



# INDIAN COAST GUARD



## OPERATIONS & ACTIVITIES MONTHLY UPDATE



July, 2025

# INDIAN COAST GUARD FACT SHEET

Subject		Year 2024	Year 2025 (Upto Jul 2025)	Since Inception
<b>Search and Rescue Effort</b>	Lives Saved at Sea	<b>169</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>11,804</b>
	Missions undertaken	199	77	4,178
	Ship Sorties	309	95	5,369
	Aircraft Sorties	135	25	3,207
	<b>Total Sorties</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>8,576</b>
<b>MEDEVAC</b>	Persons Evacuated	29	12	<b>494</b>
<b>Aid to Civil Authorities</b>	Lives Rescued	351	--	<b>14,708</b>
<b>Coastal Security (Since 2009)</b>	Operations	35	24	<b>617</b> (Since 2009)
	Exercises	30	13	<b>301</b> (Since 2009)
	Community Interaction	2,085	979	<b>16,305</b> (Since 2009)
	Boarding Operations	27,520	13,700	<b>3,73,166</b> (Since 2009)
	Investigation VHF	26,412	12,124	<b>2,40,137</b> (Since 2014)
	Security Drill ' <b>Sajag</b> '	73	27	<b>499</b> (Since 2014)
	Marine Police Personnel Trained	2,753	1,440	<b>15,972</b>
<b>Anti-Poaching Apprehension</b>	Foreign Fishing Boats	16	03	<b>1,638</b>
	Foreign Fishermen	143	19	<b>13,775</b>
	Value of Fish Catch	--	--	<b>₹ 24,56,84,855/-</b>
	Nationality of Foreign Crew	Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, China, Myanmar, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, France, Bangladesh, Thailand, South Korea, North Korea, Philippines		
<b>Shepherding of IFBs</b>	Indo-Pak IMBL	292	324	<b>34,700</b> Boats (Since Oct 2007)
	Indo-SLN IMBL	05	03	<b>12,871</b> Boats
	Indo-Bangladesh IMBL	201	37	<b>1,393</b> Boats
<b>Anti Smuggling &amp; Narcotics Control (ASNC) Ops</b>	Vessels Interdicted	16	04	<b>183</b>
	Crew Apprehended	90	22	<b>1,132</b>
	Value of Contraband	₹ 37217.32 Cr.	₹ 1838.02 Cr.	<b>₹ 54,398.98 Cr</b>
<b>Disaster Relief Operations</b>		--	-	<b>96</b> (since May 1999)
<b>Oil Spill Incidents</b>	Incidents Reported	--	<b>01</b>	<b>96</b> (Indian Waters) + <b>03</b> (02 Sri Lanka & 01 Mauritius)
	Responded by ICG	--	<b>01</b>	<b>96</b> (Indian Waters) + <b>03</b> (02 Sri Lanka & 01 Mauritius)
	Capitation Charges Received	₹ 29,41,95,781.74	--	<b>₹ 61,96,74,907.92</b>





# INTRODUCTION

1. The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) was established on 01 Feb 1977, as an armed force of the Union, with the mandate of ensuring the safety, security and stewardship of India's vast maritime interests. Operating under the Ministry of Defence, the ICG has grown into a formidable force dedicated to the mission of "protecting India's maritime interests and enforcing maritime law over the vast Maritime Zones of India."
2. In July 2025, the ICG's operational tempo remained high. The force continued to monitor the wreck site of MV MSC Elsa-3 for any potential oil spills and actively oversaw the fire-fighting and salvage operations of MV Wan Hai 503. Additionally, the ICG closely monitored the situation in the Gulf of Kutch following an explosion on board the Hong Kong-flagged chemical tanker MT Fulda.
3. In the realm of international cooperation, ICG engaged in several key events. ICG team interacted with the Japan Coast Guard (JCG) training ship *Itsukushima* during its visit to Chennai from 07 – 12 Jul 25, further strengthening maritime ties. The 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the High-Level Meeting (HLM) between the ICG and the Korea Coast Guard (KCG) was held on 21 Jul 25, reinforcing bilateral cooperation. The month concluded with a significant step towards regional maritime security and collaboration: the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the ICG and the National Guard Command/UAE Coast Guard on 31 Jul 25.
4. Despite the challenges posed by the South West monsoon, the ICG maintained a robust operational pace. The force remained alert and responsive, undertaking critical missions including Search and Rescue (SAR) operations, Medical Evacuations (MEDEVAC), anti-smuggling drives, marine pollution control and coastal patrols. These activities highlight the ICG's unwavering commitment to its duties and mission.

## MAJOR OPERATIONS

### SEARCH & RESCUE

### COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN MARITIME AGENCIES

### COASTAL SECURITY/ SURVEILLANCE

### MISCELLANEOUS

### MEDIA COVERAGE



# MAJOR OPERATIONS

## A. Anti-Poaching Operation.

On 09 Jul 25, ICG apprehended two persons involved in illegal poaching of Sea Cucumber off North Vedalai near Mandapam, Tamilnadu and seized 24.2 Kilograms of Sea Cucumber worth ₹ 11.00 Lakh. The persons alongwith seized consignment were handed over to Forest Department, Mandapam for further legal action.



*Seizure of 24.2 kilograms Sea Cucumber*



## A. Explosion onboard MT Fulda (IMO–9185865).

On 06 Jul 25, an explosion/fire was reported onboard Hong Kong flagged Chemical Tanker MT *Fulda* in position 19 Miles East of Mundra, Gujarat, resulting in heavy list to starboard side. Vessel subsequently listed to port side and experienced total power failure. Three ICG Ships were deployed for assistance and pollution response (PR) contingencies. All 21 crew were safely evacuated. The Maritime Administrator viz. DG Shipping initiated investigation and coordinated salvage to prevent environmental hazards. Fuel Oil was removed from the vessel to stabilise the vessel and mitigate risk of oil spill. Owners have declared the vessel as Constructive Total Loss and transferred vessel's responsibility to P&I insurer. The vessel is at anchor off Kandla and stable.



*Explosion onboard MT Fulda*

### **B. Assistance to Stranded Sailing Vessel Sea Angel (MMSI – 368221350).**

On 11 Jul 25, on request from US consulate, Chennai, ICG rescued a stranded US sailing yacht 'Sea Angel' with two foreign crew onboard in position 52 NM south-east of Indira Point. The yacht rendered disabled view torn sail and fouled propeller in rough seas. On receipt of information, International Safety Net (ISN) was activated to alert mariners transiting through area. ICG Ship *Rajveer* was deployed for rescue operation. ICG ship towed the stranded yacht safely to Campbell Bay.



*Assistance to Stranded Sailing Vessel Sea Angel*

### **C. SAR Efforts for Rescue of 04 Fishermen from Indian Fishing Boat (IFB) Kadal Thondargal (Regd. No. IND-TN-12-MO-2334).**

On 13 Jul 25, ICG received a VHF distress call from Tuticorin Port Control regarding capsized IFB *Kadal Thondargal* with four crew onboard, approximately 7 nautical miles southeast of Pandian Thivu,



*SAR Efforts for Rescue of 04 Fishermen from IFB Kadal Thondargal*



Tamil Nadu. ICG Ship *Abhiraj* was immediately deployed to render assistance. However, the distressed IFB sank due to flooding. All four fishermen were rescued by a merchant vessel and were subsequently transferred to ICGS *Abhiraj*. The rescued fishermen were later handed over to the Fisheries Department at Tuticorin.

### **D. SAR Efforts for Missing Fishermen from IFB Tuljai (IND-MH-07-MM-1405).**

On 26 Jul 25, ICG received information from the Office of the Superintendent of Police (SP), Alibaug, Maharashtra, regarding capsizing of IFB *Tuljai* with eight fishermen onboard, approximately 10 nautical miles south of Mumbai, Maharashtra. Of the eight, five fishermen managed to swim ashore, while three were reported missing. ICG Ship *Agrim* was immediately diverted for Search and Rescue (SAR) operations. An ICG helicopter was also deployed for aerial search. The bodies of three missing fishermen were recovered later and handed over to Government Hospital, Alibaug, for post-mortem.

### **E. Sinking of MV MSC ELSA 3 (IMO – 9123221).**

Following the sinking of MV *MSC ELSA 3* on 25 May 25, approximately 42 nautical miles south of Kochi, ICG remains actively engaged in sustained surveillance and a coordinated response at the incident site, with one ship continuously maintaining presence in the area. Cleaning of nurdles by NGOs and volunteers is ongoing at Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Kanyakumari, and Rameswaram. A Diving Support Vessel (DSV) from Singapore is expected to arrive on site by 02 August 2025, with diving operations scheduled to commence in early August.

### **F. Fire onboard MV Wan Hai 503 (IMO – 9294862).**

On 09 June 25, a container explosion triggered a major fire aboard the Singapore-flagged MV *Wan Hai 503*, approximately 130 nautical miles northwest of Kochi. ICG has continued close monitoring of the situation. The vessel remains under tow by Salvour tug in a position west-southwest of Colombo, with no active fire reported. Salvage tugs are in the vicinity to provide assistance. Clearance for a port of refuge is still awaited.



# COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN MARITIME AGENCIES

## A. ICG Participation in MASEPOLREX 25.

Two ICG officers participated in the multinational 'Field Training Exercise on response to a shipping pollution incident (MASEPOLREX 25), organized by Indian Ocean Commission in collaboration with Kenya Maritime Authority from 07 to 11 Jul 25. ICG's participation enhanced cross border interoperability & strategic synergy vital for tackling large scale marine Pollution in India's extended maritime neighborhoods.



*ICG Participation in MASEPOLREX 25*

## B. Visit of Japan Coast Guard Ship Itsukushima at Chennai.

As part of Global Ocean Voyage Training, Japan Coast Guard (JCG) Ship *Itsukushima* visited Chennai from 07 to 12 Jul 25. During the visit, joint training exercise, professional & cultural exchanges



*Visit of Japan Coast Guard Ship Itsukushima at Chennai*





## COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN MARITIME AGENCIES

and high-level interaction were conducted. JCG delegation also visited ICG facilities at Chennai. A courtesy call was held between Vice Admiral Kanosue Hiroaki, Vice Commandant of Operations, JCG and Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, DGICG at Chennai. The meeting reinforced the robust and growing ties between the two Coast Guards.

On 12 Jul 25, a joint exercise “JA-MATA” was also conducted. Further, four ICG officers including two women officers embarked onboard *Itsukushima* as sea riders for onward sea passage from Chennai to Singapore from 12 to 19 Jul 25. This embarkation, held under the framework of the longstanding Indo-Japan maritime partnership, aimed to foster mutual understanding through the exchange of ideas, operational perspectives and insights into each other’s Coast Guard practices. The initiative served to build enduring relationships and professional camaraderie between the two maritime forces, reflecting the shared commitment to regional security and cooperation.



*Visit of Japan Coast Guard Ship Itsukushima at Chennai*



### C. Conduct of High Level Meeting with Korea Coast Guard (KCG) at CGHQ, New Delhi.

On 21 Jul 25, 13<sup>th</sup> High Level Meeting between ICG and KCG was held at CGHQ, New Delhi. A five member delegation led by Commissioner General KIM Yong Jin, Commissioner General, KCG participated in the meeting. Both sides engaged in discussions to boost cooperation in Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR), Pollution Response (PR) and Maritime Law Enforcement (MLE), while reaffirming commitment to share best practices and enhance interoperability under the 2006 MoU. Further, Implementing Arrangement (IA) was also signed on cooperation in the field of Maritime Search & Rescue.



*High Level Meeting with KCG at CGHQ, New Delhi*

As part of the visit, the KCG delegation also visited Mumbai from 23 to 24 Jul 25 for an industrial tour of M/s Mazagaon dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) and ICG Ship *Sachet*.



*KCG Delegation visit to Mumbai*



### D. Signing of MoU with National Guard Command, UAE.

On 30 Jul 25, in a significant stride towards strengthening maritime cooperation between India and United Arab Emirates, ICG and National Guard Command (UAE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) during the 13<sup>th</sup> JDCC. MoU was inked by DG Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, DGICG and Brigadier Khalid Thani Al Shamsi, Commander of The Coast Guard Group, National Guard Command, UAE. The agreement focuses on M-SAR, maritime crime prevention, pollution response and Capacity Building. This is ICG's 10<sup>th</sup> such agreement with Friendly Foreign Countries to enhance processional linkages between two Coast Guards across core Coast Guard functions including Maritime Search and Rescue, Maritime Law Enforcement, marine Pollution Response and Joint Capacitybuilding.



*Signing of MoU with National Guard Command, UAE*

## A. Coastal Security Exercises and Operations.

Under mentioned Coastal Security Exercises and Operations were conducted in coordination with Marine Police, Navy, Customs, CISF, Fisheries, Forests and other stakeholders for enhancing coastal security mechanism:-

Ser	Conducted By	Name of Exercise/ Operation	Date(s)
(i)	Regional HQ (East)	Ops Sentinel	25 -27 Jul 25
		Ops Sajag	17 Jul 25
(ii)	Regional HQ (North East)	Ops Utsav	05 - 07 Jul 25
		Ops Sajag	30 Jul 25
(iii)	Regional HQ (A&N)	Ops Sajag	17 Jul 25

## B. Coastal Surveillance Network (CSN).

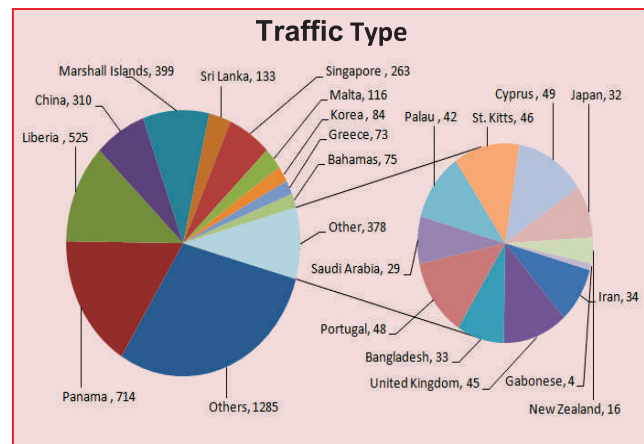
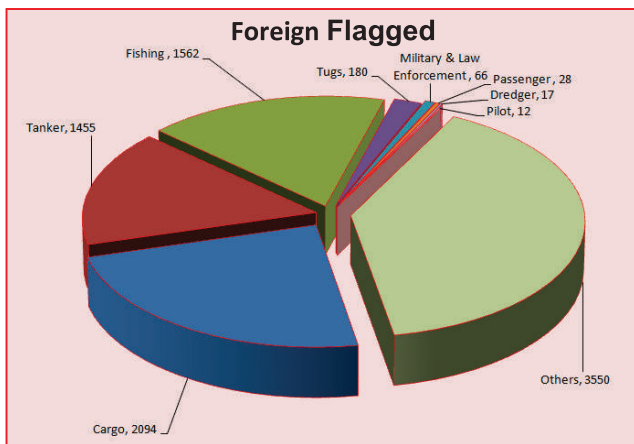
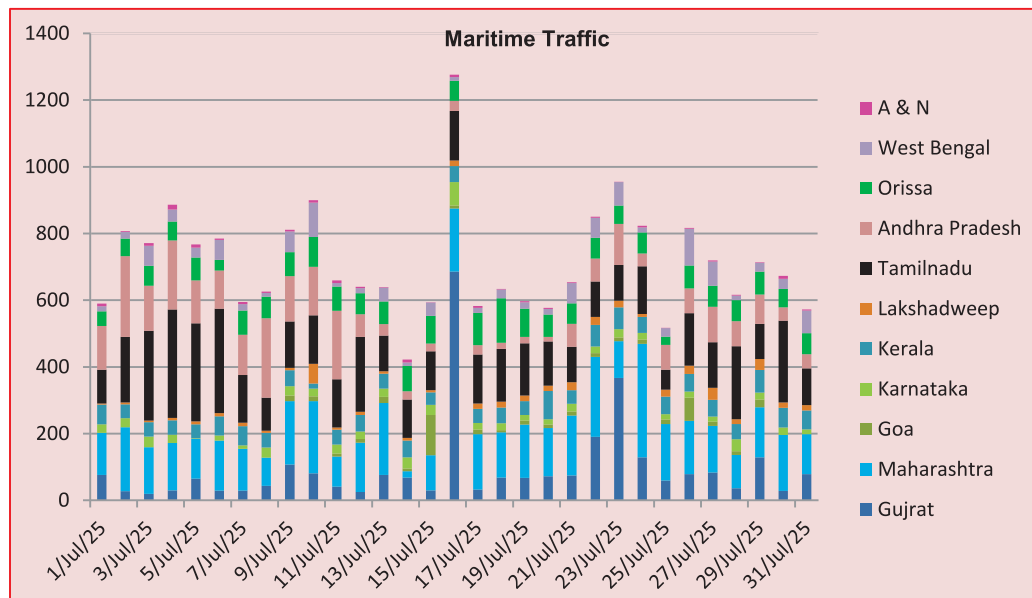
The trend analysis (maritime traffic, fishing activity and maritime incidents) for Jul 25 are enumerated in succeeding paragraphs.

## C. Coastal Maritime Traffic.

ICG monitored 8,964 distinct AIS transmissions on CSN network along Indian coast in the month of Jul 25. Traffic share of India, Panama, Liberia, Marshal Island, China & Hong Kong and Singapore stood at 51%, 08%, 06%, 04%, 03% and 03% respectively. The larger share of India flagged traffic is attributed to coastal traffic. Traffic share of Cargo and Tanker vessels are 23% and 16% respectively. A total of 2,085 vessels were investigated by ICG Remote Operating Stations (ROS). The state-wise, flag-wise and type-wise traffic pattern is depicted below:-



## COASTAL SECURITY/ SURVEILLANCE



### D. Fishing Activity in North Indian Ocean.

A total of 1,587 Fishing Vessels (FVs) were observed transmitting on AIS in Northern Indian Ocean in the month of Jul 25. The analysis of fishing activities is based upon kinematics such as low speed. The data towards numbers of FVs have been garnered from AIS transmission. However, the actual numbers of FVs may be higher than the reported data as many FVs may not be transmitting on AIS. The area wise analysis of FVs operating in Bay of Bengal & Arabian Sea (beyond EEZ) and Indian EEZ for the month of Jul 25 is as follows:-

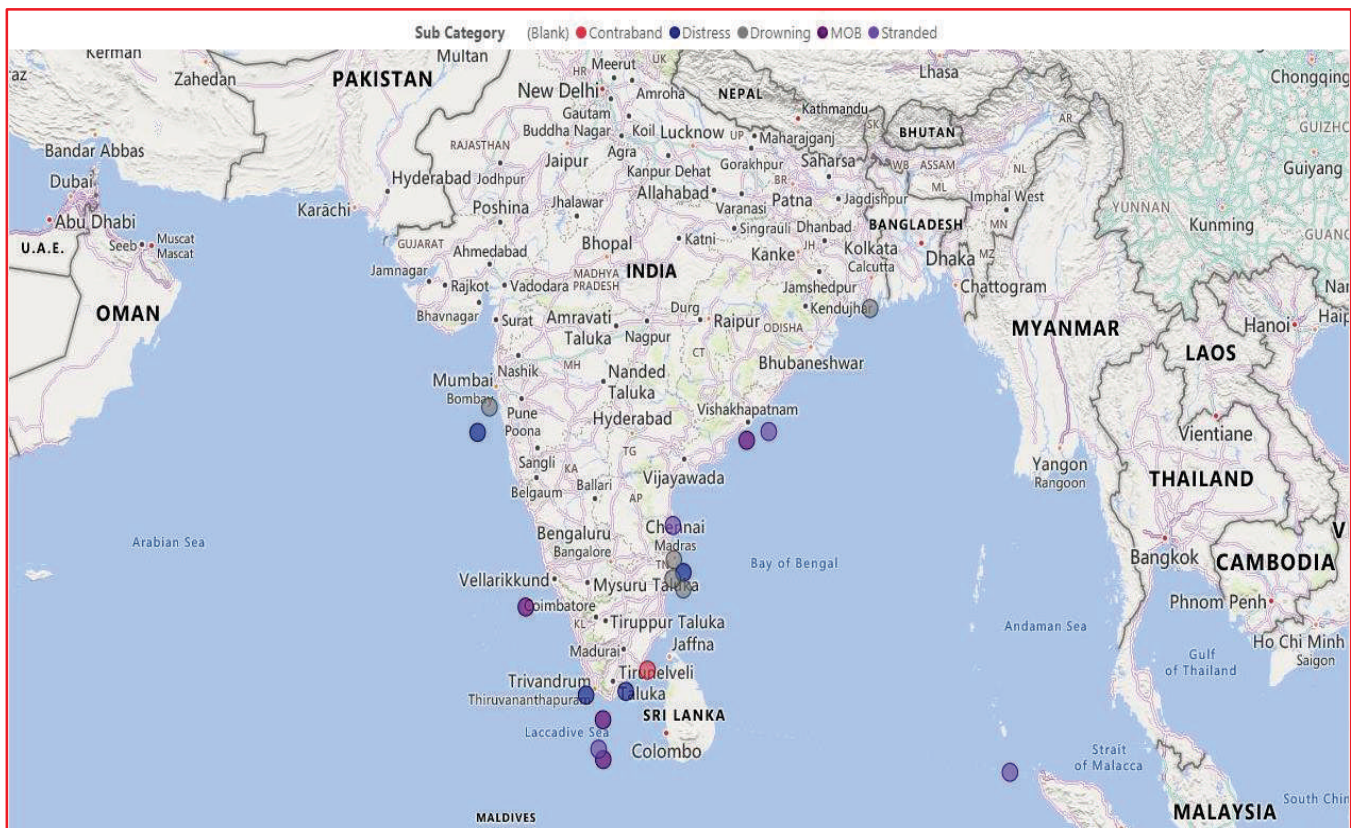
- Arabian Sea (Beyond EEZ).** A total of 10 Sri Lankan FVs were observed transmitting on AIS and appreciated to be engaged in fishing. Nil FVs of China, Iran and Pakistan observed. Majority of FVs withdrew from area by end of May 25 due to onset of monsoon or voluntary fishing moratorium declared by flag state. No Chinese flagged fish carrier (Reefers) was observed operating in Arabian Sea.

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(ii) **Indian EEZ.** A total of 1,562 Indian flagged FVs were observed transmitting on AIS.

(iii) **Bay of Bengal (Beyond EEZ).** A total of 13 Sri Lankan FVs were observed transmitting on AIS and appreciated to be engaged in fishing. No other flagged FVs observed transmitting on AIS in high seas Bay of Bengal.

### E. Maritime Incidents & SAR Cases in Maritime Zones of India (MZI) and Indian Search & Rescue Region (ISRR).

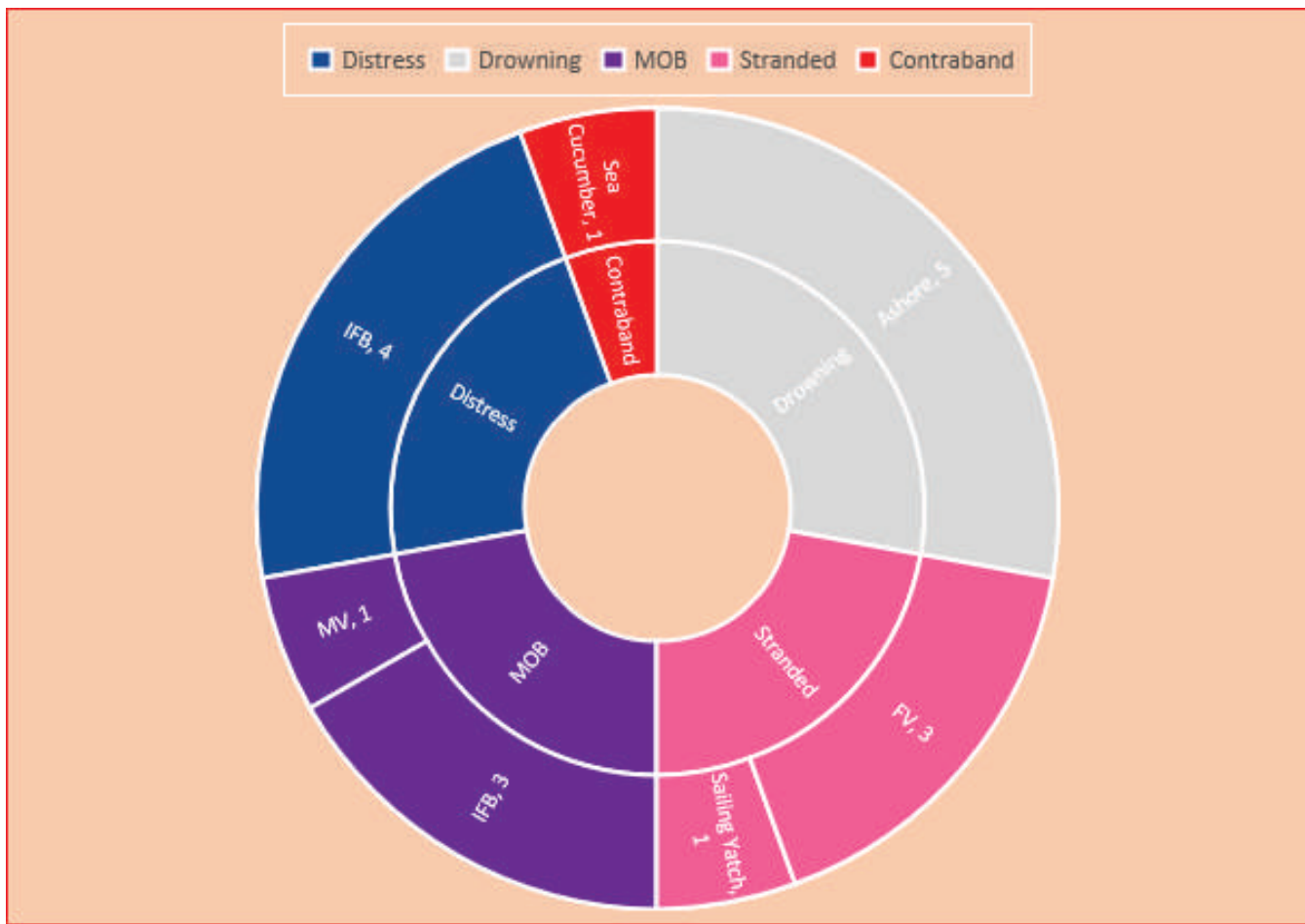


(i) **Maritime Incidents.** A total of 17 incidents were reported in Maritime Zones/Search & Rescue Region of India in Jul 25.

(aa) **Distress.** Four distress incidents were reported in July 25, all involving the capsizing of IFBs, possibly due to inclement weather conditions. A total of 23 crew members were onboard these IFBs. Of these, 17 were rescued, and 03 bodies were recovered by SAR agencies. However, 03 crew members remain missing.

(ab) **Stranded.** Four incidents of vessels being stranded were reported. Three incidents involved Indian Fishing Boats (IFBs), while one incident involved a US-flagged sailing yacht. All IFBs

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*Sunburst Chart: Maritime Incidents and Contraband Smuggling in MZI for Jul 25*

reached harbour safely with the coordination of SAR agencies, and the US sailing yacht was towed to Campbell Bay by ICG Ship.

(ac) **Man Over Board.** Four cases of Man Overboard (MOB) were reported in Jul 25, three from IFB and one from a merchant vessel. Nil survivor/ bodies were recovered.

(ae) **Drowning.** Five (05) cases of beach drowning were reported.

(ii) **Contraband.** One case of poaching was reported in Jul 25. ICG apprehended two persons for illegal poaching of 24.2 Kgs Sea Cucumber worth Rupees 11 Lakhs.



## A. Purchase Made Through Government eMarketplace (GeM)/ Portal-Purchase via GeM.

The purchase made through GeM portal during the month of Jun 25 was ₹ 35,31,48,424.75 (Rupees Thirty Five Crore Thirty One Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Four and Seventy Five Paise only).

## B. Status of Public Grievances:-

No. of Public Grievances redressed during the month	No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of the month
—	03 (Under Process)

## C. Conduct of Community Interaction Program at Daman & Diu.

On 04 Jul 25, ICG District headquarters No1, Porbandar conducted a special Community Interaction Program for the local Fishermen Community at Daman & Diu. The event was focused on safety, security and mutual cooperation at sea.



*Conduct of Community Interaction Program*

## D. Signing a MoU with SRM Institute of Science & Technology.



*Signing a MoU with SRM Institute of Science & Technology*

## MISCELLANEOUS

On 08 July 2025, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in Chennai between the Coast Guard Welfare & Wellness Association (CGWWA) and the SRM Institute of Science & Technology. The MoU aims to provide affordable, quality educational opportunities to the wards of ICG personnel and empowering them to achieve academic excellence..

### **E. Visit of 70 member delegation from International War College, Cameroon to CGHQ, New Delhi.**

On 10 Jul 25, 70 member delegation from International War College, Cameroon, comprising of senior officers from 26 nations across Africa and Europe visited Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi. The delegation was briefed on ICG's operations. This engagement fostered mutual understanding and reinforced Regional Cooperation.



*Visit of 70-member delegation from IWC, Cameroon to CGHQ, New Delhi*

### **F. Conduct of XII District/Station Commanders' and Works Conference at Kolkata.**

ICG Regional Headquarters (North East), Kolkata conducted XII District/Station Commanders' and Works Conference at Kolkata from 14 to 15 Jul 25. The Conference was focused on reviewing the performance matrix of the Region since last year, encompassing various aspects such as maritime security



*Conduct of XII District/Station Commanders' and Works Conference at Kolkata*



within the AoR, operational readiness, technical management, human resource development and infrastructure augmentation

### **G. Conduct of Area Level Pollution Response Tabletop Exercise at Karaikal.**

ICG Station Karaikal conducted an Area Level Pollution Response Tabletop Exercise at Karaikal from 14 to 15 Jul 25. The exercise was aimed to assess readiness and boost inter-agency synergy against marine Oil Spills, safeguard the Marine Ecosystem and uphold Maritime Safety.



*Conduct of Area Level Pollution Response Tabletop Exercise at Karaikal*

### **H. Conduct of Pollution Response Workshop/Seminar at Paradip, Odisha.**

ICG District Headquarters No.7, Paradip conducted a Pollution Response Workshop/Seminar in at Paradip from 15 to 16 Jul 25. The aim of the seminar was to bolster preparedness against oil spills and safeguard Odisha's marine ecology.



*Conduct of Pollution Response Workshop/Seminar at Paradip, Odisha*



### J. Conduct of Training Session for Custom Officers at Chennai.

On 20 Jul 25, ICG conducted a specialized training session for 39 Customs officers from the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes & Narcotics (NACIN) onboard ICG Ship Shaurya at Chennai. The training was aimed to enhance awareness of ICG's roles and boost inter-agency coordination in Coastal Security.



*Conduct of Training Session for Custom Officers at Chennai*

### K. Call on with Foreign Secretary Shri Vikram Misri, IFS.

On 21 Jul 25, Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, DGICG called on Foreign Secretary Shri Vikram Misri, IFS and discussed ICG's pivotal role in maritime law enforcement, SAR operations and coastal security.



*Call on with Foreign Secretary Shri Vikram Misri, IFS*

### L. Keel-Laying Ceremony of Yard 16401.

On 22 Jul 25, keel-laying ceremony of the ICG Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (Yard - 16401) was held at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd, Mumbai. The ship will enhance ICG capabilities and strengthen coastal security.



*Keel-Laying Ceremony of Yard 16401*

### M. Visit of 24 IPS probationers to ICG DHQ, Porbandar.

On 22 Jul 25, 24 IPS probationers visited ICG District Headquarters No. 1, Porbandar. During the visit, probationers were familiarized on ICG charter, Operations spectrum and Coastal Security. The officers also visited ICG ships, air squadrons and Remote Operating Stations.



*Visit of 24 IPS probationers to ICG DHQ, Porbandar*



### N. Launching Ceremony of ICG PCV Samudra Prachet.

On 23 Jul 25, India's 2<sup>nd</sup> indigenously built Pollution Control Vessel Samudra Prachet was launched by Smt. Priya Paramesh, President Tatrakshika in presence of Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, DGICG. The ship is equipped with state-of-the-art pollution response equipment and will boost India's capability in pollution response.



*Launching Ceremony of ICG PCV Samudra Prachet*

### P. Conduct of Operational Safety Workshops at Kochi & Chennai.

ICG workup Teams (West & East) conducted Operational Safety Workshops from 21 to 24 Jul 25 at Kochi and Chennai. ICG personnel from Western, Eastern Seaboards and ICG Region (A&N) took part in drills, demo, lectures & quizzes boosting SAR and Law Enforcement prowess.



*Conduct of Operational Safety Workshops at Kochi & Chennai*



### Q. Conduct of District Commanders'/Works Conference at Chennai.

ICG Regional Headquarters (East), Chennai conducted District Commanders'/Works Conference from 24 to 25 Jul 25 to review the technical management, infrastructure/human resource development & operational readiness of the region. The conference included a brainstorming session with Command Nodes from Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh & Puducherry, and driving synergy for a safer coastline.



*Conduct of District Commanders'/Works Conference at Chennai*

### R. Launching of 6<sup>th</sup> indigenously built Fast Patrol Vessel Atal at Goa.

On 29 Jul 25, ICG's indigenously built 6<sup>th</sup> Fast Patrol Vessel Atal was launched at Goa Shipyard Ltd., Goa by Smt. Shilpa Agarwal in the presence of Shri Rozy Agarwal, IDAS, PIFA, CGHQ. The ship highlights India's commitment to self-reliance in defence production.



*Launching of 6<sup>th</sup> indigenously built Fast Patrol Vessel Atal at Goa*

### S. Passing Out Parade of the 80<sup>th</sup> Batch of ICG Officers.

On 29 Jul 25, ICG District Headquarters No.4, Kochi conducted 'Passing Out Parade' of the 80<sup>th</sup> Batch of ICG Officers, on completion of ICG Law & Operations course. Inspector General Datwinder Singh Saini, TM, Commander Coast Guard Region (East) reviewed the parade.



*Passing Out Parade of the 80<sup>th</sup> Batch of ICG Officers*

### T. Girder Laying Ceremony at Goa.

On 30 Jul 25, Girder Laying ceremony for construction of the 1<sup>st</sup> indigenously build Air Cushion Vehicle (ACV) was held at Rassai Yard, Chowgule Shipyard, Goa.



*Girder Laying Ceremony at Goa*



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## Japan Coast Guard ship docks in city as part of global training

New Delhi, July 7: Japan Coast Guard ship 'Tsukushima' will engage in a series of bilateral engagements during its week-long port call at Chennai, starting Monday, officials said. Following the Chennai visit, 'Tsukushima' will participate in a joint sea exercise named 'Exercise Jaa Mats' (meaning 'see you later') with the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). This exercise will focus on enhancing coordination and operational synergy at sea, they said.

"Furthermore, four officers from the ICG will embark on board 'Tsukushima' as Sea Riders, during its passage to Singapore, further strengthening camaraderie and professional exchange between the two forces," the ICG said.

The JCG ship arrived at Chennai Port on Monday as part of its Global Ocean Voyage Training.

The visit highlights the deep and enduring bond between the Indian Coast Guard and the Japan Coast Guard, reaffirming their

strategic partnership in the vital Indo-Pacific region and enhancing inter-operability between the two esteemed maritime forces, a senior official of the ICG said. On arrival, 'Tsukushima', commanded by Captain Naoki Mizoguchi, was accorded a warm ceremonial welcome in traditional Indian style, the ICG said.

"During its week-long port call in Chennai, the crew of 'Tsukushima' will participate in a series of professional and cultural activities, including official courtesy calls, reciprocal ship visits, and joint training and interactive sessions aimed at fostering mutual cooperation and understanding."

As part of official engagements, the JCG delegation, led by Vice Admiral Hiroaki Kasue, will call on Paramesh Sivamani, the Director General of the Indian Coast Guard, the official said.

Bilateral discussions are also scheduled between the JCG representatives and Additional Director General Donny Michael, Comm-



(1) Japan Coast Guard ship 'Tsukushima' arrives in Chennai on Monday. (2) Japan Coast Guard (JCG) personnel with Commander, Coast Guard Region (East) Inspector General Datwinder Singh Saini and NCC cadets after the arrival of JCG Ship 'Tsukushima' at Chennai port on Monday.



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ander, Coast Guard, Eastern Seaboard, they said.

A series of professional and cultural exchanges, including a joint yoga session and sports activities,

are planned, culminating on July 12, the ICG said.

It also said that the visit underscores the strong and evolving partnership between the ICG and JCG, rooted

in the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) signed in 2006 and endorsed by both nations.

This collaboration reflects a shared commitment to a

free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific, aligned with common maritime priorities under India's SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) vision

and the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI), it said.

This port call marks yet another significant milestone in advancing mar-

itime diplomacy, enhancing operational synergy, deepening mutual trust and friendship between the two maritime agencies, the official said.

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## समुद्री हितों की रक्षा के लिए आईसीजी मिलेगा एक और गश्ती पोत

नई दिल्ली, 22 जुलाई (नवोदय टाइम्स): 06 अगली पीढ़ी के अपतटीय गश्ती पोतों (एनजीओपीवी) में से पहले पोत का निर्माण कार्य मंगलवार को कील बिछाने की रस्म के साथ मुंबई में शुरू हो गया। कील-स्थापना समारोह का आयोजन मझगांव डॉक शिपबिल्डर्स लिमिटेड, मुंबई में किया गया। इस दौरान समारोह की अध्यक्षता भारतीय तटरक्षक बल के डीआईजी आरएच नंदोदकर (टेक) ने की। उनके साथ एमडीएल के कार्यकारी निदेशक (जहाज निर्माण) ए. विनोद और दोनों संस्थानों के अन्य वरिष्ठ अधिकारी भी मौजूद रहे। इस अवसर पर नंदोदकर ने कहा, स्वदेशी रूप से डिजाइन, विकसित और निर्मित एनजीओपीवी के नए बेड़े के जुड़ने से देश के समुद्री हितों की रक्षा में आईसीजी की भूमिका और मजबूत होगी। करीब 5,000 समुद्री मील की सीमा और 117 मीटर की लंबाई के साथ 11 अधिकारियों और 110 पुरुषों की क्षमता वाला यह जहाज 23 समुद्री मील की अधिकतम गति से समुद्र में गश्त करेगा। इसमें अत्याधुनिक मशीनरी और उन्नत तकनीकी प्रणालियां भी शामिल होंगी, जिनमें एआई-आधारित पूर्वानुमानित रखरखाव प्रणाली, रिमोट पायलटेड ड्रोन आदि हैं।

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## 13th High Level Meeting Between ICG And Korea Coast Guard At New Delhi



The 13th High Level Meeting (HLM) between the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Korea Coast Guard (KCG) was held in New Delhi on 21 July 2025. The meeting was led by Director General S Paramesh, AVSM, PTM, TM, Director General, Indian Coast Guard, and Commissioner General KIM Yong Jin, Commissioner General, Korea Coast Guard, who is on an official visit to India from 20-24 July 2025 as the head of a five-member delegation. Discussions during the meeting centred on strengthening operational cooperation in key areas such as Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR), Pollution Response (PR), and Maritime Law Enforcement (MLE). Both sides reiterated the importance of sharing best practices, enhancing inter-operability, and sustaining regular personnel exchanges under the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the two agencies in 2006.

As part of the visit, the KCG delegation will also travel to Mumbai from 23-24 Jul 25, where they are scheduled to undertake an industrial visit to M/s Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) and Indian Coast Guard patrol vessel, further reinforcing maritime industrial and operational linkages.

The meeting provided fresh momentum to the enduring and professional relationship between the two Coast Guards and reaffirmed their joint commitment to promoting maritime safety, security, and environmental protection in the region.



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## As maritime accidents increase, Coast Guard poised to get 2 new pollution-control vessels

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Panaji:** Amid a rise in maritime accidents in Indian waters, the Indian Coast Guard is set to get two additional vessels to combat onboard fires and oil spills. Goa Shipyard Limited launched a 114-metre-long pollution-control vessel, Samudra Prachet, for the Coast Guard on Wednesday at its shipyard at Vasco.

The indigenously designed pollution-control vessel is the second of the two that the Coast Guard ordered from the defence public sector undertaking. Samudra Prachet follows Samudra Pratap, which was launched in Aug last year, and GSL will deliver the two ships to the Coast Guard in the coming quarters.

Director general of the Coast Guard, Paramesh Sivamani, emphasised the strategic importance of advanced pollution-control vessels in



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strengthening India's capacity to protect the coastal environment and respond to pollution emergencies.

Sivamani said that pollution-control vessels play a "pivotal role" in safeguarding India's marine ecosystems.

Incidents in the maritime sector involving Indian seafarers and foreign vessels in In-

dian waters rose by 21% in 2024 to 196, said India's shipping regulator, directorate general of shipping, in its Maritime Safety Investigation Report 2024. An upward trend was observed in total collision incidents, rising from five in 2023 to 10 in 2024.

The recent fire onboard MV Wan Hai 503, which started with explosions when the

ship was some 44 nautical miles off Kerala on June 9, illustrates the potential danger aboard cargo ships.

GSL chairman and MD, Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay, said that 72% of the machinery and raw material used to build the two pollution-control vessels is indigenous. The 4,170-tonne vessel will be operated by 14 officers and 115 sailors. It is equipped with two side-sweeping arms capable of collecting oil spills while under way, as well as a modern radar system for detecting oil slicks.

The vessel is engineered to recover oil, pump in contaminated water, analyse and separate pollutants, and store recovered oil in dedicated onboard tanks. A day earlier, Sivamani's wife, Priya, inaugurated the Coast Guard Kindergarten School at Chicolina, Vasco. The school will also cater to locals.

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## GSL launches second Pollution Control Vessel 'Samudra Prachet'

Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL), a premier Indian DPSU Shipyard, launched the second indigenous Pollution Control Vessel (GSL Yard 1268) on 23 July.

This is the last of the 02 Pollution Control Vessel Class being constructed by GSL. First Pollution Control Vessel (GSL Yard 1267) was launched on 29 August 2024 and same is on the verge of delivery.

These Pollution Control Vessels are being designed and constructed indigenously. With the launch of the second Pollution Control Vessel, GSL and Indian Coast Guard are steadfastly progressing on



the path of self-reliance, turning "Atmanirbhar Bharat" into a reality.

The second ship was launched by guest of honour Priya Paramesh, in presence of Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, Director General Indian Coast Guard who was chief guest for the occasion.



## MEDIA COVERAGE

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- The keel-laying ceremony of Yard 16401, first of 6 Next Generation Off-shore Patrol Vessel (OPVs) was held at M/s Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL), Mumbai on July 22. The ceremony was presided over by DIG RH Nandodkar, TM, CSO (Tech), CGRHQ (NW).

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### Launch Of "Atal" – Fifth Fast Patrol Vessel For Indian Coast Guard By Goa Shipyard Ltd



Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL), a premier Indian DPSU Shipyard, is constructing eight Fast Patrol Vessels for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). The 5th vessel of the series was launched today in a ceremonious way by Smt Shilpa Agarwal in the presence of Rozy Agarwal, IDAS, PIFA, Coast Guard Headquarters as Chief Guest to the chants of 'Atharva Veda'. In the glittering ceremony, the ship was named as "ATAL". Launch ceremony was also attended by IG Sudhir Sahni, TM, DDG (M&M) and other senior officials from ICG. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest, Rozy Agarwal, IDAS, PIFA, CGHQ in his address brought out that these ships have been designed and constructed indigenously by Goa Shipyard Limited to meet the specific requirements of ICG. The ship has a length of 52m, breadth of 8m and would displace 320T. The Shipyard has since made exceptional strides in achieving the milestone of launching. These Advanced Fast Patrol vessels will assist ICG in protecting offshore assets and island territories. Their primary role will be fisheries protection and monitoring around island territories, exclusively economic zone and coastal patrol. Vessels shall also perform anti-smuggling, anti-piracy and search & rescue operations.



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आत्मनिर्भर भारत

तटरक्षक बल का पहला स्वदेशी होवरक्राफ्ट का निर्माण हुआ शुरू

## गोवा के चोगुले शिपयार्ड में निर्माण कार्य शुरू

नई दिल्ली, 30 जुलाई. भारतीय तटरक्षक बल (आईसीबी) ने अपनी समुद्री क्षमताओं को बढ़ाने की दिशा में एक बड़ा मोल का पथर हासिल किया है.

गोवा स्थित चोगुले एंड कंपनी प्राइवेट लिमिटेड में पहले स्वदेशी एयर कूशन वाहन (एसीवी) का निर्माण शुरू हो गया है. यह उपलब्धि 24 अक्टूबर 2024 को रक्षा मंत्रालय के साथ उद्घाटन अनुबंध के बाद आई है, जो आईसीबी के परिचालन आत्मनिर्भरता पर निरंतर ध्यान को रेखांकित करती



है. उद्घाटन एयर कूशन वाहनों के निर्माण के लिए रक्षा मंत्रालय के साथ एक महत्वपूर्ण अनुबंध पर हस्ताक्षर के बाद, यह परियोजना आज चोगुले शिपयार्ड के रस्साइडम यार्ड में आयोजित गार्ड लेहिंग और

इरेक्शन के शुभारंभ के औपचारिक समारोह के साथ एक महत्वपूर्ण मोल के पथर पर पहुंच गई है. इस अवसर पर भारतीय तटरक्षक बल के उप महानिदेशक महाविनीक्षक सुधीर साहनी, टीएम उपस्थित थे.

विश्वसनीय सिफॉन होवरवर्क डिजाइन पर आधारित, इन एयर कूशन वाहनों को भारतीय कोशल और सटीकता के साथ तैयार किया जा रहा है, जो राष्ट्र की बढ़ती रक्षा क्षमता और आत्मनिर्भर भारत की भावना का प्रतीक है. एक बार सेवा में आने के बाद, ये होवरक्राफ्ट भारतीय तटरक्षक बल को बेजोड़ गति, बहुमुखी प्रतिभा और सामरिक पहुंच प्रदान करेंगे.

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## At bilateral meeting, India, UAE agree to elevate defence ties

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India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral defence cooperation during the 13th India-UAE Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting, held at the Secretary level for the first time, in New Delhi on Wednesday.

The two sides agreed to elevate defence ties to match the growing momentum in areas such as trade, investment, and social relations, the Defence Ministry said in a statement.

The meeting was co-chaired by Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and the UAE's Under Secretary of Defence, Lieutenant-General Ibrahim Nasser M. Al Alawi, who is leading a high-level defence delegation on a two-day visit to India.

The two sides agreed to enhance military training



The pact is aimed at creating a safe and sustainable maritime environment in the region.

cooperation and discussed their respective training requirements. India offered to provide customised training courses tailored to the UAE's needs. They also agreed to cooperate on maritime security through real-time information sharing, the Defence Ministry said.

Both countries agreed to pursue joint manufacturing initiatives, including models similar to the collaboration between ICOMM (India) and CARACAL (UAE) for small arms production.

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