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■ India's First Lighthouse Festival Illuminates Goa's Historic Sites



The first ever 'Bharatiya Prakash Stambh Utsav' or Indian Lighthouse Festival opened at Fort Aguada in Panjim, Goa, on September 23, 2023. The festival, inaugurated by Union Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, aims to showcase India's rich maritime heritage by highlighting 75 iconic lighthouses. These lighthouses, once silent sentinels of the coastlines, will now become educational, cultural, and tourist hotspots. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways seeks to leverage the festival to develop these historic sites into world-class tourist destinations through Public- Private-Partnership. The event featured cultural exhibitions, maritime history sessions, classical performances, light and sound shows, and more.

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