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INDIAN COAST GUARD AND ATS JOINTLY APPREHENDED 350 CR WORTH DRUGS FROM PAKISTANI BOAT

Indian Coast Guard (ICG) on the basis of intelligence input by ATS Gujarat has jointly apprehended a Pakistani Boat with 06 crew in Indian waters carrying approx. 50 kgs of Heroine worth Rs. 350 crore.

During night of 07/08 Oct 22, on a specific intelligence input, ICG strategically deployed two fast interceptor class of ships, C-429 and C-454 for patrolling in area close to notional International Maritime Border Line (IMBL). During midnight, a Pakistani Boat was observed moving suspiciously in Indian waters, 5 nm inside notional IMBL and 40 nm from Jakhau. On being challenged, the Pakistani boat started evasive manoeuvring. However, both the ships intercepted the Pakistani boat and forced it to stop. On boarding the boat, thorough rummaging was undertaken during which 50 Kgs of narcotics, believed to be Heroine was found concealed in five gunny bags. The market value of the seized narcotics is estimated to be Rs.350 crores. The ICG ships braved very rough seas in pitch dark night and marginal weather conditions during the entire operation.

The boat is being brought to Jakhau for further joint investigation by all agencies. This is the sixth such joint operation by the Indian Coast Guard and ATS, Gujarat in last one year and second such operation in less than a month when 40 Kgs of drugs was seized from a Pakistani boat on 14 Sep 22. Such operations have been a result of effective coordination and synergy amongst security agencies.



