

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE COMMISSIONER TO COAST GUARD CHENNAI**

1. MR. ROMAN QUAEDVLIEG, COMMISSIONER AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE VISITED CHENNAI 18 MAY 2017 IN CONNECTION WITH ABF CUTTER 'OCEAN SHIELD' ON THEIR MAIDEN CALL IN INDIAN PORT.
2. DURING HIS VISIT, HE HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH ADG VSR MURTHY, PTM, TM, ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN COAST GUARD ON VARIOUS ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST, WITH A COMMON OBJECTIVE OF HAVING SAFE AND SECURE SEAS FOR ALL MARINERS.
3. THE INDIAN COAST GUARD AND AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE HAVE BEEN PROGRESSIVELY ENGAGING EACH OTHER THROUGH MUTUAL VISITS. A FRAMEWORK FOR SECURITY COOPERATION WAS ALSO ESTABLISHED TO STRENGTHEN OPERATIONAL-LEVEL ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
4. OFFICERS FROM AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN NATIONAL LEVEL EXERCISES ON SEARCH & RESCUE AND ALSO POLLUTION RESPONSE CONDUCTED BY INDIAN COAST GUARD.



**Addl DG Coast Guard VSR Murthy, PTM, TM presenting memento to the Commissioner Australian Border Force**



**Australian Border Force delegations with Indian Coast Guard officers**