

PRESS BRIEF
ICGS SANKALP'S PORT CALL AT PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS

New Delhi, 17 Jan 26:- Indian Coast Guard Ship Sankalp, an Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) entered Port Louis, Mauritius on 17 Jan 26, as part of its ongoing Overseas Deployment (OSD) to Friendly Foreign Countries in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). The visit underscores India's continued commitment to strengthening maritime cooperation, enhancing interoperability, and fostering close bilateral ties with Mauritius. Further, in keeping with commitment to gender inclusivity in maritime operations, two women officers are also embarked onboard, highlighting their growing role in Indian Coast Guard and commitment to women empowerment in the maritime domain.

This deployment aligns with India's maritime vision of SAGAR – Security and Growth for All in the Region, aimed at promoting regional maritime safety, security, and environmental stewardship. During its stay in Port Louis, ICGS Sankalp will engage in professional interactions with National Coast Guard (NCG) and other maritime agencies of Mauritius to share best practices and enhance mutual understanding in key operational domains.

A comprehensive training programme has been planned during the port call, including sea and harbour drills, oil pollution, Damage Control (NBCD) exercises, and firefighting drills. The programme will also cover Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) joint training, navigation bridge and MCR (Machinery Control Room) integration drills, aimed at strengthening operational coordination and readiness.

In addition to professional engagements, the visit will also feature friendly sports fixtures and cultural exchanges to promote camaraderie and people-to-people connect. The crew will also undertake community service activities, reflecting India's commitment to constructive outreach and goodwill. The visit will also serve to showcase India's shipbuilding capabilities, supporting the concept of "Atmanirbhar Bharat."

The visit of ICGS Sankalp to Mauritius reinforces India's dedication to deepening maritime partnerships in the extended neighborhood. It highlights the Indian Coast Guard's role as a trusted regional partner committed to enhancing maritime safety, security, capacity building, and environmental protection, while strengthening bilateral relations with Mauritius.

On completion of its visit to Mauritius, ICGS Saksham will depart for Seychelles as part of its continuing Overseas Deployment in the Indian Ocean Region, further reinforcing India's maritime outreach and partnerships with key island nations.

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