International Organization of Aids to Marine Navigation (IALA)

Why in News?

India is elected to the vice presidency of the International Organization of Aids to Marine Navigation (IALA) in Singapore.

- **Established in** – ***1957***, as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) and a non-profit making international technical association.
- **NGO to IGO** – It officially changed its status from an NGO to an Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) based on a *convention ratified by 34 states* on 2024.
- It is previously known as ***International Association of Lighthouse Authorities (IALA).***
- **Motto** – Successful Voyages, Sustainable Planet.
- **Aim** – To foster the safe, economic and efficient movement of vessels, through,
  - Improvement and harmonization of aids to navigation worldwide
  - Other appropriate means, for the benefit of the maritime community and the protection of the environment.
- **Membership** – 200 members, 80 of which are national authorities and 60 are commercial firms.
  - **India** – Member ***since 1957***.

India *will host the IALA Council meeting, December 2025 and IALA Conference & General Assembly, September 2027 in Mumbai.*

- **Collaborated member states** - It encourages its members to work together in a common effort to harmonize aids to navigation worldwide.
- It ensures that the movements of vessels are safe, expeditious and cost effective.
- It also encourages co-operation between nations to give developing countries the opportunity to make use of new aids to navigation techniques.
- **Support SDGs** – It recommends its members and other marine aids to navigation authorities responsible for the provision of Marine Aids to Navigation endeavour to support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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