

## **PRESS BRIEF**

### **5<sup>TH</sup> HIGH LEVEL MEETING BETWEEN INDIAN COAST GUARD AND ROYAL OMAN POLICE COAST GUARD ON 23 APR 2024**

New Delhi, 23 Apr 24: The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual High-Level Meeting between the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Royal Oman Police Coast Guard (ROPCG) took place today in New Delhi, marking a significant milestone in the collaborative efforts to combat trans-national illegal activities at sea and promote regional cooperation. This meeting, conducted on 23 Apr 2024, follows the institutionalized mechanism as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the ICG and ROPGG.

A delegation from the Royal Oman Police Coast Guard led by Colonel Abdul Aziz Mohammed Ali Al Jabri, Assistant Officer Commanding, ROPCG arrived in New Delhi on 22 Apr 2024, to participate in the meeting. The high-level discussions were led by Director General Rakesh Pal, AVSM, PTM, TM from the Indian Coast Guard.

The meeting focused on bolstering bilateral engagements through capacity-building programme, cross ship's visit, implementation of Sea Rider programme, establishing professional linkages between pollution reporting centers and other collaborative arrangements. Both sides expressed their commitment to enhancing mutual cooperation in addressing maritime challenges, thereby strengthening the maritime safety and security framework in the region.

A meeting between the Royal Oman Police Coast Guard delegation and representatives from Society of Indian Defence Manufacturer (SIDM) is also planned on 25 Apr 24 at New Delhi to acquaint with India's shipbuilding capabilities under "Atmanirbhar Bharat".

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual ICG-ROPCG High-Level Meeting underscores the commitment of both the Coast Guards to jointly address maritime challenges and foster regional cooperation, ultimately contributing to the safety and security of the maritime domain in the region.

