

# INDIAN COAST GUARD MONTHLY REPORT



December, 2023



'यत्र तत्र सर्वत्र... भारतीय तटरक्षक'



# INDIAN COAST GUARD FACT SHEET

Subject		Current Year	Since Inception
Search and Rescue effort	Lives Saved at Sea	193	11,554
	Missions undertaken	147	3878
	Ship Sorties	291	4917
	Aircraft Sorties	71	3036
	<b>Total Sorties</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>7953</b>
MEDEVAC	Persons Evacuated	21	448
Aid to Civil Authorities	Lives Rescued	578	13,599
Coastal Security (Since 2009)	Operations	31	558 (Since 2009)
	Exercises	26	256 (Since 2009)
	Community Interaction	2045	13,064 (Since 2009)
	Security Drill 'Sajag'	40	394 (Since 2014)
	Marine Police Trained	2430	11,427
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	283	33,964 Boats (Since Oct 2007)
	Indo-SLN IMBL	116	12,863 Boats
	Indo-Bangladesh IMBL	117	1135 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



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## 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 Marine Environment etc.
2. In Dec 23, Indian Coast Guard Ship and Aircraft ensured ‘Zero Casualty at Sea’ with proactive stance during cyclone ‘Michaung’. Indian Coast Guard Disaster Response Team was also deployed to mitigate and alleviate the suffering of stranded persons in Chennai.
3. Indian Coast Guard in collaboration with ReCAAP ISC conducted a four day (11-15 Dec 23) event i.e. Capacity Building Senior Officer Meeting (CBSOM) - 2023 wherein 19 international delegates and national expert participated in the meeting. The objective of the meeting was to understand the updated situation of maritime piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia,
4. The details of activities undertaken by ICG during entire month of Dec-23 have been covered in this report.

## MAJOR OPERATIONS

## SEARCH & RESCUE

## COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN MARITIME AGENCIES

## COASTAL SECURITY

## MISCELLANEOUS

## MEDIA COVERAGE





# MAJOR OPERATIONS

## A. Seizure of PREGAB 150 mg Capsules off Gulf of Mannar.

On 12 Dec 23, ICGS Mandapam received an intelligence input on likely transshipment of illegal contraband. ICG team was deployed for surveillance. During the operation, ICG team seized 13 Cardboard boxes from IFB IND-TN-10-MO-2796. The whole consignment was confiscated and taken to ICGS Mandapam. All the 13 cardboard boxes were opened and found containing 6,66,000 (Six Lakh Sixty Six Thousand) capsules of PREGAB 150 mg. The whole consignment was handed over to Customs department for further legal action. **The commercial value of the consignment is approximately ₹ 66.60 Lakhs.**



*Seizure of PREGAB 150 mg Capsules*





## A. Assistance to Distressed Indian Fishing Boat (IFB) Sarah Puthin.

On 04 Dec 23, ICGS Samudra Paheredar received VHF call from IFB Sarah Puthin regarding flooding onboard in North West of Kadalur, Kerala. On receipt of information, ICG Ship Samudra Paheredar launched Ship's boarding party alongwith Ship's divers for assessment of flooding onboard distressed IFB and de-flooding was undertaken by using Damage Control material and equipment. Further, ICG Ship C-404 took IFB Sarah Puthin under escort to Baypore Harbour.



*Assistance to Distressed IFB Sarah Puthin*

## B. Medical Emergency onboard Merchant Vessel (MV) Anna Schultec.

On 09 Dec 23, M/s Interocean Shipping Pvt Ltd requested Maritime Rescue Sub Centre (MRSC) Mundra for medical evacuation of a Ghana national patient onboard MV Anna Schulte (Flag-Singapore) off Mundra, Gujarat. The patient was reported to have sustained finger / palm injury wherein the right hand little finger was totally severed and palm and index finger were badly injured and thus merited urgent medical evacuation. ICGS C-403 was immediately deployed form Mundra harbour. ICG Ship embarked the patient onboard and brought to Mundra. The patient was transferred to Adani Hospital, Mundra for further medical management.



*Medical Emergency onboard MV Anna Schulte*

## C. Medical Emergency onboard Merchant Vessel (MV) Green K-MAX-2.

On 14 Dec 23, MV Green K-Max-2 (Flag-Liberia) requested Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Chennai for medical evacuation of a 29 years old Philippine national patient onboard position in North-east of Vishakhapatnam. The patient was reported to have sustained leg injury (fracture on limb). Indian Coast Guard Ship C-451 was deployed for evacuation. ICG medical team provided initial medical aid and ICGS C-451 embarked the patient onboard and brought to Vishakhapatnam harbor and handed over to local shipping agent for further medical management.



*Medical Emergency onboard MV Green K-MAX-2*

## D. Medical Emergency onboard Merchant Vessel (MV) Bluk Lambert.

On 16 Dec 23, MV Bulk Lambert requested Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Chennai for medical evacuation of a Philippine national (Mr. Abunaes Glenn) onboard in south of Vishakhapatnam. The patient was reported to have sustained fracture on his hand and thus merited urgent medical evacuation. Indian Coast Guard Ship C-451 was deployed to evacuate the patient. ICGS C-451 embarked the patient onboard and brought to Vishakhapatnam harbour and handed over the patient to local shipping agent for further medical management.



*Medical Emergency onboard MV Bluk Lambert*



## E. Repatriation of 10 Indian Fishermen.

On 17 Dec 23, BIOT patrol vessel Grampian Endurance repatriated crew of IFB Ave Mariya which was detained by BIOT on 06 Dec 23. ICGS C-427 deployed for repatriation and R/V with BIOT vessel off Trivandrum. All 10 Indian fishermen were taken onboard by ICGS C-427 and brought to Vizhinjam harbour for joint investigation. On completion of investigation all 10 fishermen have been handed over to the fisheries department, Vizhinjam.



*Repatriation of Indian Fishermen*

## F. Aid to Civil Authority- Flood Situation in Tuticorin & Tirunelveli.

Due to cyclonic circulation in south Bay of Bengal off Sri Lanka, Southern District of Tamil Nadu received unprecedented rainfall from 17-18 Dec 23 which caused flood like situation in Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi districts alongwith extremely heavy rainfall in these areas. Due to incessant rain and floods, Tamil Nadu State administration sought assistance of ICG for rescue efforts and supply of food, medicine and other disaster relief activities. Indian Coast Guard swiftly mobilised necessary surface/ air assets, Disaster Relief Teams (DRTs), equipment and material for providing rescue and relief assistance in the flood affected areas. ICGS Sujay with integral helicopter was deployed from Chennai to launch ship-borne SAR/ relief services in flood affected areas. 05 ICG Aircraft undertook detached operations from Madurai for undertaking speedy relief operations. 08 DRTs along with food material and first aid kits were deployed in affected areas. The DRTs evacuated 758 stranded citizens from inundated areas which included pregnant ladies, elderly person/ senior citizen, paralyzed kids and district administration officials. 7020 Kgs of food material including 1700 food packets were distributed in flood affected areas.



*Towing Assistance to IFB Harishima*

## A. 15<sup>th</sup> Capacity Building Senior Officer Meeting (CBSOM)-2023 .

Indian Coast Guard in collaboration with ReCAAP ISC organized a four day (11-15 Dec 23) event i.e. 15<sup>th</sup> Capacity Building Senior Officer Meeting (CBSOM) -2023 at Gandhinagar. The objective of the meeting was to understand the updated situation of maritime piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia, exchange each others' experiences and evolve best practices to tackle such incidents with a collaborative approach from all the contracting parties. A total of 19 international delegates from 15 countries participated the meeting. In addition, senior officials from the national stakeholders such as Indian Navy, major ports, State Maritime Boards, Directorate General of Shipping, including other maritime organizations also participated in this meeting.



*15<sup>th</sup> Capacity Building Senior Officer Meeting (CBSOM)-2023*





## B. ICG Participation in Regional Boarding Officers Course.

Two ICG Officers participated in the Regional Boarding Officers Course programme under the aegis of Export Control and Border Security Program (EXBS) of the US Department of State scheduled from 04-15 Dec 23 at Colombo/Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.



*Regional Boarding Officers Course at Sri Lanka*

# COASTAL SECURITY

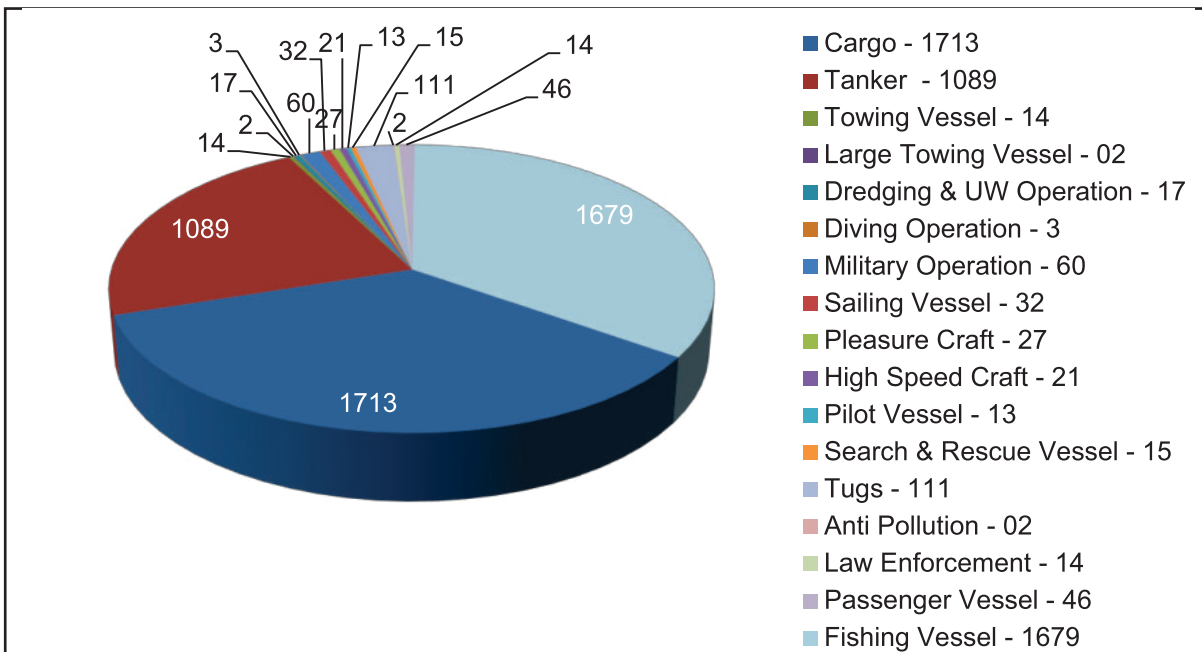
## A. Coastal Security Exercise and Operations.

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

SER	Name of Exercise/ Operation	Conducted By	Dates
(i)	Op Sajag	Regional HQs (W)	28 Nov 23
(ii)	OP Sajag	Regional HQs (E)	28 Nov 23
(iii)	Op Sajag	Regional HQs (NW)	28 Nov 23
(iv)	Op Sajag	Regional HQs (NE)	11 Dec 23
(v)	Ex- Sweep	Regional HQs (W)	17-25 Dec 23 26-31 Dec 23

## B. Surveillance by CSN.

CSN network has monitored 6,789 AIS contacts in the month of Dec 23. A total of 2,132 vessels were investigated by ICG ROS. The traffic pattern in AoR based on type of vessels is as depicted below:-



Traffic pattern in AoR based on type of vessels



# COASTAL SECURITY

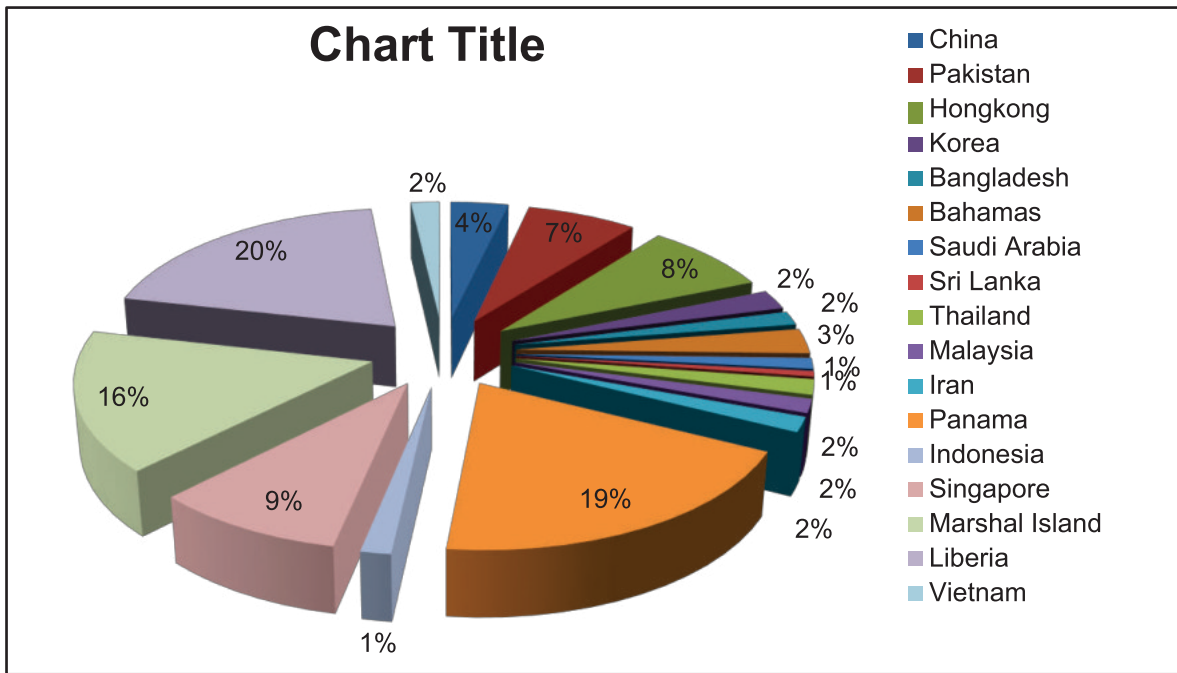


Fig : Vessels operating in AoR based on flag

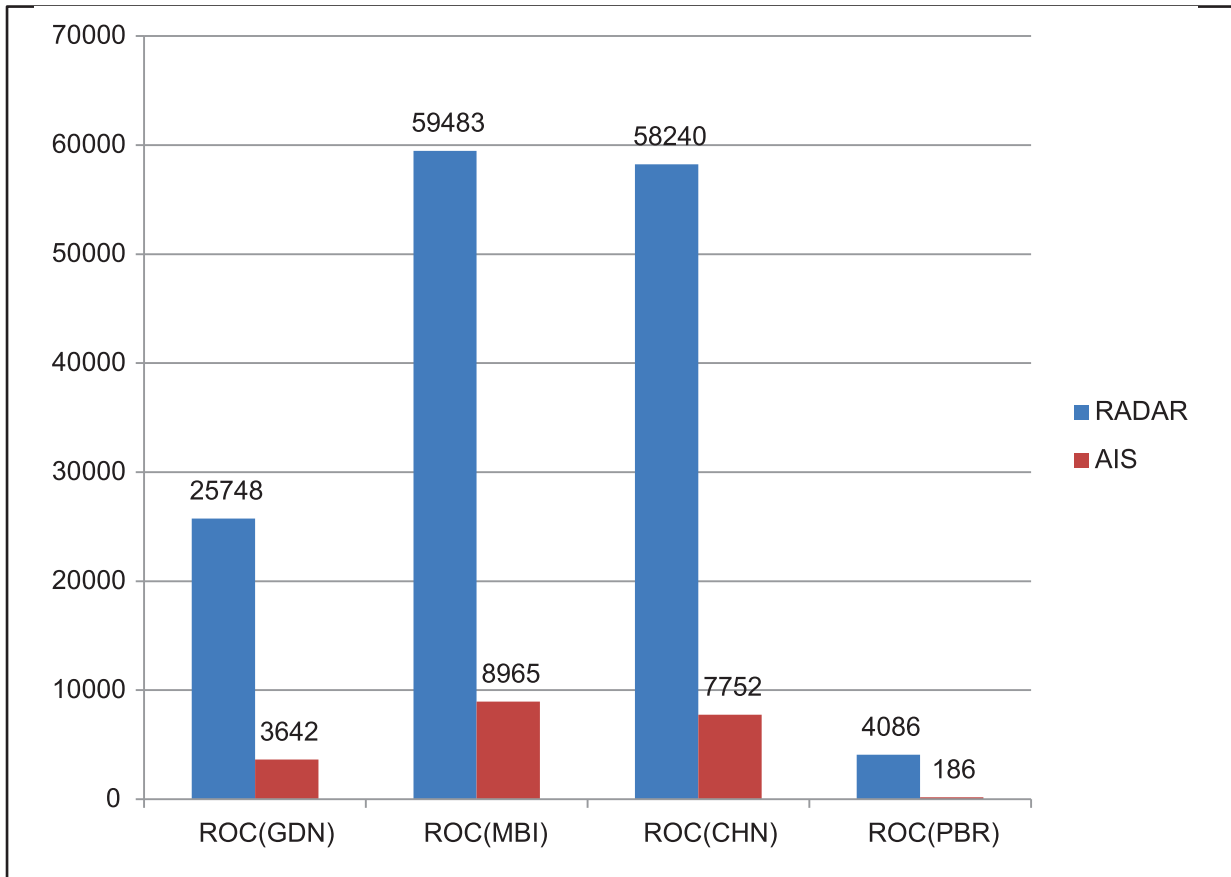


Fig : Targets detected at Remote Operating Centers in Dec 23

## A. Portal-Purchase via GeM.

The purchase made through GeM portal during the month of Nov 23 was ₹ 29,54,47,880.44 (Rupees Twenty Nine Crore Fifty Four Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty and Forty Four paisa only).

## B. Status of Public Grievances:-

No. of Public Grievances redressed during the month	No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of the month
–	<b>07 (Under Process)</b>

## C. Procurement Contract with M/S BEL.

On 28 Nov 23, expanding Coast Guard communication footprint, Indian Coast Guard signed a procurement contract of 44 software Defined Radio with M/S BEL, Bengaluru at the cost of ₹ 280.00 Crores.



*Signing of contract with M/s BEL*

## D. Visit of 75<sup>th</sup> IRS (C & IT) Trainee Officers at Okha.

ICGS Sajag (with Chetak helicopter) was on overseas deployment to West Asia countries viz. Oman, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates from 26 Nov to 16 Dec 23. During the visit, the ship will undertake Marine Pollution Response demonstration, Joint Exercise - PASSEX and Table Top Exercise (in UAE).



*Overseas Deployment of ICGS Sajag*

## E. Conduct of 40<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard Commanders' Conference.

Indian Coast Guard conducted 40<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard Commanders' Conference at New Delhi from 30 Nov- 02 Dec 23. Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Conference. DG Rakesh Pal, PTM, TM briefed Hon'ble RM and Defence Secretary about the level of preparedness, Ops tasking of assets & ongoing projects including additional responsibilities of safety & coastal security. Further, Hon'ble RM has inaugurated SPARROW (online confidential report for officers).

Adm R Hari Kumar, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC, Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) also attended the Conference and highlighted the global maritime instabilities due to emerging new alignments and



*Coast Guard Commanders' Conference*



*Inauguration of SPARROW*



conflicts. CNS further lauded the existing synergy between the two maritime forces and also urged for continued and enhanced coordination to scale greater heights including ops preparedness.



*CNS visit in 40<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard Commander Conference*

## **F. Community Interaction Programme at Campbell Bay, Andaman & Nicobar.**

On 05 Dec 23, As part of a special campaign for International Year of Millets, Coast Guard District Headquarters-10 at Campbell Bay, Andaman & Nicobar organized a Community Interaction Programmes (CIP) for the local populace wherein medical lectures were conducted promoting Millet consumption and its health benefits.



*Community Interaction Programme at Campbell Bay, Andaman & Nicobar*

## G. Singing of contract with M/s TCIL.

On 08 Dec 23, revolutionizing Indian Coast Guard with cutting-edge technology, the Ministry of Defence signed a contract (Rs. 588.56 Crore) with M/s TCIL in New Delhi for the Digital Coast Guard Project.



*Singing of contract with M/s TCIL*

## H. Courtesy call to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat.

On 12 Dec 23, DG Rakesh Pal, PTM, TM, DGICG paid a courtesy call to Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel, Hon'ble chief Minister of Gujarat and apprised major achievement of Indian Coast Guard and insight into the various development envisaged for strengthening the coastal security of Gujarat.



*Exchange of memento*



## J. Signing of MoU with Uber, India.

On 15 Dec 23, Indian Coast Guard signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Uber, India in the presence of DG Rakesh Pal, PTM, TM, DGICG, ADG S Paramesh, PTM, TM, ADGCG, DIG Narendra Singh, TM, PD (Adm) and Mr. Abhivan Mittoo, Senior Country Manager, Uber. The MoU with Uber will facilitate modern solution for safe, convenient and affordable travel of ICG personnel, Veterans, Civilians and their families across the country.



*Signing of MoU with Uber, India*

## K. Signing of contract with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd, Mumbai.

On 20 Dec 23, Ministry of Defence signed a contract for an amount of Rs. 1600 Crore for the acquisition of six state of the art Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (06 NGOPVs) with Mazagon Dock shipbuilders Ltd, Mumbai for Indian Coast Guard at New Delhi.



*Signing of contract with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd, Mumbai*



# MEDIA COVERAGE

**Indian Coast Guard** @IndiaCoastGuard

Under the aegis of the Colombo Security Conclave, the Marine Pollution Response Workshop was conducted by @IndiaCoastGuard at #Mumbai. 05 delegates from Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Mauritius, Maldives and Seychelles were provided hands-on training on Marine Pollution Response.

PMO India and 9 others  
8:09 PM · 27 Nov 23 · 6,641 Views

**Indian Coast Guard** @IndiaCoastGuard

Expanding @IndiaCoastGuard communication footprint, Indian Coast Guard signed a procurement contract for 44 Software Defined Radio with M/S BEL, #Bengaluru at the cost of ₹ 280 crores. @BEL\_CorpCom

#AtmaNirbharBharat  
#MakeInIndia  
@girdhararamane

PMO India and 9 others  
3:56 PM · 28 Nov 23 · 3,554 Views

**Indian Coast Guard** @IndiaCoastGuard

40th @IndiaCoastGuard Commanders' Conference inaugurated by Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh today at Coast Guard HQ #NewDelhi. Hon'ble RM lauded #ICG for their professionalism & initiatives in maintaining invaluable contributions to maritime safety, security and growth.

A. Bharat Bhushan Babu and 8 others  
1:46 PM · 30 Nov 23 · 8,136 Views

**Indian Coast Guard** @IndiaCoastGuard

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PMO India and 9 others  
2:22 PM · 30 Nov 23 · 3,612 Views

**Indian Coast Guard** @IndiaCoastGuard

40वें तटरक्षक कमांडर सम्मेलन के दौरान, माननीय रक्षा मंत्री श्री राजनाथ सिंह द्वारा 30 नवंबर को, SPARROW (अधिकारियों की ऑनलाइन गोपनीय रिपोर्ट ) का प्रमोचन किया गया | तटरक्षक पहली सशस्त्र बल है जिसने सभी फ्लैग रैंक अधिकारियों की गोपनीय रिपोर्ट को online मॉड्यूल में सम्मिलित किया है।  
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PMO India and 9 others  
12:17 PM · 01 Dec 23 · 6,916 Views

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4:58 PM · 01 Dec 23 · 12.9K Views



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**Indian Coast Guard** @IndiaCoastGuard

“शं नो वरुणः”

DG Rakesh Pal, PTM, TM, Director General @IndiaCoastGuard extends greetings and best wishes to all ranks of the Indian Navy on the occasion of #NavyDay.

@indiannavy



PMO India and 9 others  
11:03 AM · 04 Dec 23 · 4,527 Views

**Indian Coast Guard** @IndiaCoastGuard

Revolutionizing @IndiaCoastGuard with cutting-edge technology, the Ministry of Defence signed a contract (Rs 588.68 Crore) with M/s TCIL in #NewDelhi for the Digital Coast Guard Project. Empowering ICG digitise and better tomorrow. #DigitalIndia #DigitalIndiaVision



PMO India and 9 others  
5:03 PM · 08 Dec 23 · 3,497 Views

**Indian Coast Guard** @IndiaCoastGuard

DG Rakesh Pal, PTM, TM, Director General @IndiaCoastGuard, #Indian Governor to #ReCAAP, inaugurated the Capacity Building Senior Officers Meeting-2023 #CBSOM in #Gandhinagar, Gujarat where international and national experts discussed combating piracy and armed robbery. (1/2)



PMO India and 9 others  
12:01 PM · 12 Dec 23 · 5,351 Views

**Indian Coast Guard** @IndiaCoastGuard

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PMO India and 9 others  
7:17 PM · 05 Dec 23 · 3,241 Views

**Indian Coast Guard** @IndiaCoastGuard

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PMO India and 9 others

**Indian Coast Guard** @IndiaCoastGuard

As a part of ongoing overseas deployment to UAE 11-13 Dec 2023, @IndiaCoastGuard Ship Sajag conducted a Table Top and Joint Sea Exercises with UAE Coast Guard encompassing Marine Law Enforcement and Search & Rescue scenarios. @girdhararamane (1/2)



PMO India and 9 others  
6:17 PM · 14 Dec 23 · 7,040 Views



# MEDIA COVERAGE

**Indian Coast Guard** @IndiaCoastGuard

To commemorate **#VijayDiwas-2023**, @IndiaCoastGuard collaborated with **#AIIMS**, New Delhi for mega blood Donation Camp at JL Auditorium, AIIMS **#NewDelhi**. The Camp was inaugurated by DG ICG, DG BSF and Director AIIMS. 40 volunteers from **#ICG** donated blood for this noble cause.

PMO India and 9 others

8:09 PM · 15 Dec 23 · 4,996 Views

**Indian Coast Guard** @IndiaCoastGuard

IG Bisham Sharma, TM Commander Coast Guard Region (West) along with Mrs Anju Sharma, President Tatrakshika (West) visited @IndiaCoastGuard District Headquarters No-11. During his maiden visit, he reviewed all upcoming Infrastructural projects and operational capabilities at **#Goa**.

PMO India and 9 others

**Indian Coast Guard** @IndiaCoastGuard

IG Bisham Sharma, TM, Commander Coast Guard Region (West) reviewed operational readiness and ongoing infra projects at **#Mangalore** during his maiden visit to Headquarters No.3 (**#Karnataka**).

PMO India and 9 others

3:56 PM · 16 Dec 23 · 5,931 Views

**Indian Coast Guard** @IndiaCoastGuard

@IndiaCoastGuard District Hq No-16 at **#Tuticorin** is maintaining close coordination with the District administration of both Tirunelveli & Thoothukudi Districts. Six (06) Disaster Relief Teams (DRTs) from the Indian Coast Guard have been deployed for rescue & relief operations.

PMO India and 9 others

12:10 PM · 19 Dec 23 · 8,524 Views

**Indian Coast Guard** @IndiaCoastGuard

Responding swiftly, @IndiaCoastGuard positioned an additional 'Advance Light Helicopter' **#ALH** to augment 01 Dornier & 01 ALH helo already at **#Madurai** for flood relief and rescue in the south **#Tamilnadu** flood. @girdhararamane

1:52 PM · 19 Dec 23 · 5,171 Views

**Indian Coast Guard** @IndiaCoastGuard

In a significant move towards providing employment opportunities to the veterans, the @IndiaCoastGuard has signed a Memorandum of Understanding **#MoU** with M/s Amazon, in the presence of IG T Sashi Kumar, TM, DDG (HRD) at the Coast Guard Headquarters, **#NewDelhi** today. (1/3)

PMO India and 9 others



# MEDIA COVERAGE

**Indian Coast Guard** @IndiaCoastGuard

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@giridhararamane



PMO India and 9 others  
6:10 PM · 20 Dec 23 · 4,945 Views

**Indian Coast Guard** @IndiaCoastGuard

DG Rakesh Pal, PTM, TM, Director General @IndiaCoastGuard paid a courtesy call to Shri Manoj Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Govt. of India and briefed about the role & functions of #ICG as well as ongoing projects including infrastructure development.



10:53 PM · 23 Dec 23 · 137K Views

**Indian Coast Guard** @IndiaCoastGuard

DRONE ATTACK ON MV CHEM PLUTO-Indian Coast Guard Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre, Mumbai received information regarding fire onboard MV Chem Pluto. The Merchant ship with 20 Indian & 01 Vietnamese Crew was reportedly attacked by a suspected drone strike on aerial platform.(1/6)



10:53 PM · 23 Dec 23 · 137K Views



# MEDIA COVERAGE

**Morning Standard**  
27-11-23

## Coast Guard conducts pollution response exercise

MAYANK SINGH | New Delhi

THE Indian Coast Guard (ICG), along with other oil pollution response agencies, has conducted a National-level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-IX), the Ministry of Defence said on Sunday.

"The NATPOLREX-IX accomplished its objective of testing the level of preparedness and coordination between various resource agencies to respond to a marine oil spill, invoking provisions of the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOSDCP)," the ministry said.

More than 31 foreign observers and 80 delegates participated in the ninth edition of the exercise, conducted on November 25, 2023, off Vadinar coast of Gujarat.



Indian Coast Guard and other agencies hold the oil spill response exercise | EXPRESS

**'Oil spill from accidents persists despite readiness'**  
About 75 per cent of India's energy requirements are met by oil that is

imported as the central coordinating authority for response to oil spills in Indian waters. Indian Coast Guard assumed responsibilities for protecting the marine environment in the maritime zones of India on March 7, 1986, when these responsibilities were transferred from the Ministry of Shipping. And subsequently, the coast guard's prepared the NOSDCP for combating oil spill disasters at sea, which was approved by the Committee of Secretaries in 1993. Apart from drawing up the NOSDCP, the coast guard has established four pollution response centers at Mumbai, Chennai, Port Blair and Vadinar.

Calling for a robust national system for oil spill response as critical to India's preparedness in Indian waters, the MoD said

**नवभारत टाईम्स**  
27-11-23



समुद्र को प्रदूषण मुक्त रखने के मकसद से भारतीय तटरक्षक बल ने गुजरात के वाडिनगर में 9वां अभ्यास किया। इसमें जहाजरानी और तेल मंत्रालय के साथ राज्यस्तर की एजेंसियों ने भी हिस्सा लिया।

**Times of India**  
28-11-23

## ICG conducts pollution response exercise

The 9th National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-IX) was conducted by Indian Coast Guard on November 25, off Vadinar, Gujarat. Director General Rakesh Pal, PTM, TM, Director General Indian Coast Guard, Chairman NOSDCP, reviewed the preparedness of all agencies during the exercise. Representatives of various ministries and departments of central and coastal state governments, ports, oil handling agencies and



other stake holders participated in the exercise. More than 31 foreign observers and 80 delegates participated. NATPOLREX-IX accomplished its objective of testing the level

**The Pioneer**  
30-11-23

## Ship Sajag arrives at Muscat for 3-day visit

PNS | NEW DELHI

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) ship Sajag, an Offshore Patrol Vessel, arrived at Port Sultan Qaboos, Muscat, Oman, on Wednesday for a three-day visit as part of the overseas deployment of ICG ships to West Asia, Coast Guard officials said here.

enhance maritime cooperation, and promote interoperability with the Royal Oman Police Coast Guard (ROPCG) and other maritime agencies, they said. The itinerary includes professional interactions such as onboard training and lectures on Visit, Board Search and Seizure (VBSS) and Maritime Search

table-top exercises for Marine Pollution Response (MPR). Activities during the port call involve courtesy calls by the Commanding Officer on various dignitaries and government officials of Oman, including the Royal Oman Police Coast Guard. Oman and India have historically maintained warm and friendly bilateral relations.

**जनसत्ता**  
01-12-23

## समुद्र तटीय सुरक्षा को मजबूत बनाने के लिए समर्पण से कार्य करें तटरक्षकबल : राजनाथ

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो  
नई दिल्ली, 30 नवंबर।

रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने गुरुवार को राजधानी में आयोजित किए गए तटरक्षकबल के 40वें कमांडर सम्मेलन का उद्घाटन किया। इस दौरान अपने संबोधन में उन्होंने बल के कमांडरों से भारत की तटीय रक्षा और समुद्री क्षमताओं को मजबूत करने की दिशा में समर्पण और व्यावसायिकता के साथ काम जारी रखने का आह्वान किया।

रक्षा मंत्रालय ने बताया कि रक्षा मंत्री ने खोज एवं बचाव और प्रदूषण प्रतिक्रिया के क्षेत्र में अग्रणी बनकर समुद्री सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए बल के प्रयासों की सराहना

प्रतिबन्धित और मादक पदार्थों की तस्करी के खिलाफ अभियान जारी रखने की आवश्यकता पर भी राजनाथ सिंह ने जोर दिया। सम्मेलन में बल के तमाम वरिष्ठ अधिकारी मौजूद थे।

मंत्रालय ने बताया कि तटरक्षकबल का यह कमांडर सम्मेलन तीन दिवसीय है। जिसका उद्देश्य समकालीन समुद्री चुनौतियों का समाधान करना और देश के तटीय निगरानी तंत्र को मजबूत करना है।

इसके एजेंडे में कई महत्वपूर्ण विषय शामिल हैं। इसमें समुद्री सुरक्षा, खोज एवं बचाव अभियान, समुद्री प्रदूषण प्रतिक्रिया, प्रतिबन्धित, नशीली दवाओं की तस्करी के खिलाफ अभियान, समुद्र में मछुआरों,

**The Pioneer**  
01-12-23

## Rajnath lauds Coast Guard for ensuring maritime security

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE | NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday called upon the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) to continue working with dedication and professionalism towards bolstering the coastal defences and maritime capabilities of the country.

Inaugurating the 40th Coast Guard Commanders' Conference here, he also complimented the ICG for ensuring maritime security by being in the vanguard in the field of search and rescue and pollution response.



"The ICG, since its inception, has rendered a yeoman service to the seafarers by ensuring their safety and security in all circumstances," said Rajnath. He stressed on the need to continue the drive against contraband and drug trafficking

encompasses a wide spectrum of crucial topics, including enhancing maritime safety and security such as search and rescue operations, maritime pollution response, and fortifying the country's

and promoting Maritime Domain Awareness. The conference is held annually, where all the officers put forth the roadmap for the future and discuss various policy and strategic issues. It



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Hindustan Times  
02-12-23

## Indian Coast Guard deploys Ship Sjag to West Asia



The Indian Coast Guard Ship Sjag, an Offshore Patrol Vessel, arrived at Port Sultan Qaboos, part of the overseas deployment of ICG ships to West Asia. The primary objectives of the visit are to strengthen the long-standing diplo-

Times of India  
08-12-23

## ICG ensures no loss of life during cyclone

Cyclone Michaung made landfall between Nellore and Machilipatnam on December 5, battering the coastline with devastating damages. Coast Guard, being the prime maritime agency for safety security and environment protection in Indian waters, undertook proactive actions to ensure timely pre-emptive measures in response to the disaster. The Coast Guard issued advisory to all stakeholders well in advance and thereafter



followed up with regular updates on developing weather and predicted track to all stakeholders. Eight ICG ships and two aircraft were deployed during the cyclone which braved the rough seas and valiantly patrolled the coastal waters of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh to ensure safe return of approximately 3000 boats to harbour and safety of more than 1000 personnel.

Statesman  
09-12-23

## MoDinks contract worth ₹588.68 crore with TCIL for Digital Coast Guard project

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, 8 DECEMBER

In alignment with the government's strategic vision for digital armed forces, the Ministry of Defence on Friday signed a contract with the Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL) worth Rs 588.68 crore, for the acquisition of Digital Coast Guard (DCG) project, under the Buy (Indian) category.



A pivotal initiative for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), the DCG Project will unfold a comprehensive narrative of technological progression, encompassing the construction of an advanced Data Centre, the establishment of a robust Disaster Recovery Data Cen-

system. The project also leverages secured MPLS/VSAT connectivity, propelling itself to the forefront of cutting-edge defence technology.

At its core, the DCG project marks the establishment of a Tier-III standard Data Centre, armed with the latest technological capabili-

ties. The project also leverages secured MPLS/VSAT connectivity, propelling itself to the forefront of cutting-edge defence technology. The project is estimated to generate about one and a half lakh man-days over a span of five years, fostering active participation from diverse sectors of Indian industries,

पंजाब केसरी  
09-12-23

## 588 करोड़ से डीसीजी योजना होगी तकनीकी रूप से मजबूत



नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी) : भारत सरकार द्वारा सशस्त्र बलों के आधुनिकीकरण के लिए शुक्रवार को रक्षा मंत्रालय ने डिजिटल कोस्ट गार्ड परियोजना को लेकर एक अनुबंध पर हस्ताक्षर किए। 588.68 करोड़ रुपये की लागत के समझौते को लेकर रक्षा मंत्रालय ने टेलीकॉम कंसल्टेंट्स इंडिया लिमिटेड (टीसीआईएल) के साथ अनुबंध किया है। भारतीय तट रक्षक (आईसीजी) डीसीजी परियोजना तकनीकी प्रगति की एक व्यापक गाथा प्रस्तुत करेगी। जिसमें एक उन्नत डेटा सेंटर का निर्माण, एक मजबूत आपदा रिकवरी डेटा सेंटर की स्थापना, आईसीजी

साइटों पर कनेक्टिविटी का विस्तार और ईआरपी प्रणाली का विकास शामिल है। यह परियोजना सुरक्षित एमपीएलएस व वीएसएटी कनेक्टिविटी का भी लाभ उठाती है, जो स्वयं को अत्याधुनिक रक्षा प्रौद्योगिकी में सबसे आगे ले जाती है। डीसीजी परियोजना नवीनतम तकनीकी क्षमताओं से लैस टियर-III मानक डेटा सेंटर की स्थापना का प्रतीक है। यह शक्ति केंद्र के रूप में कार्य करते हुए आईसीजी द्वारा तैनात एप्लीकेशनों की केंद्रीकृत निगरानी और प्रबंधन को सक्षम बनाता है, जिससे आईसीजी की महत्वपूर्ण आईटी संपत्तियों की सतर्क निगरानी सनिश्चित होती है।

दैनिक जागरण  
11-12-23

## मिचौंग के बाद हुआ था तेल रिसाव, तटरक्षक बल ने दुष्प्रभावों से बचाया

चेन्नई एनआइ : चक्रवात मिचौंग के कारण समुद्र में तेल रिसाव हुआ था, लेकिन भारतीय तट रक्षक ने तेल रिसाव से होने वाले दुष्प्रभावों से बचा लिया। मिचौंग तूफान के बाद एर्नातुर चेन्नई क्षेत्र में बाढ़ के पानी के साथ तेल रिसाव की सूचना मिली थी। राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड ने रिसाव के स्रोत का पता लगाने के लिए जांच शुरू की। रिसाव के बाद तेल ने कोसाथलीवार नदी के मुहाने के माध्यम से शहर की नालियों और पूरे तटीय समुद्री क्षेत्र को चपेट में ले लिया। भारतीय तटरक्षक के हेलीकॉप्टर ने नी और 10 दिसंबर को क्षेत्र की टोह ली और बताया कि रिसाव कोसाथलीवार नदी के मुहाने से लेकर कासिमेडु बंदरगाह तक समुद्र में लगभग 20 वर्ग किलोमीटर तक फैला गया है। एर्नातुर से कासिमेडु बंदरगाह

Times of India  
16-12-23

## Indian Coast Guard organises CBSOM 2023

With an objective to strengthen international cooperation and regional partnership to combat maritime piracy, Indian Coast Guard organised the 15th edition of 'Capacity Building Senior Officers' Meeting' (CBSOM-2023) with the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) at Gandhinagar in Gujarat. Director General Rakesh Pal, PTM, TM, Director General Indian Coast Guard, being the designated Indian Governor to ReCAAP, inaugurated the four-day meeting





# MEDIA COVERAGE

अमर उजाला  
18-12-23

## भारतीय तटरक्षक और उबर के बीच समझौता

नई दिल्ली। देशभर में भारतीय तटरक्षक अधिकारियों, कर्मचारियों और उनके परिवारों की आधिकारिक यात्रा और दैनिक आवागमन के लिए कुशल, विश्वसनीय और सुरक्षित परिवहन प्रदान करने के उद्देश्य से भारतीय तटरक्षक और उबर के बीच एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किया गया। भारतीय तटरक्षक बल के महानिदेशक डीजी राकेश पाल ने कहा कि तटरक्षक कर्मियों को राइड रद्दीकरण पर शून्य शुल्क देना होगा, आसानी से दूर-दूर तक जा सकेंगे और परिवार के सदस्यों को भी आसानी से भेज सकेंगे।



The Pioneer  
19-12-23

## Coast Guard augments assets to support TN Government in relief initiatives

PTI CHENNAI  
The Coast Guard's six disaster relief teams have been deployed for rescue and relief operations, authorities said here on Monday. Consequent to the closure of Thoothukudi airport, the Coast Guard is augmenting its assets in the area by positioning a fixed wing Dornier aircraft and an AlH helicopter at Madurai to support rescue and relief efforts in flood affected areas, including transportation of key NDRF personnel from Chennai, a efforts. Six disaster relief teams (DRTs) from the Coast Guard have been deployed for rescue and relief operations in coordination with district authorities. Further, an Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) of the Coast Guard with an integral helicopter onboard has been deployed to monitor the situation in coastal areas of Thoothukudi and to respond to any eventuality at sea and shore locations. Coast Guard district headquarters at Thoothukudi is maintaining close coordination with the



The Morning Standard  
21-12-23

## Coast Guard to get 6 patrol vessels worth ₹1,600 cr

MAHANK SINGH @ New Delhi  
THE Ministry of Defence on Wednesday signed a contract with Mangalore Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL) in Mumbai for procurement of six next generation offshore patrol vessels for the Indian Coast Guard. The contract was made under the Buy (Indian-IDD) (Indigenously designed, developed and manufactured) category at a total cost of ₹1,614.89 crore. Out of the six vessels being procured, four would replace the existing aging offshore patrol vessels and the other two would augment the Indian Coast Guard fleet," the defence ministry said in a statement. The acquisition of these patrol vessels is aimed at boosting the Indian Coast Guard's capability and reinforcing the government's focus on maritime security, the statement said. These modern and high-tech ships will play a critical role "in enhancing surveillance, law enforcement, search and rescue, and humanitarian assistance by the Indian Coast Guard," according to the ministry. Informing about the high-tech advanced features and shore patrol vessels would be equipped with multi-purpose drones, Artificial Intelligence capability and wirelessly controlled remote water rescue lifebuoy

to the coast guard to face new age multidimensional challenges. These multi-role vessels will be indigenously designed, developed and manufactured by MDL and is expected to be delivered in 66 months. The contract achieves the objectives of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' to boost the nation's indigenous shipbuilding capability, bolstering maritime economic activities and fostering the growth of ancillary industries, especially the MSME sector. The project will also generate employment opportunities and expertise development in the country. The Indian Coast Guard came into being in February 1977 with a fleet strength of just seven ships for surveillance in the Indian waters and 2.01 million square kilometres of Exclusive Economic Zone. At present, it comprises 184 surface ships. The Indian Coast Guard has auxiliary service for Maritime Law Enforcement, undertaking 'safety and protection' tasks in

**SECURING THE SHORE**  
SIX next generation offshore patrol vessels to be procured for Indian Coast Guard  
₹1,614.89 cr TOTAL COST OF VESSELS  
4 vessels to replace existing ones. 2 will be new additions to the Coast Guard fleet

THE PATROL VESSELS WOULD ASSIST IN ENHANCING SURVEILLANCE, LAW ENFORCEMENT, SEARCH AND RESCUE, MARITIME POLLUTION RESPONSE, AND PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE



दैनिक जागरण  
21-12-23

## तटरक्षक बल के लिए खरीदे जाएंगे छह गश्ती जहाज

नई दिल्ली, प्रेस: केंद्र सरकार सैन्य मंत्रालय पर देश को मजबूत बनाने में लगी है। इसी क्रम में रक्षा मंत्रालय ने मंगलवार डाक्यूमेंटेड शिपबिल्डर्स लिमिटेड के साथ 1,614 करोड़ रुपये का समझौता किया है। सौदे के तहत तटरक्षक बल के लिए अगली पीढ़ी के छह गश्ती जहाजों की खरीद की जाएगी। रक्षा मंत्रालय ने बताया कि इस सौदे का उद्देश्य समुद्री सुरक्षा के प्रति तटरक्षक बल की क्षमता को बढ़ावा देना है। मंत्रालय ने यह भी बताया कि इस अनुबंध के तहत 1,614.89 करोड़ रुपये की लागत पर गश्ती जहाजों की खरीद की जाएगी। ये जहाज भारत में ही स्वदेशी रूप से डिजाइन, विकसित और निर्मित किए जाएंगे। इस तरह यह सौदा आत्मनिर्भर भारत को भी बढ़ावा देने वाला है। मंत्रालय ने अभी बताया कि खरीदे जाने वाले इन जहाजों में से चार को पुराने गश्ती जहाजों की जगह दी जाएगी। वहीं, बाकी दो को तटरक्षक बड़े में शामिल किया जाएगा। इन गश्ती जहाजों को आधुनिक व उच्च तकनीक की निगरानी क्षमता से लैस किया गया है। इन जहाजों पर विभिन्न उद्देश्यों के लिए ड्रोन के साथ ही एआइ (आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस) जैसी तकनीक से भी सुसज्जित किया गया है।

दैनिक जागरण  
21-12-23

## भारतीय तटरक्षक के सेवानिवृत्त कर्मियों को रोजगार के अवसर देगा अमेजॉन

नई दिल्ली, 20 दिसम्बर (नवोदय टाइम्स) : भारतीय तटरक्षक (आईसीजी) ने अपने सेवानिवृत्त कर्मियों को रोजगार के अवसर प्रदान करने के लिए बुधवार को मैसर्स अमेजॉन के साथ एक एमओयू साइन किया है। जिससे तहत वैश्विक ई-कॉमर्स कंपनी अमेजॉन भारतीय तटरक्षक बल के सेवानिवृत्त कर्मियों को रोजगार के अवसर मुहैया कराएगी। आईसीजी प्रवक्ता विवेक प्रसाद तहत आईसीजी के सेवानिवृत्त अफसरों और कर्मियों को उनके मूल्यवान अनुभव, नेतृत्व क्षमता और समर्पण के आधार पर विभिन्न पदों पर नियुक्त किया जा सकेगा। साथ ही सेवानिवृत्त लाभ उठाया जा सकेगा। उन्होंने कहा, यह प्रयास जहां सेवानिवृत्त रक्षा कर्मियों को कैरियर के नए अवसर प्रदान करेगा। वहाँ, नागरिक जीवन में उनके परिचय और सम्मेलन को

**आईसीजी मुख्यालय में किए समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर**







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