

PRESS BRIEF

HIGH LEVEL MEETING & COMBINED EXERCISES BETWEEN INDIAN COAST GUARD AND KOREA COAST GUARD



1. A high level delegation led by Commissioner General Hong Ik-Tae, **Korea Coast Guard (KCG)**, is visiting India from 08-11 Jun 2016, for the High Level Meeting and Combined Exercises, with the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). The visit is in pursuance of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), signed between the two Coast Guards in 2006, which stipulates that the heads of the two organizations meet every year to discuss maritime issues of mutual concerns and formulate a cooperative approach to address them.
2. The Memorandum of Cooperation between the two Coast Guards encompasses issues of maritime search and rescue, combating marine

pollution and exchange of information regarding crimes at sea, including smuggling and illegal migration at sea.

3. A high level meeting was held at Coast Guard Headquarters in Delhi on 08 Jun 2016, both Coast Guard heads reviewed progress on bilateral issues as per MoU and also discussed new measures for strengthening the cooperation on evolving collaborative approach in addressing a spectrum of maritime issues concerning maritime safety and security. The Indian delegation during the High Level Meeting was headed by **DG Rajendra Singh, PTM, TM, Director General Indian Coast Guard.**

4. This high level meeting will be followed by a joint ICG-KCG exercise off Chennai on 10 Jun 2016, which will include maritime SAR, anti-piracy and various other operational demonstrations. Korea Coast Guard Ship 3009 has arrived Chennai port on 08 Jun 16 for participating in the exercise. The joint exercise will be witnessed by the Commissioner General, Korea Coast Guard and Director General Indian Coast Guard.



ICG and KCG Delegates at the High Level Meeting