

PRESS BRIEF



INDIAN COAST GUARD CONDUCTED OPRC LEVEL –II COURSE

Indian Coast Guard conducted 13th OPRC IMO Level – II course jointly with Amet University from 29 Aug 16 to 02 Sep 16. The course was attended by representative from various oil handling agencies, port and state pollution control board. The participants were imparted training on the duties of On Scene Commander (OSC)/ Supervisors who are responsible to conduct oil pollution response operation during oil spill for their organisation. This course is conducted in India by Indian Coast Guard only at Chennai at a very nominal cost for the industry.

The course Director Comdt SK Singh briefed that on ratification of OPRC convention in 1993 Indian Coast Guard was designated as Central Coordinating Agency (CCA) with Director General Indian Coast Guard as its Chairman to implement the provisions of the OPRC convention. The Indian Coast Guard promulgated National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOSDCP) in 1996. Coast Guard has been providing training to the oil handling agencies/ports in Oprc IMO Level-I & II since 2005 and 2009. Till date Indian Coast Guard Chennai has trained 405 personnel in IMO Level-I and 366 personnel in IMO Level-II.

The current OPRC IMO Level-II course was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor of Amet University on 29 Aug 2016. Key note address was given by co-ordinator Comdt SK Singh. The course was completed on 02 Sep 2016. Inspector General Rajan Bargotra, Tm Commander Coast Guard Region East gave away prizes and certificate to the winners and participants. The Commander Coast Guard Region East lauded the role of the Amet University in assisting Indian Coast Guard in organising this course. He also impressed upon all the oil handling agencies to adopt appropriate measures to mitigate any eventuality of oil spill in Indian water.