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INDIAN COAST GUARD



OPERATIONS & ACTIVITIES MONTHLY UPDATE

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'यत्र तत्र सर्वत्र... भारतीय तटरक्षक'

INDIAN COAST GUARD FACT SHEET

| Subject | | 2023 | Current Year (upto 31 Jan 24) | Since Inception |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Search and Rescue effort | Lives Saved at Sea | 200 | 24 | 11,585 |
| | Missions undertaken | 168 | 13 | 3912 |
| | Ship Sorties | 339 | 40 | 5005 |
| | Aircraft Sorties | 82 | 14 | 3061 |
| | Total Sorties | 421 | 54 | 8066 |
| MEDEVAC | Persons Evacuated | 26 | 02 | 455 |
| Aid to Civil Authorities | Lives Rescued | 1336 | 183 | 14,540 |
| Coastal Security (Since 2009) | Operations | 31 | 07 | 565 (Since 2009) |
| | Exercises | 28 | - | 258 (Since 2009) |
| | Community Interaction | 2222 | 165 | 13,406 (Since 2009) |
| | Security Drill 'Sajag' | 45 | 05 | 404 (Since 2014) |
| | Marine Police Trained | 2782 | 260 | 12,039 |
| Anti-Poaching Apprehension | Foreign Fishing Boats | 07 | - | 1,604 |
| | Foreign Fishermen | 63 | - | 13,613 |
| | Value of Fish Catch | 00 | - | ₹ 24,56,84,855/- |
| | Nationality of Foreign Crew | | - | Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, China, Myanmar, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, France, Bangladesh, Thailand, South Korea, North Korea, Philippines |
| Shepherding of IFBs Across | Indo-Pak IMBL | 373 | 18 | 34,072 Boats (Since Oct 2007) |
| | Indo-SLN IMBL | 116 | - | 12,863 Boats |
| | Indo-Bangladesh IMBL | 137 | 03 | 1158 Boats |
| Anti Smuggling & Narcotics Control (ASNC) | Vessels Interdicted | 03 | - | 163 |
| | Crew Apprehended | 11 | - | 1020 |
| | Value of Contraband | ₹ 477.96 Cr. | - | ₹ 15,343.04 Cr |
| Disaster Relief Operations | | -- | - | 45 (since May 1999) |
| Oil Spill Incidents | Incidents Reported | -- | - | 94 (Indian Waters) + 03 (02 Sri Lanka & 01 Mauritius) |
| | Responded by ICG | -- | - | 94 (Indian Waters) + 03 (02 Sri Lanka & 01 Mauritius) |
| | Capitation Charges Received | ₹ 8,23,36,520.00 | | ₹ 32,54,79,126.18 |



INTRODUCTION

1. Indian Coast Guard came into existence in accordance with the Coast Guard Act, 1978 with the motto “वयम् रक्षामः” (Vayam Rakshamah) which translates from Sanskrit as “We Protect”. ICG’s mission is to ensure safety, security and law enforcement at sea, Search & Rescue services and Protection of the Maritime Environment etc.
2. In the month of Feb 24, the Indian Coast Guard celebrated its "48th Raising Day". The service had a humble beginning with two ships and five patrol boats seconded from other services. Since then, ICG has grown rapidly, and now has a fleet of over 150 ships and 78 aircraft. For more than four & half decades, the service has vigilantly protected national maritime interests, assuming a pivotal role and impeccably executing mandated tasks.
3. On the occasion of Raising Day, Hon’ble President, Vice President, Prime Minister, Raksha Mantri and other dignitaries have extended their best wishes to the ICG. Hon’ble Prime Minister in his missive highlighted that *"In the Amrit Kaal of our Independence, as we work on building a Vikshit Bharat by 2047 – a nation that is confident in approach, proactive in cooperation and Atmanirbhar when it comes to her needs – the CG has a crucial role to play. It is an opportunity for its personnel to rededicate themselves to work with renewed vigor to propel our nation to greater glory"*. The encouragement/ appreciation will inspire Coast Guard towards its commitment for safety & security of India's maritime interests, protecting marine biodiversity and preventing illegal activities in sea.
4. The details of ICG operations and activities undertaken since last monthly report are enumerated in this report.

SEARCH & RESCUE

COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN MARITIME AGENCIES

COASTAL SECURITY

MISCELLANEOUS

MEDIA COVERAGE



A. Assistance to Stranded Indian Fishing Boat (IFB) Ganga.

On 25 Jan 24, a stranded IFB Ganga, due to mechanical failure in position 09 N miles South West of East Island Light, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, requested Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Port Blair for towing assistance. On receipt of information, ICG Ship C-415 on area patrol was diverted to render assistance. ICG Ship reached the datum and ascertained repairs were not feasible at sea. Therefore, ICG Ship took the IFB under tow and proceeded towards Diglipur harbour. Further, IFB alongwith 03 crew were handed over to another IFB arranged by owner off East Island for further passage to Diglipur harbour.



Assistance to Stranded Indian Fishing Boat (IFB) Ganga

B. Assistance to Stranded Indian Fishing Boat (IFB) Arul Matha.

On 25 Jan 24, a stranded IFB Arul Matha, due to engine failure in position 50 N miles South West of Minicoy, L&M Island requested Maritime Rescue Sub Centre (MRSC), Kochi for towing assistance. On receipt of information, ICG Ship Samarth on patrol was diverted for SAR of stranded IFB. ICG ship arrived datum and technical team of ICG ship boarded the disabled boat. However, efforts for defect rectification proved futile. Therefore, ICG Ship took the IFB under tow and proceeded towards Minicoy. Subsequently, the IFB was handed over to tug Azad, arranged by Fisheries department.



Assistance to Stranded Indian Fishing Boat (IFB) Arul Matha

C. Medical Emergency Onboard Indian Fishing Boat (IFB) Sidheshwari.

On 27 Jan 24, IFB Sidheshwari requested ICG Dornier CG 754 through a VHF call for medical evacuation of 50 years old Indian national (Mr. Makvana Manubhai Alabhai). The patient had reported severe injury while handling fishing net ropes at sea 20 N miles South West off Dwarka. On receipt of information, ICG ALH CG 863 was tasked for MEDEVAC. ICG ALH evacuated the patient and handed over to boat owner's relative for further medical management at Okha.



Medical Emergency Onboard Indian Fishing Boat (IFB) Sidheshwari

D. SAR Efforts for Man Overboard From Yacht Macgregor-26.

On 03 Feb 24, Mr. Rakesh, owner of yacht Macgregor-26 requested Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC), Mumbai for SAR efforts for missing 22 years old Indian national (Mr. Ganesh Chougale) from yacht Macgregor between Sunk Rock and Oyster Rock, Mumbai. On receipt of information, ICG Ship C-439 was diverted for SAR of missing person. ICG ship located the missing person hanging on the anchor chain cable of MV Maharshi Parashuram. Ship's Gemini boat was launched and person was rescued. Further, the rescued person was handed over to the Marine Police at Mumbai harbour for physical examination and further formalities.



SAR Efforts for Man Overboard From Yacht Macgregor-26

E. Assistance to Stranded IFB King (IND-TN-12-MM-6466).

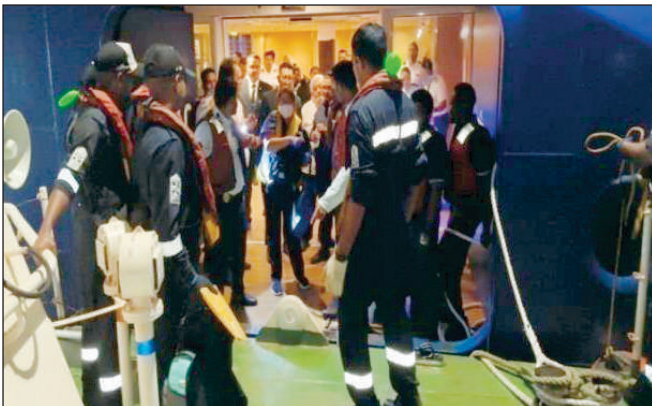
On 07 Feb 24, IFB King with 11 crew stranded due to engine failure requested Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC), Mumbai for owing assistance. On receipt of information, International Safety Net (ISN) was activated to alert the mariners transiting through area. Further, ICG Dornier ex Kochi was launched from Agatti Island for detection of stranded IFB. CGDO located IFB King adrift in position 278 N miles South West of Minicoy Island. Further, ICGS Vikram on area patrol was diverted for render assistance. ICG Ship reached datum and after initial efforts to repair the boat failed, took the disabled IFB under tow and proceeded towards Minicoy. Subsequently, the boat alongwith 11 crew was handed over to IFB Dihamathi off Minicoy Island, arranged by owner, in presence of fisheries and local Police personnel for onward passage to Minicoy Harbour.



Assistance to Stranded IFB King

F. Medical Emergency onboard Passenger Vessel (PV) Celebrity Millennium.

On 19 Feb 24, a Malta Flagged Passenger Vessel Celebrity Millennium requested Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC), Mumbai for medical evacuation of a 53 years old Mexican national (Mr Cruz Mendez Fernando) onboard 30 N miles North west of Aguada. The patient was suffering from suspected cardiac arrest. ICG Ship C-158 was diverted to render assistance. ICG Ship arrived datum and embarked patient alongwith his wife and one medical attendant. The ship entered Mormugao harbour and handed over the patient to local agent for further medical management at SMRC Hospital, Chicalim Goa.



Medical Emergency onboard Passenger Vessel (PV) Celebrity Millennium

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A. Visit of Superintendent, Japan Coast Guard Academy to India .

On 31 Jan 24, Vice Admiral Mitsuru Eguchi, Superintendent, Japan Coast Guard Academy visited Indian Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi and interacted with DG ICG. During meeting, various cooperative capacity-building engagements as per the MoC and future avenues to strengthen the education and training modalities were discussed.



Interaction with Superintendent, Japan Coast Guard Academy

B. OSD of Indian Coast Guard Ship Varaha to African Countries .

Indian Coast Guard Ship Varaha was deployed to visit African Countries namely Kenya, Mozambique and Tanzania from 28 Jan 24 - 05 Mar 24. As part of the OSD, ICGS Varaha visited at Port Mombasa, Kenya from 05- 08 Feb 24. The primary objectives of the visit were to strengthen long-standing diplomatic ties, enhance maritime cooperation, and promote interoperability with the Kenya Coast Guard Services (KCGS) and other maritime agencies.



Interaction with Kenya Coast Guard Services

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Further, as part of the OSD, ICGS Varaha visited Maputo Port, Mozambique from 14-17 Feb 24 for marking a pivotal milestone in the ongoing diplomatic maritime engagements.



Welcome ceremony at Maputo Port, Mozambique

On 23 Feb 24, ICGS Varaha made a port call at Zanzibar, Tanzania as part of its East Africa overseas deployment. OSD of ICG ship to African countries provided a suitable platform to showcase capabilities of ICG and Indian shipbuilding industry to the African countries.



Interaction with Tanzania Maritime Agencies

C. Bilateral Meeting with Vietnam Coast Guard.

5th ICG-VCG bilateral meeting was conducted on 20 Feb 24. Six member VCG delegation led by Major General Ngo Binh Minh, Commander VCG Region-3 participated in the meeting. Inspector General Anupam Rai, DDG (Ops & CS) led the meeting from ICG side. During the meeting, both sides agreed to strengthen the mutual cooperation in accordance with the provisions of the MoU, sharing of best practices and continuation of professional exchange to address varied challenges in the maritime domain.



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Both Coast Guards also agreed to further the cooperative engagements through impetus on regular High-Level Meetings and ship visits. On 21 Feb 24, Vietnam Coast Guard delegation visited M/s L&T Shipyard, Kattupalli, Chennai to witness India's shipbuilding capabilities under "Atmanirbhar Bharat".



Bilateral Meeting with Vietnam Coast Guard

D. OSD of Indian Coast Guard Ship Samarth (with Integral Helo) and ICGS Abhinav to IOR Countries.

Indian Coast Guard Ship Samarth (with integral Helo) with ICGS Abhinav have been deployed to visit IOR Countries namely Maldives and Sri Lanka from 20 Feb - 07 Mar 24. As part of the OSD, ICGS ships visited Male, Maldives from 22-25 Feb 24 to participate in the 16th edition of trilateral exercise DOSTI among India, Maldives and Sri Lanka Coast Guards. Commanding Officers of both ships called on Commandant MNDF CG and discussed on mutual avenues of cooperative engagements.



Call on Commandant MNDF CG

On 24 Feb 24, the sea exercise was conducted off Male involving five Coast Guard ships from India, Maldives and Sri Lanka. The exercise was witnessed by H.E. Mohamed Ghassam Maumoon, Minister of Defence Maldives in presence of H.E. Munu Mahawar, High Commissioner of India, ADG S Paramesh, PTM, TM, ADGCG and distinguished guests from Maldives, Sri Lanka & Bangladesh onboard ICGS Samarth.

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Sea Exercise

On 25 Feb 24, as part of the joint operational activities of trilateral exercise, training on Pollution Response was conducted onboard ICGS Samarth. Pollution response measures for containment of oil using booms and recovery using skimmers were showcased. Personnel from SLCG, MNDF and observers from Fisheries and Transport Ministries of Maldives, EPA Maldives, MACL Maldives and MPS Maldives were present onboard to witness and participate in the drills.



Training on Pollution Response

Further, a HADR Seminar was conducted to streamline Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for a coordinated response towards disaster relief operations. The DOSTI exercise witnessed constructive inputs for the progressive enhancement of cooperative engagement in future. It validated and strengthened the joint commitment of the Coast Guard of India, Sri Lanka and Maldives to stand together for the common good.

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HADR Seminar

E. Visit of ICG delegation to Male, Maldives

A high level delegation led by ADG S Paramesh, PTM, TM, ADGCG visited Male, Maldives from 22-25 Feb 24 to participate in trilateral exercise DOSTI XVI. The participation of ICG delegation enhanced fostering cooperation & interoperability in SAR, Maritime Law Enforcement & Environment protection among our maritime neighbours.



Welcome Ceremony



Exchange of Memento

COASTAL SECURITY

A. Coastal Security Exercises and Operations.

Under-mentioned Coastal Security Exercise and Operations have been conducted towards heightened coastal security in coordination with Marine Police, Navy, Customs, CISF, Fisheries, Forest and other stakeholders for enhancing coastal security mechanism:-

| SER | Conducted By | Name of Exercise/ Operation | Dates |
|--------|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| (i) | Regional HQs (NW) | Ops Trigger-01/24 | 25-27 Jan 24 |
| (ii) | | Op Sajag | 25 Jan 24 |
| | | | 20 Feb 24 |
| (iii) | Regional HQs (W) | Ops Trigger-01/24 | 25-27 Jan 24 |
| (iv) | | Op Sajag | 25 Jan 24 20 Feb 24 |
| (v) | Regional HQs (E) | Op Sentinel-02/24 | 25-27 Jan 24 18-24 Feb 24 |
| (vi) | | Antrix-02/24 | 17 Feb 24 |
| (vii) | | Op Sajag | 22 Feb 24 |
| (viii) | | Op Utsav-01/24 | 23-24 Feb 24 |
| (ix) | Regional HQs (NE) | Op Sentinel-02/24 | 25-27 Jan 24 |
| (x) | | Op Sajag | 21 Feb 24 |

B. Surveillance by CSN.

CSN network has monitored 17,861 AIS contacts in the month of Feb 24. A total of 3,154 vessels were investigated by ICG ROS. The traffic pattern in AoR based on type of vessels is as depicted as follows:-