

PRESS BRIEF

DEFENCE MINISTER SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN'S VISIT TO COAST GUARD DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS KARNATAKA

1. Raksha Mantri Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman today visited the proposed site for the Indian Coast Guard Training Centre at Baikampady, Mangalore (Karnataka) accompanied by Director General Indian Coast Guard Rajendra Singh, PTM, TM .
2. Honourable Defence Minister reached Mangalore this afternoon by service helicopter and then headed for the proposed Coast Guard Training Centre site en-route to the Coast Guard District Headquarters Karnataka .This 160 acres of land has been cleared by the govt. on 10th Dec 17. The visit to Mangalore is part of the maiden visit to the Coast Guard Karnataka as Defence Minister during which she was appraised about the Operational Preparedness, Coastal Security Mechanism, Infrastructure Development and Administrative set up at Coast Guard Karnataka. She also reviewed the Rescue Operations conducted by the Coast Guard Karnataka during Cyclone Ockhi.
3. Honourable Raksha Mantri on arrival inspected the Guard of Honour given by Coast Guard Karnataka before visiting Remote Operating Station –New Mangalore. This Remote Operating Station is part of the chain of static sensors in West Coast for gap free Electronic Surveillance of the entire coast up to 25 Nautical Miles from the Coast.
4. The Defence Minister also interacted with the troops of Coast Guard Karnataka who mans the ships and aircrafts including bases and appreciated their dedication to the service and efforts in guarding the Nation's interest at sea.
5. Director General Indian Coast Guard Rajendra Singh, PTM, TM was present during the entire visit of Honourable RM.

