

INVESTITURE CEREMONY INDIAN COAST GUARD

The Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh awarded gallantry and meritorious service medals to the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) personnel at an impressive investiture ceremony held at Indian Coast Guard Air Station Chennai. The Director General Indian Coast Guard K Natarajan PTM, TM, senior officers of the Ministry of Defence and the Indian Coast Guard along with their families graced the occasion. The Presidents Tatrakshak Medals and Tatrakshak Medals are awarded as recognition to selfless devotion to duty, exemplary courage and acts of valour under extreme conditions to the officers and men. During the prestigious award ceremony, the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri inspected Ceremonial Guard prior awarding the medals. A total of 61 awards which included 01 PTM (Gallantry), 08 PTM (Distinguished Service), 32 TM (Gallantry) and 20 TM (Meritorious Service) were conferred.

The award of these medals not only serves as a well-deserved recognition for the acts of bravery, valour and selfless devotion of the personnel in extreme conditions, it also serves as a morale boost and motivation to the service as a whole for maintaining safety and security of Nation's vast maritime frontiers. With the ever increasing challenges of safety and security at sea, this fine service has been living upto Nation's expectations driven by an efficient and gallant work force with high morale. The very fact that there were a considerably large number of awardees for these prestigious medals proves the valour and dedication of personnel of Indian Coast Guard. This recognition of undaunted selfless efforts gives the service personnel immense sense of pride and motivates them in keeping with the best traditions of the armed forces.

On culmination of the award ceremony the awardees along with their families interacted with the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri and the Director General Indian Coast Guard as per service traditions.

