, alumni networks, health and government information, through authorised representatives only.

Exhibition

Ports, shipbuilding, safety, green maritime, training, digital systems and sponsor exhibits under approved rights and safety rules.

Target: 1,000+ family and community participants across yoga, run, ride, children's and outreach activities.



Who should participate, and how to enter

Who Should Participate

- Active seafarers with verifiable identity and maritime credentials.
- Employees or formally nominated representatives of ports, maritime PSUs, shipping and ship-management companies, shipyards, ship-repair facilities, RPSLs, maritime boards, logistics organisations, ship-recycling units, unions and other approved maritime organisations.
- Cadets, students, faculty and staff of DGMA-approved MTIs and approved universities offering maritime, marine, naval architecture, ocean, port, logistics or related programmes.
- Invited retired maritime personnel and veterans, where the invitation category is formally notified.
- Para athletes meeting the event-specific eligibility and classification pathway together with the maritime-affiliation requirement.

Registration is organisation-led, digital-first and audit-traceable. Individual self-entry does not by itself create eligibility – every participant must be nominated and certified by an eligible organisation through its authorised nodal officer.



Fig: Capt. Girish Phadnis felicitating Shri Shyam Jagannathan, IAS, DG (MA)



Fig: Mrs. Kiran Phadnis, Director K2K Sports, Deependra Singh Bisen, DDG, Dr. P.T. Usha, MP Rajya Sabha/President Indian Olympic Association, Shri Shyam Jagannathan, IAS, DG (MA), Capt. Girish Phadnis.



Fig: Pictures from previous sports events



Partner with national maritime Games

Sponsorship is a commercial rights transaction, and CSR support is a legally governed contribution route. The two are proposed, contracted, accounted and reported separately, under a central rights inventory with written agreements, documented delivery and post-Games reconciliation.

Partnership Packages

Title / Presenting Partner ₹50 lakh	Top-tier naming association, approved brand presence, ceremony and major venue visibility, defined content and hospitality rights
Principal / Strategic Partner ₹25 lakh	High-visibility multi-venue rights, selected programme association and approved engagement
Official Category Partner ₹10 lakh	Exclusive or non-exclusive category designation with approved venue and digital rights
Sport / Venue / Ceremony Partner ₹5 lakh	Association with one approved sport, venue or ceremony component
In-kind Partner In-kind + ₹2 lakh	Verified supply or service value with limited rights; valuation, GST and delivery acceptance documented

Key Dates For Participating Organisations



Where Partners Find Fit

Maritime, port and energy

Title association, maritime pavilion, sport cluster, workforce wellbeing

Sports, apparel and fitness

Equipment, kits, footwear, fitness and athlete recognition

Technology and broadcast

Connectivity, portal, results, livestream, devices and media support

Health, hydration, hospitality

Medical desks, ambulance cover, meals, refreshments and accommodation

An Audited, Traceable Platform

A dedicated Games bank account with maker-checker controls; a nominated Chartered Accountant agency monitoring utilisation; a central rights register preventing conflicting claims; and audited financial closure targeted by 28 February 2027. No prospect is represented as confirmed without contract and receipt or delivery evidence.



SAGAR MEIN YOG



Complete Wellness at Sea and Ashore

A flagship maritime wellness initiative of the
Directorate General of Maritime Administration
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For Indian seafarers and maritime trainees

Structured wellness education and practices to build a healthy, resilient and mindful maritime community.



PRE-SEA

Build awareness, healthy habits and emotional preparedness.



AT SEA

Support resilience, stress management, teamwork and well-being onboard.



POST-SEA

Encourage recovery, reintegration and long-term wellness ashore.

WHY IT MATTERS



Manage stress and fatigue



Build focus and resilience



Strengthen teamwork



Improve quality of life



Encourage balanced digital habits

10 DIMENSIONS OF WELLNESS



Physical



Mental and Emotional



Social



Spiritual



Occupational



Environmental



Intellectual



Economic



Cultural



Climatic



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

- ✓ INDoS holders
- ✓ cadets and trainees
- ✓ serving seafarers
- ✓ Maritime Training Institutes
- ✓ shipping companies
- ✓ RPSL holders
- ✓ unions and trainers



LEARNING PORTAL

- ✓ Structured modules
- ✓ Progress tracking
- ✓ Online assessment
- ✓ Certificates

Begin your wellness journey



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Stronger
Women
Brighter
Seas

SAGAR MEIN SAMMAN

Honouring Equality • Empowering Women • Transforming Maritime India

A flagship initiative of the
Directorate General of Maritime Administration
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ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

Promoting gender equality, dignity, inclusion, safety and equal opportunity for women across the maritime sector, at sea and ashore.



OUR PURPOSE

To build a maritime ecosystem where gender is no barrier to growth, recognition, safety or leadership.



CORE PILLARS



Zero Tolerance
to Harassment



Equality in
Policy & Practice



Empowerment
through Education



Inclusive
Institutions



Global
Collaboration



FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC ROADMAP | 2025-2030

YEAR
1



Charting the Course | 2025-26

Brand development, sensitisation, policy preparation, gap identification and career outreach.

YEAR
2



Anchoring Integration | 2026-27

National Maritime Gender Framework, Zero Tolerance Policy, Model Code of Conduct, infrastructure upgrades and training integration.

YEAR
3



Expanding Horizons | 2027-28

Scholarships, sponsorships, outreach, international collaboration and promotion of all-women batches.

YEAR
4



Leading the Wave | 2028-29

Leadership programmes, National SMS Conclave, recognition of women achievers and development of the SMS Toolkit.

YEAR
5



Sailing Forward | 2029-30

SMS Toolkit, Global Showcase Report, regulatory integration, annual SMS Week and alignment with Maritime India Vision targets.



OUTREACH & AWARENESS



Interactive
storytelling



Career awareness
for girls



Mentorship programmes
and seminars



Social media and
multimedia outreach

TOGETHER, WE SAIL FORWARD

Building a maritime India where every woman is respected, empowered and celebrated.

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Opportunities
Bigger Horizons



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BRING YOUR TEAM. BRING YOUR FAMILY. BE THERE.

Nominate your organization's nodal officer, register your contingent, and bring your families to Gujarat in January 2027.

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