

PRESS RELEASE

COMMISSIONING OF OFFSHORE PATROL VESSEL (OPV) ICGS SHOOR – 11 APRIL 2016

1. Indian Coast Guard Ship "Shoor" the second ship in the series of six Off Shore Patrol Vessels (OPV) was commissioned at Goa by Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari Hon'ble minister of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways on 11 Apr 16 in the presence of Director General Rajendra Singh PTM, TM, Director General Indian Coast Guard, CMD Goa Shipyard Limited and other senior dignitaries of the Central and State Government. '**Shoor**' meaning '**Valiant**' is a projection of Indian Coast Guard's will and commitment "**To serve and protect**" the maritime interest of the nation.
2. This 105 meters OPV has been designed and built indigenously by M/s GSL and is fitted with most advanced navigation and communication equipment, sensors and machinery. The features include 30 mm CRN 91 Naval Gun, Integrated Bridge System (IBS), Integrated Machinery Control System (IMCS), Power Management System (PMS) and High Power External Fire Fighting System. The ship is designed to carry one twin engine Light Helicopter and five high speed boats including two QRIBs for fast boarding operations, search and rescue, law enforcement and maritime patrol. The ship is also capable of carrying pollution response equipment to combat oil spill contamination at sea.
3. The ship draws 2350 tons (GRT) and is propelled by two 9100 KW diesel engines to attain a maximum speed of 23 Knots. It has an endurance of 6000 NM at economical speed. The sustenance and reach coupled with the latest and modern equipment and systems provides her the capability to perform the role of a command platform and accomplish all Coast Guard charter of duties.
4. The ship on joining Coast Guard Fleet will be based at New Mangalore and deployed extensively for EEZ surveillance and other duties as enshrined in Coast Guard Charter, to safeguard the maritime interests of India. Presently, Indian Coast Guard has a Fleet of 120 Ships/boats, further 70 Ships/boats are at various stages of construction at different shipyards. With the commissioning of this vessel and other assets, the Indian Coast Guard will emerge as a stronger and potent force to address the emerging security challenges in our maritime zones.
5. ICGS Shoor will be manned by 14 Officers and 98 men commanded by Deputy Inspector General Surendra Singh Dasila under the administrative and operation control of the Commander, Coast Guard Region (West).
6. The commissioning of ICGS Shoor will enhance the Indian Coast Guard's operational capability to discharge the multifarious maritime tasks. The induction of a sophisticated and state-of-the-art Offshore Patrol Vessel will give a fillip to the maritime protection of our vast coastline of Western Seaboard in general and the Maritime State of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Goa in particular.