

PRESS BRIEF

KEEL LAYING AND PLATE CUTTING CEREMONY OF INDIAN COAST GUARD FAST PATROL VESSELS

New Delhi, 29 Jan 26: The Keel Laying Ceremony of Indian Coast Guard(ICG), Fast Patrol Vessel FPV-3 and the Plate Cutting Ceremony of FPV-6, under the project for construction of 14 Fast Patrol Vessels , was held at Ritchie Dry Dock (RDD), Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) today.

The ceremonies were presided over by DIG Vinod Sakharkar, CSO (Tech), Coast Guard Regional Headquarters (West) and DIG Shashi Bhusan, CSO (Refit), Coast Guard Regional Headquarters (West), respectively, as Chief Guests and Senior officials from the Indian Coast Guard and MDL were present on the occasion.

The contract for design and construction of 14 Fast Patrol Vessels was concluded between the Indian Coast Guard and MDL on 24 Jan 2024. The water-jet propelled FPVs, with an approximate displacement of 340 tonnes, are designed to undertake coastal security, search and rescue, and law enforcement operations, with a minimum indigenous content of 60%.

The indigenous content of the vessels is further enhanced through the integration of indigenously manufactured gearboxes from M/s Triveni, Mysore, and water jets from M/s MJP India. The FPVs will be equipped with state-of-the-art machinery, including AI-based predictive maintenance systems and multipurpose drones.

The keel laying of FPV-3 and plate cutting of FPV-6 mark significant milestones in the overall project timeline. The construction of these fourteen vessels aligns with the national vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and will significantly enhance the operational presence of the Indian Coast Guard in the Indian Ocean Region.

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