

PRESS BRIEF

DEFENCE MINISTRY SIGNS CONTRACT FOR 06 NEXT GENERATION OFFSHORE PATROL VESSELS (06 NGOPVs) WITH MAZAGON DOCK & SHIPBUILDERS LTD, MUMBAI FOR INDIAN COAST GUARD (ICG)

New Delhi, 20 Dec 23: Ministry of Defence has signed a contract for acquisition of six state of the art Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (06 NGOPVs) with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL) for Indian Coast Guard (ICG), Mumbai at a cost of Rs. 1600 Cr on 20 Dec 2023. While four OPVs would replace the existing aging OPVs, the balance two would augment the ICG fleet. The acquisition of these major ICG platforms is aimed to boost the Coast Guard's capability and reinforces the increased focus of GoI towards Maritime Security. These modern and high tech Ships will play a critical role in enhancing the surveillance, Law enforcement, Search and Rescue, Pollution Response and other important humanitarian assistance capabilities of Indian Coast Guard. Along with several high tech advanced features and equipment, these 115 Mtr OPVs would be equipped with Multipurpose Drones, AI capability and Wirelessly Controlled Remote Water Rescue Craft, lifebuoy, etc. enabling greater flexibility and operational edge to the Coast Guard to face new age multidimensional challenges.

These Multi Role State-of-Art OPVs will be indigenously designed, developed and Manufactured by MDL, Mumbai under Buy (Indian-IDDm) Category and will be delivered in total 66 months. The contract achieves the objectives of *Aatmanirbhar Bharat* to boost nation's Indigenous Shipbuilding Capability bolstering maritime economic activities and fosters growth of ancillary industries specially the MSME Sector. The Project will also generate employment opportunities and expertise development in the Country.



