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INDIAN COAST GUARD HOSTS COASTAL SECURITY SEMINAR AT EASTERN SEABOARD

New Delhi, 01 Aug 25: Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Headquarters (Eastern Seaboard), coordinated a Coastal Security Seminar which saw wide participation from central and state stakeholders at Visakhapatnam. The national level seminar, held under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Rajendra Kumar, IAS, Secretary (Border Management), Ministry of Home Affairs, on the theme of **'Strengthening Coastal Security through Surveillance, Technology, and Inter agency Coordination'** and was organised by the ICG from 31 Jul to 01 Aug 25.

The Coastal Security Seminar aimed at a holistic assessment of the coastal security mechanism, identification of issues encountered by coastal states and stakeholders, and a brainstorming session to derive measures to address existing shortcomings. The coastal security construct has evolved considerably over the past decade, with an ever increasing need for collaborative efforts by all stakeholders to ensure the nation's coastal security. The seminar sought to achieve synergy in the efforts of these stakeholders.

In addition to ICG representatives, the seminar was attended by senior dignitaries and representatives from the Intelligence Bureau, Customs, Narcotics Control Bureau, Coastal Security Police of various states, Ports, Fisheries departments, and other relevant agencies.

Seminar sessions, a table-top exercise, and a field visit to an ICG Ship and the Coastal Security Operations Centre were undertaken, during which stakeholders engaged in discussions on various aspects of the coastal security mechanism and measures for the way ahead.

The success of the seminar was evident through enthusiastic discussions, marked by the exchange of ideas and steps toward integrating intelligence inputs and ensuring synergized action on the ground to strengthen the maritime security of our nation.

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