

NATIONAL LEVEL POLLUTION RESPONSE EXERCISE (NATPOLREX-VII) MUMBAI 07- 09 JAN 19

The 7th National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-VII) was scheduled at Mumbai from 07-09 Jan 19. During the exercise, 24 foreign delegates from 19 countries and 75 Indian delegates from Central and State departments, Major ports, Non-major ports, Oil Handling Agencies and Oil Installation Onshore participated.



The NATPOLREX was conducted by Indian Coast Guard being Competent National Authority in accordance with National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOS-DCP).



A workshop was conducted on the first day of the NATPOLREX in which foreign and Indian delegates participated. During the inaugural session, Director General Rajendra Singh, PTM, TM, Director General Indian Coast Guard, Chairman NOS-DCP was the chief guest.



Technical Session-I on 'Sensitivity of Marine Environment' was chaired by DIG DR Sharma, which included, 03 presentations namely, presentation by Dr. Soniya Sukumaran, Principal Scientist, NIO on Sensitivity of Ocean Management, presentation by Capt. (Dr.) A. Daniel J Joseph, Nautical Surveyor-cum-DDG(Tech), DG Shipping on Maritime Administrators Perspective on Environmental Challenges and presentation by Dr. Naveen Raj from Corporate HSE, ONGC on Balancing Oil Exploration with Environment Management.



Technical Session-II on Protection of Marine Environment was chaired by DIG Donny Michael, TM, which included, 05 presentations namely, presentation by DIG Sanatan Jena, TM on India's Perspective on Environment Protection, presentation by Captain Md. Mosayed Hossain, Bangladesh Coast Guard on Country Perspective on Environment Protection, presentation by Commander Makoto Tamura, Japan CG on Country Perspective on Environment Protection, presentation by Mr. Choi Hyun Kue, Korean CG on Country Perspective on Environment Protection and presentation by Lt Cdr IE Tanakoon, Sri Lankan CG on Country Perspective on Environment Protection.

On the 2nd day, table top exercise was conducted for foreign and Indian delegates by Commandant Bhim Singh Kothari, Director (Environment), Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi and Commandant Amitava Das, Officer-in-Charge, Pollution Response Team (West), Mumbai. During the table top exercise, an oil spill scenario was given to the participants and they were required to take actions i.a.w. the NOS-DCP.





On the 3rd day, Indian Coast Guard, Mumbai Port Trust, Jawahar Lal Nehru Port, ONGC and SCI demonstrated their pollution response capabilities by deploying their assets. A total of 25 surface and air assets (ICG-17, MbPT & JNPT-05, ONGC-02 and SCI-01) demonstrated fire fighting drill, rescue

operation, containment cum recovery by side sweeping arms, containment cum recovery by deployment of booms and skimmers, collection of oily debris by streaming trawl net, streaming of single ship operated containment cum recovery system and demonstration of surface and air oil spill dispersant systems.



The sea demonstrations was witnessed by Coast Guard Commander Western Seaboard, Commander Coast Guard Region (West), Chairman Mumbai Port Trust, PCDA(Navy), Air Officer Commanding (Maritime Air Operation)/ Indian Air Force, foreign delegates and representatives from Major ports, Non-major ports, Oil Handling Agencies & Oil Installation Onshore.