

PRESS RELEASE
COMMISSIONING OF FAST PATROL VESSELS (FPVs)
ICGS ARYAMAN AND ICGS ATULYA ON 21 OCT 16



THE INDIAN COAST GUARD SHIPS 'ARYAMAN AND ATULYA', THE EIGHTEENTH AND NINETEENTH IN THE SERIES OF TWENTY FAST PATROL VESSELS (FPVs), DESIGNED AND BUILT BY COCHIN SHIPYARD LIMITED, WERE COMMISSIONED ON 21 OCT 16 AT KOCHI BY SHRI SUNIL KUMAR KOHLI, IDAS, FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO DEFENCE SERVICES IN THE PRESENCE OF ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR GENERAL K NATARAJAN, PTM, TM, COAST GUARD COMMANDER (WESTERN SEABOARD). THE CEREMONY WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY INSPECTOR GENERAL VS PATHANIA, TM, COMMANDER COAST GUARD REGION (WEST), FLAG/SENIOR OFFICERS OF INDIAN NAVY AND DIGNITARIES FROM ARMED FORCES, CENTRAL AND STATE GOVT.

THE 50 M INDIGENOUS FPVs DISPLACE 317 TONNES AND CAN ACHIEVE A MAXIMUM SPEED OF 33 KNOTS WITH RANGE OF 1500 NAUTICAL MILES AT AN ECONOMICAL SPEED OF 13 KNOTS. EQUIPPED WITH STATE-OF-THE-ART WEAPONRY, ADVANCED COMMUNICATION AND NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT, THE SHIPS ARE IDEAL PLATFORM FOR UNDERTAKING MULTIFARIOUS CLOSE-COAST MISSIONS SUCH AS

SURVEILLANCE, SEARCH AND RESCUE AND INTERDICTION. THE SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE SHIPS INCLUDE AN INTEGRATED BRIDGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (IBMS) AND INTEGRATED MACHINERY CONTROL SYSTEM (IMCS).

THE SHIPS HAVE BEEN CHRISTENED ICGS "ARYAMAN AND ATULYA".ARYAMAN LITERALLY MEANING "POSSESSOR OF GREATNESS" WILL BE BASED AT KOCHI UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF THE COMMANDER, COAST GUARD REGION (WEST) AND ATULYA MEANING "UNRIVALLED" WILL BE BASED AT VISAKHAPATNAM UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF THE COMMANDER, COAST GUARD REGION (EAST).

SHRI SUNIL KUMAR KOHLI, IDAS FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO DEFENCE SERVICES, IN HIS ADDRESS DURING THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY, TERMED THE FAST PATROL VESSELS AS THE WORK HORSES OF COAST GUARD. THE CHIEF GUEST ALSO DWELT UPON THE FAST PACED DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDIAN COAST GUARD AND ACKNOWLEDGED THE EFFORTS OF COAST GUARD IN MEETING THE EMERGING SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE MARITIME DOMAIN. INDIAN COAST GUARD WILL BE A 150 SHIPS/BOATS AND 100 AIRCRAFT STRONG MARITIME FORCE IN NEXT FEW YEARS. IN ADDITION TO THESE OPERATIONAL ASSETS, 46 COASTAL RADAR STATIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE REAL TIME COASTAL SURVEILLANCE.

ICGS ARYAMAN IS COMMANDED BY COMMANDANT NEERAJ SINGH AND ICGS ATULYA BY COMMANDANT(JG) SHIVPRASAD.THE SHIPS HAVE A COMPLEMENT OF 05 OFFICERS AND 33 ENROLLED PERSONNEL EACH.