

PRESS RELEASE

COMMISSIONING OF OFFSHORE PATROL VESSEL (OPV)
ICGS SUJAY – 21 DEC 17

1. Indian Coast Guard Ship "Sujay", the sixth in the series of six 105m Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) was commissioned at Goa by Director General Rajendra Singh, PTM, TM Director General Indian Coast Guard on 21 Dec 2017 in the presence of senior officers from Indian Coast Guard, CMD Goa Shipyard Limited and other senior dignitaries of the Central & State Government.
2. 'Sujay' meaning '**Great Victory**' is projection of Indian Coast Guard's will and commitment "**To serve and Protect**" the maritime interest of the nation. The ship is based at Paradip, Odisha under the operational and administrative control of Commander Coast Guard Region (North-East).
3. This 105 meter OPV has been designed and built indigenously by Goa Shipyard Ltd and is fitted with state-of-the-art navigation and communication equipment, sensors and machineries. The features include 30mm 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 Quick Reaction Inflatable Boats for swift boarding operations, search and rescue, law enforcement and maritime patrol. The ship is also capable of carrying pollution response equipment to contain oil spill at sea.
4. The ship draws 2350 tons(GRT) propelled by two 9100 KW diesel engines to attain a maximum speed of 23 Knots and 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 to accomplish all Coast Guard charter of duties.
5. The ship on joining Coast Guard fleet at Paradip, will be deployed extensively for EEZ surveillance and other duties as enshrined in the Coast Guard Charter, to safeguard the maritime interests of India. Presently, Indian Coast Guard has a fleet of 134 ships & boats and 66 ships & boats are at various stages of construction at different shipyards in India.
6. ICGS Sujay is commanded by Deputy Inspector General Yoginder Dhaka and manned by 12 Officers and 94 men.
7. The commissioning of ICGS Sujay 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 Eastern Seaboard in general and the maritime state of Odisha and West Bengal in particular.

