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INDIAN COAST GUARD SHIP VIGRAHA ARRIVES IN JAKARTA FOR OPERATIONAL VISIT AS PART OF ASEAN DEPLOYMENT

ICGS Vighraha Strengthens India–Indonesia Coast Guard Cooperation During Jakarta Visit

New Delhi, 03 Dec 25: Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) *Vighraha* is undertaking an operational visit to **Jakarta, Indonesia**, from **02–05 December 2025** as part of its Overseas Deployment to ASEAN countries. The port call reaffirms India's commitment to enhancing maritime cooperation with regional partners in line with the **Act East Policy**, **SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region)**, and the **Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI)**. The visit underscores the growing centrality of **Coast Guard-to-Coast Guard cooperation** in promoting maritime safety, security, and environmental stewardship in the region.

A major pillar of India–Indonesia maritime partnership is the **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Indonesian Coast Guard (BAKAMLA) in July 2020**. This landmark agreement institutionalised a structured framework for operational engagement, strengthening collaboration in **maritime law enforcement, coordinated patrols, Search and Rescue (SAR), marine pollution response, information sharing, and capacity building**. Since its conclusion, the MoU has enabled sustained interaction between the two agencies, facilitating the exchange of best practices, professional training, and improved interoperability during joint maritime operations. The visit of ICGS *Vighraha* is a continuation of this momentum and a demonstration of the tangible progress made under the bilateral framework.

During the three-day visit, personnel of the ICG and BAKAMLA will participate in an extensive programme of activities, including **professional interactions, tabletop exercises, shipboard drills, and joint training sessions**. These engagements will focus on **Maritime Law Enforcement, Marine Pollution Response, and Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR)**—areas where both organisations share significant operational responsibilities owing to their large Exclusive Economic Zones and heavy maritime traffic. Joint activities will strengthen interoperability in handling incidents related to illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, piracy, trafficking, maritime accidents, and environmental hazards. A **Passage Exercise (PASSEX)** on departure will further enhance operational cohesion, communication procedures, and seamanship coordination between the two services.

India and Indonesia, both leading maritime democracies, are committed to upholding a **Rules-Based International Order (RBIO)** in the Indo-Pacific. Cooperative Coast Guard engagement plays a vital role in translating this principle into practical action through routine maritime enforcement, joint response mechanisms, and coordinated surveillance of strategic sea lanes.

Over the years, ICG and BAKAMLA have built a robust tradition of cooperation characterised by regular high-level visits, bilateral training exchanges, coordinated patrols, and collaboration through ASEAN-led and Indo-Pacific maritime initiatives. Indonesia regularly participates in capacity-building programmes and specialised courses offered by the Indian Coast Guard, while ICG ships visiting Indonesian ports have facilitated practical training and cross-deck interactions. Such engagements

reflect the maturity and mutual confidence that now define the India–Indonesia maritime relationship.

The current visit also includes **courtesy calls, ship visits, yoga and sports activities, and professional exchanges at maritime training establishments**. These interactions strengthen people-to-people ties and build camaraderie among personnel—an essential foundation for effective operational cooperation. The presence of ICGS *Vigraha* in Jakarta signals India's continued commitment to cooperative maritime security and its readiness to support partners in strengthening their maritime capabilities and preparedness.

On completion of the Jakarta leg, **ICGS *Vigraha* will sail to Port Klang, Malaysia**, continuing its operational deployment to ASEAN countries. The deployment aims to enhance regional engagement, strengthen collaborative response mechanisms, and contribute to peace, stability, and good order at sea across the Indo-Pacific.

The visit of ICGS *Vigraha* thus represents not just a bilateral engagement, but a reaffirmation of the shared values, maritime responsibilities, and strategic vision that bind India and Indonesia in their pursuit of a secure, prosperous, and rules-based Indo-Pacific.

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