

## **PRESS BRIEF**

### **INDIAN COAST GUARD CONDUCTS COASTAL SECURITY EXERCISE SAGAR KAVACH ALONG MAHARASHTRA & GOA COASTLINE**

New Delhi, 21 Nov 25: The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) successfully coordinated and conducted the comprehensive Coastal Security Exercise Sagar Kavach – 02/25 along the Maharashtra and Goa coastline on 19–20 Nov 2025. The exercise demonstrated a high level of inter-agency coordination, operational readiness, and the capability to counter maritime security contingencies and potential threats posed by Anti-National Elements (ANEs) targeting critical coastal assets.

The primary aim of the exercise was to assess the preparedness of all participating agencies in handling coastal security emergencies, prevent attacks on vital coastal installations, and further strengthen the multi-layered Coastal Security Network. It also aimed to enhance synergy among central and state stakeholders responsible for coastal and maritime security.

The Initial Planning Conference was conducted under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary of Maharashtra, at Mantralaya, Mumbai, on 10 Oct 2025. A wide spectrum of 19 central and 13 state agencies, along with the involvement of 01 major port and 21 minor ports and district-level coastal authorities, ensured comprehensive coverage of both sea and shore responses. In all, more than 6,000 personnel and more than 115 sea/ air assets participated in the exercise.

A comprehensive range of maritime and aerial assets was mobilized for the exercise, ensuring seamless coordination across sea, air, and shore domains. The deployment included Indian Navy and ICG ships, along with ICG air assets such as Dornier aircraft, Chetak helicopters, and Air Cushion Vehicles (ACVs). Boats from the Marine Police, Customs, CISF, and the Maharashtra Maritime Board (MMB) were also engaged, supplemented by boats from the Police and Fisheries Department. In addition, the exercise was supported by various crafts from MMB, collectively contributing to robust operational coverage throughout the drill.

The successful conduct of Sagar Kavach – 02/25 reaffirmed the collective commitment of the Indian Navy, ICG, and all participating agencies toward enhancing coastal and maritime security along India's western seaboard. The exercise significantly strengthened coordination, interoperability, and communication networks among security, intelligence, and port management agencies.

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