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PART-I

ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL

INDIAN COAST GUARD MOTTO / CREST

(AD/0103/CGO AMMD)

1. The President has been pleased to approve as “**VAYAM RAKSHAMAH**” the Motto for the Indian Coast Guard. The English Translation of the motto is “**We Protect**”. This is an appropriate description of the role of the Service in the protection of our national interest in the Maritime Zones of India.
2. Coast Guard motto “**VAYAM RAKSHAMAH**”, means “**We Protect**”. It implies, to protect our ocean and offshore wealth including oil, fish and minerals. To assist mariners in distress and safeguard life and property at sea. To enforce maritime laws with respect to sea, shipping, poaching, smuggling and narcotics. To preserve marine environment and ecology, protect rare species and back-up the Navy during war.
3. A design of the Indian Coast Guard Crest indicating the position of the motto is placed at annexure.
4. The State Emblem, which is an adaptation from the Sarnath Lion dating back to the time of Emperor Ashoka (273 – 232 B.C.) is on the top of the Crest of the Indian Coast Guard. The original Statue has four lions, standing back to back mounted on an abacus with a frieze carrying sculptures in high relief of an elephant, a galloping horse, a bull and a lion separated by intervening wheels. The National Motto “**Satyamev Jayate**” meaning “**Truth alone Triumphs**” is inscribed below the Ashoka emblem in gold. The Lion capital itself is surmounted by a “Chakra” (Wheel), which is the symbol of the Sun manifested as time. The Ashoka Capital is within a lifebuoy in white (depicting safety at sea), which enclosed the words “**Bharatiya tatrakshak**” in Devanagiri script. Two anchors are placed below the lifebuoy and the helicopter rotor on top (all three in blue) depicting the maritime service with an air arm. The scroll placed below has words inscribed in Sanskrit, “**VAYAM RAKSHAMAH**”, meaning “**We Protect**”. The **Five cornered Star** at the base of the Life buoy is synonym with the **Coast Guard**. One corner of the star point upward, two grounded and two stretching on both sides indicating omnipresence of Coast Guard at Sea.
5. CGO 3/83 is hereby cancelled.

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The Crest of the Indian Coast Guard

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