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INDIAN COAST GUARD COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE -2023

New Delhi, 01 Dec 23: 40th Coast Guard Commanders' Conference was held from 30 Nov - 01 Dec 23 at Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi. The conference was attended by senior officers of the Ministry of Defence and Indian Coast Guard (ICG) which included the Director General Rakesh Pal, PTM, TM, alongwith senior ICG officers and other dignitaries. The conference is held annually, where all the Officers put forth the roadmap for future; discuss various policy and strategic issues. The conference aims to curve out a futuristic vision for the service and to determine the modalities to overcome the challenges efficiently.

Hon'ble Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the conference on 30 November 23, emphasizing the government's unwavering commitment to bolstering India's coastal defenses and maritime capabilities. The conference witnessed an array of discussions and strategic deliberations aimed at addressing contemporary maritime challenges and fortifying India's coastal surveillance mechanisms. He was given an overview on the ongoing development projects, operational readiness and future expansion plans of Indian Coast Guard by the Director General.

Hon'ble RM highlighted the efforts of ICG for being the vanguard in the field of maritime search and rescue and pollution response and emphasized to continue drive against contraband and drug trafficking. The Hon'ble RM also complemented 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 seafarers by ensuring their safety and security in all circumstances.

The conference agenda encompassed a wide spectrum of crucial topics, including enhancing maritime safety and security such as search & rescue operations, maritime pollution response, drive against contraband/ drug trafficking, safety of fishermen/ seafarers at sea, optimizing coastal security measures, fostering inter-agency coordination, and promoting Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA). The collective insights and exchange of best practices during the conference further reinforce the Indian Coast Guard's resolve to ensure the safety, security, and environmental protection of India's expansive maritime borders.

Director General Indian Coast Guard (DGICG) expressed his gratitude for the active participation and insightful contributions from all Commanders. He reiterated the Indian Coast Guard's unwavering commitment to uphold its role as the guardian of India's maritime frontiers.

The successful conclusion of the Commanders' Conference stands as a testament to the Indian Coast Guard's dedication for continuous improvement, innovation, and collaboration in safeguarding India's maritime interests.

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