

PRESS BRIEF

52 Officers & Sailors from Friendly Foreign Countries Arrive for Specialised Training by the Indian Coast Guard

New Delhi, 11 Mar 24: In continuation with the initiative of "Capacity Building Through Meaningful Training" for the Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs), the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) is conducting two specially designed courses under the aegis of Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC) commencing from today. The two professional courses are modelled and designed in consonance with the best international practices/ regulations and International Maritime Organisation (IMO) instruments aiming to strengthen maritime relationship, and building consensus amongst the like-minded regional maritime nations while dealing with contemporary challenges at sea.

The first course being the **Maritime Law & Ops Course** is conducted at Coast Guard Training Centre (CGTC), Kochi from 11-28 March 2024 (three weeks) whereas the second course is on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation (OPRC) **IMO Level-I & II** by the ICG Pollution Response Team (PRT) at Chennai from 11-22 March 24 (two weeks). The course curriculum of Maritime Law & Ops Course covers a wide canvas wherein the foreign trainees will be exposed to the facets of international Maritime Law and management of ocean resources, Maritime Search & Rescue (M-SAR), Marine Pollution Response (MPR), Visit Board Search & Seizure (VBSS) and Global Maritime Distress & Safety System (GMDSS). On the other hand, the trainees participating in IMO Level-I & II Course will be provided hands-on training on the aspect of Oil Pollution preparedness, Response and Cooperation which is duly validated by the IMO. Both the courses will be conducted through class room instruction by ICG Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) besides practical demonstration onboard ICG Ships.

The Maritime Law & Ops Course is attended by 32 trainees from 11 Friendly Foreign Countries, whereas the IMO Level-I & II Course is attended by 20 trainees from six Friendly Foreign Countries. Significant to note that, the ICG has trained 190 Officers and 257 Sailors from the Coast Guards/ Maritime Agencies of the FFCs under ITEC programme in the last three years. ICG is committed to forge stronger ties and collaborate in developing the capacity/ capability building of the FFCs in consonance with the GoI vision of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region).



