

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **INDIAN COAST GUARD TO CONDUCT 10<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF NATIONAL POLLUTION RESPONSE EXERCISE (NATPOLREX-X) AND 27<sup>TH</sup> NOSDCP MEETING AT CHENNAI**

New Delhi, 04 Oct 25: The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) is set to conduct the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-X) in conjunction with the 27<sup>th</sup> National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOSDCP) & Preparedness Meeting from 05–06 Oct 25, off the coast of Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

This biennial flagship exercise is designed to evaluate and enhance India's national preparedness to respond to marine oil spill incidents, while testing the efficiency of inter-agency coordination as outlined under the NOSDCP.

The exercise will be overseen by Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, Director General, Indian Coast Guard, and Chairperson, NOSDCP, who will assess the level of preparedness and synergy among the participating agencies.

The event is expected to witness active participation from a wide range of stakeholders, including central ministries, coastal state governments, major ports, oil handling agencies, and maritime organizations. Significantly, the event will host more than 40 foreign observers from 32 countries and over 100 national delegates, making it a globally relevant forum for marine pollution response.

To showcase India's operational preparedness, the ICG will deploy a comprehensive array of pollution response assets, including ships and aircraft configured for maritime pollution control. The drills will highlight the multi-tiered response strategy of the ICG and reinforce the importance of coordinated maritime operations involving both national and international partners.

NATPOLREX-X 2025 will reaffirm India's commitment to marine environmental protection, aligning with the national vision of sustainable development and ecological responsibility. The exercise will further strengthen inter-agency cooperation, promote the adoption of best practices, and set new benchmarks in maritime environmental stewardship, operational readiness, and technological integration.

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