

## **PRE –EVENT PRESS BRIEF**

### **INDIAN COAST GUARD TO HOST LANDMARK NATIONAL MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISE (SAREX-24)**

**New Delhi, 18 Nov 24:-** The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) is gearing up to host the largest National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-24) ever held alongside the 22<sup>nd</sup> National Maritime Search and Rescue (NMSAR) Board Meeting at Kochi, Kerala, on 28-29 Nov 2024. This prestigious event themed “Enhancing SAR Capabilities Through Regional Collaboration,” is set to redefine maritime safety standard across the region and beyond.

The two-day event will feature largest ever real-time simulations aimed at honing the skills required for effective Search and Rescue (SAR) operations, collaborative efforts among regional and international maritime stakeholders. This gathering of maritime expertise will not only enhance SAR capabilities but also strengthen SAR linkages with the participation of more than 40 international observers from partner nations, the event will underscore the essentials of global cooperation in safeguarding lives at sea and advancing maritime security standards.

SAREX-24 stands as a testament to India’s burgeoning influence as a global leader in maritime security. As the India ascends to the position of world’s third-largest economy. The exercise highlights India’s proactive stance in fostering stronger regional coordination for maritime safety. This initiative demonstrates India’s commitment to not only bolstering its own SAR capabilities but also contributing to global maritime safety standards. The event will showcase India's leadership in enhancing operational readiness and establishing stronger regional coordination in maritime safety.

The workshop will serve as a crucial platform for sharing best practices and strengthening ties with friendly nations. This increased engagement in international cooperation is pivotal for addressing the complexities of modern maritime challenges. The event's emphasis on regional collaboration reflects India's strategic approach to ensuring comprehensive maritime security and operational excellence.

**Commitment to Excellence:** This landmark gathering reaffirms India's unwavering dedication to advancing SAR capabilities, fostering regional cooperation, and achieving the highest standards of operational excellence in maritime safety. By hosting SAREX-24, the Indian Coast Guard underscores its role at the forefront of global maritime security efforts, showcasing its preparedness and resilience in safeguarding maritime interests.

As the world watches, SAREX-24 is poised to set new benchmarks in maritime safety, reinforcing India's position as a leading force in the realm of international maritime security.