

## **PRESS BRIEF**

### **LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF 6<sup>TH</sup> OFFSHORE PATROL VESSEL (YARD 45006) AT M/s L&T SHIPBUILDING LTD, KATTUPALLI – 27 FEB**

1. In an impressive ceremony held at L&T Shipbuilding, Kattupalli, Chennai, the 6<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) (Yard-45006) was launched by **Smt Geeta Mandaviya, wife of Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister of State for Shipping, Chemical& Fertilizer** on 27 Feb 2020.
2. **Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister of State for Shipping, Chemical & Fertilizer** was the Chief Guest for the launching ceremony which was witnessed by **Director General K Natarajan, PTM, TM, Director General Indian coast Guard, Inspector General S Paramesh, PTM, TM, Commander Coast Guard Region(East)** and various other Service/Civilian dignitaries.
3. The OPV launched is the sixth in the series of 07 OPV project being built by L&T Shipbuilding under the contract signed between **Ministry of Defence** and **M/s L&T, Ltd** on 30 Mar 2015. In keeping with the Hon'ble PM initiative of Make in India, the contract for building OPV class of vessel was awarded to M/s Larsen & Toubro Ltd. The 6<sup>th</sup> OPV launched today is likely to be inducted into the Indian Coast Guard in Oct 2020 after completion of extensive trials and testing for the equipment and machinery fitted onboard.
4. The length of the OPV is 98 mtrs and breadth 15M with gross tonnage of 2100 tons. The endurance of the vessel is 5000 nautical miles. The Maximum speed is 26 knots being propelled by 02 diesel driven engines of 9000 KW each with lowlevel fuel consumption, high TBO and complying to IMO Tier-II norms. The ship will be fitted with one CRN-91 and two 12.7 mm guns and will be capable of carrying an Integral Twin Engine Helicopter which will enhance its operational, surveillance and search & rescue capability.
5. The Ship would be utilized for day and night patrol/surveillance alongwith anti-terrorist/ anti-smuggling operations in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) as well as Coastal Security. The OPV will have two Navigation Radars with ultra-modern technology, sophisticated navigational and latest communication systems. The ship would be manned by 121 Personnel.
6. The Chief Guest in his speech brought out that, the Indian Coast Guard is on the path of rapid expansion which requires large number of state of art ships and

aircraft to strengthen the maritime security mechanism in the prevailing security scenario. He also stated that the assets requirements are being met by adding new ships and replacement of ageing existing OPV class of ships in phased manner which have been inducted 30-35yrs ago. The Chief Guest also acknowledged the timely delivery of OPV by L&T to the Coast Guard.

