

RRM Highlights Vital Role of Naval Civilians at Naval Civilian Function 2026 in Delhi

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Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth attended the Naval Civilian Function conducted by the Indian Navy on April 23, 2026 at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi. The event was organised to recognise and honour the invaluable contributions of Naval Civilians towards enhancing the operational preparedness and overall effectiveness of the Indian Navy.

Addressing the gathering, RRM lauded Naval Civilians as the 'Neenv ka Pathar' of the Indian Navy, acknowledging their unwavering dedication, professionalism, and commitment. He emphasised that their contributions form a critical pillar in maintaining a combat-ready, credible, and future-ready naval force. Praising the professionalism shown by the meritorious awardees, RRM said that such recognitions are not limited to individual excellence but symbolise the collective efforts of the entire civilian workforce.



The RRM also appreciated the cultural performances presented during the event. Recalling the Pahalgam attack, he expressed pride in the response of the Indian Armed Forces, stating that decisive action ensured that such acts would not be repeated.



On the occasion, the Raksha Rajya Mantri formally inaugurated the iGOT Karmayogi platform, Saksham (NCMIS 2.0) programme and NavKalp initiative. He also underlined the implementation of the Defence Travel System (DTS), enabling cashless air and rail travel for Naval Civilians on official duty. During the event, the 9th edition of Udantika, showcasing organisational achievements, best practices, and knowledge-sharing initiatives, was also released by RRM. Shri Seth reiterated the Government's commitment to resolving all issues concerning Naval Civilians, calling it a crucial responsibility.



During his address, the Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi highlighted the indispensable role of civilian personnel in strengthening naval preparedness including their role in operational support during Op Sindoor, successful execution of major events such as International Fleet Review (IFR), MILAN, and Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS), and ensuring high operational readiness through logistics and technical support during deployments. Quoting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he stated that “People’s power is the nation’s power,” underscoring that while platforms, systems, and technologies are essential, the true strength of the Navy lies in its human resources. CNS described Naval Civilians as a vital force multiplier who have consistently contributed to shaping the Indian Navy into a capable and powerful force.

During the event, meritorious and cash awards were presented by the Raksha Rajya Mantri to deserving Naval Civilians in recognition of their outstanding performance and dedication to duty. The awardees, selected from across various commands and units, were honoured for their exemplary contributions across diverse domains, reflecting professionalism, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to service. The event underscored the Government and Indian Navy’s continued commitment to empowering Naval Civilians through progressive initiatives and recognising their integral role in national defence.

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