

PRESS BRIEF

INAUGURATION OF INDIAN COAST GUARD (ICG) JETTY AT VADINAR BY HON'BLE RAKSHA RAJYA MANTRI SHRI AJAY BHATT

New Delhi, 01 Mar 24: Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri, Shri Ajay Bhatt inaugurated the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Jetty Vadinar on 01 Mar 24. This marks a significant step towards augmenting infrastructure development in the strategically important Indian Coast Guard Region(North-West). The jetty construction was undertaken by Deendayal Port Authority(DPA) as a deposit work at a cost of Rs. 74 Crores. Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri lauded the role played by the ICG, in safeguarding national maritime interests in its areas of responsibility.

ICG Headquarters is situated at New Delhi. The Director General Indian Coast Guard exercises Command and Control of the Organisation through 05 ICG Regional Headquarters located at Gandhinagar, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Portblair to discharge various mandated tasks including that of Maritime security and safety, surveillance in our Exclusive Economic Zone(EEZ) and assistance to mariners and fisher folks in distress in Indian Search & Rescue Region(ISRR).

ICG Regional Headquarters (North West) was established on 16 Dec 2009 at Gandhinagar. It executes ICG's mandated charter in maritime zones of Gujarat, Daman & Diu. Gujarat state has a coastline of 1215 Km, which is one sixth of the total coastline of the country and shares notional IMBL with Pakistan.

Regional Headquarters (North West), on an average deploys 10/12 ships and 2/3 aircraft on a daily basis for security, surveillance and to maintain constant vigil at sea. To support the operational platforms and for better operational efficiency, the ICG is focused towards development of berthing facilities which underscores, the commitment of the Govt. of India for equipping ICG with facilities for operating advanced surface and air platforms. In addition to ICG Jetty at Vadinar, ICG is also constructing 100 mtr jetty extension at Porbandar, 200 mtr jetty at Okha and 125 mtr jetty at Mundra. The event was witnessed by Director General Rakesh Pal, AVSM, PTM, TM and Inspector General AK Harbola, TM, alongwith various dignitaries of Central and State Government.

