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### XXXVI COAST GUARD COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE - 27 SEP 2017



Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, Smt Nirjala Sitharaman while addressing the 36<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard Commanders Conference at Coast Guard Headquarters New Delhi on 27 Sep 17 lauded Coast Guard for all its operations which they carried out be it Search & Rescue, Anti smuggling operations or Aid to civil administration. The conference was attended by senior officers of the Ministry of Defence and Indian Coast Guard (ICG) which included the Director General Rajendra Singh, PTM, TM, Additional Director Generals and Coast Guard Regional Commanders. The conference is held annually, where all Regional Commanders put forth the roadmap for future; discuss various policy and strategic issues. The conference aims to carve out a futuristic vision for the service and to determine the modalities to overcome the challenges efficiently.

Speaking on the occasion, the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri appreciated the efforts of the ICG in augmenting Maritime and Coastal security and suggested Coast Guard to focus on Coastal Development through Sagarmala programme and plan for operations not only in EEZ but beyond into the blue waters so that it stays relevant for next 20 years particularly by developing digital capacity.

While complimenting the officers and men of the Indian Coast Guard for displaying utmost dedication and professionalism in discharging their duties to endow credible maritime safety and security, the Hon'ble RM stated that the Coast Guard since inception

has rendered yeoman service to the sea farers by ensuring their safety and security.

The Raksha Mantri promised all assistance of the Ministry of Defence for cases relating to the operational efficiency and those pertaining to the growth of the service, be it the manpower or new acquisitions. Welcoming the Raksha Mantri, the Director General assured that ICG will be ever ready & vigilant for all challenges in the maritime domain. DGICG assured the RM that emphasis will be given on preparedness, Make in India and well being of the families. DGICG thanked the Hon'ble RM for her august presence along with senior officials from MoD and said that Hon, RM's consistent support will certainly be a source of continuing inspiration for entire Coast Guard fraternity.