



PRESS BRIEF

25th CHIEF OF INDIAN COAST GUARD **DIRECTOR GENERAL RAKESH PAL, PTM, TM**

19 Jul 23, New Delhi: Director General Rakesh Pal, PTM, TM appointed as the 25th Director General of Indian Coast Guard. He is an alumnus of the Indian Naval Academy and joined Indian Coast Guard in Jan 1989. He has undergone professional specialization in Gunnery & Weapons System at Indian Naval School Dronacharya, Kochi and Electro-Optics Fire Control Solution course from United Kingdom. The Officer holds the recognition of being the *First Gunner* of ICG.

In his unstinted and distinguished career spanning over 34 years, the flag officer has held several key appointments afloat and ashore, prominent among them are Commander Coast Guard Region (North West), Gandhinagar, Deputy Director General (Policy & Plans) and Additional Director General Coast Guard at Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi. Besides, he has held various prestigious staff assignments viz., Director (Infra & Works) and Principal Director (Administration) at Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi. He has a vast sea experience and commanded all class of ICG ships namely; ICGS Samarth, ICGS Vijit, ICGS Sucheta Kriplani, ICGS Ahalyabai and ICGS C-03. The Officer has also Commanded two Coast Guard Base of forward area in Gujarat i.e. Okha & Vadinar.

He was elevated to the rank of Additional Director General in Feb 2022 and appointed as Additional Director General Coast Guard at Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi. He was also given the Additional Charge of Director General Coast Guard from Feb 2023. The period under his apex supervision, many major operations and exercises were successfully accomplished that includes seizure of drugs/narcotic substances and gold worth Crores of rupees, rescue of mariners during very sever cyclonic storm, joint exercises with Foreign Coast Guard, anti-poaching operations, humanitarian assistance during cyclones/ naturals calamities and Costal Security exercises.

For his illustrious service he has been conferred with award of Tatrakshak Medal (TM) in the year 2013 and President Tatrakshak Medal (PTM) for distinguished service in the year 2018.

The Officer hails from Uttar Pradesh. He is an ardent music lover and an avid sports enthusiast. He is happily married to Mrs. Dipa Pal and a proud father of two daughters, Ms. Snehal and Ms. Tarushi



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