

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **PLATE CUTTING CEREMONY FOR 14 FAST PATROL VESSELS (FPV) AND 06 NEXT GEN OFFSHORE PATROL VESSELS (NGOPV) FOR INDIAN COAST GUARD**

**New Delhi, 19 Dec 24:** A major milestone in the development of India's maritime defence capabilities was achieved today with the Plate Cutting Ceremony for the first of the 14 Fast Patrol Vessels (FPV) and 06 Next Gen Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPV) being constructed for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). The ceremony, held at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. (MDL), marks the beginning of a significant new chapter in indigenous shipbuilding under the 'Buy (Indian-IDDMM)' category.

The event was attended by key dignitaries, including the Director (Shipbuilding) of MDL, the Principal Director (Materiel) from Coast Guard Headquarters, the Superintendent of the Coast Guard Refit & Production Team (Mumbai), and senior officials from both the Indian Coast Guard and MDL.

MDL was awarded a Rs. 2684 crore contract to build 14 Fast Patrol Vessels and 06 NGOPV. These vessels will feature advanced technologies like drones for surveillance, AI for decision-making, an Integrated Bridge System (IBS) for maneuverability, and an Integrated Machinery Control System (IMCS) for efficient operations.

These advanced capabilities will enable the ICG to better secure India's maritime borders, conduct search and rescue operations, and respond rapidly to any emerging security threats in the region.

These State-Of-Art vessels are being indigenously designed, developed, and constructed by MDL, reinforcing the Government of India's vision of "Atmanirbhar Bharat" and enhancing the nation's defence production capabilities. With the commissioning of these vessels, the ICG will be better equipped to meet the increasing demands of coastal security and maritime law enforcement across India's vast maritime domain.

The construction of these vessels at MDL marks a key step toward India's defence self-reliance, enhancing the ICG's capabilities and strengthening maritime security. The vessels will be delivered over the next few years, strengthening ICG's capabilities and reinforcing its leadership in indigenous defence manufacturing.



