

PRESS RELEASE

COMMISSIONING OF 20th FAST PATROL VESSEL (FPV)

ICGS AYUSH ON 18 FEB 17



Indian Coast Guard Ship Ayush, the last in the series of twenty Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs), designed and indigenously built by M/s Cochin Shipyard Limited, was commissioned on 18 Feb 2017 at Kochi by Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve, AVSM, Flag Officer Commanding-in- Chief (South) on 18 Feb 2017 in the presence of Additional Director General K Natarajan, PTM, TM, Coast Guard Commander (Western Seaboard). The ceremony was also attended by Inspector General VS Pathania, PTM, TM, Commander Coast Guard Region (West), Inspector General Rajan Bargoitra, TM, Commander Coast Guard Region (East) and other senior dignitaries of the Armed Forces, Central and State Govt.

The 50 mtr FPV, ICGS Ayush displaces 421 tons of water and is equipped with state-of-the-art Weaponry, Communication and Navigational equipment. The ship is propelled by three advanced diesel engines coupled with three Rolls Royce Jets to achieve a maximum speed of 33 Knots and has an endurance of 1500 nautical miles at

economical speed of 14 knots. The ship is ideal platform for undertaking multifarious close-coast missions such as surveillance, search and rescue, interdiction and maritime law enforcement. The special features of the ship include an Integrated Bridge System (IBS), Machinery Control System (MCS) and an indigenously built Gun Mount with fire control system.

The ship has been christened ICGS "Ayush", which literally means "Longevity" and will be based at Krishnapatnam, under the administrative and operational control of the Commander, Coast Guard Region (East), Chennai.

The ship on joining the Coast Guard Fleet will enhance Coast Guard's capability in furthering its mandate of Maritime Safety, Maritime Security, Environmental Protection and Coastal Security on the Eastern Seaboard.

ICGS Ayush is commanded by Commandant (JG) Asheesh Sharma and has a compliment of 04 officers and 33 enrolled personnel.