

PRESS RELEASE

COMMISSIONING OF ICGS ACHAL AT GOA

New Delhi, 09 May 2026 : The Indian Coast Guard today marked a significant capability enhancement with the commissioning of Indian Coast Guard Ship Achal, new-generation Adama-class Fast Patrol Vessel series, at Goa Shipyard Limited. The ship was formally commissioned into service by Shri A. Anbarasu, IAS, Additional Secretary & DG (Acquisition), MoD in the august presence of Inspector General Tekur Sashi Kumar, TM, Commander Coast Guard Region (North West), senior officials of the Central and State Governments, and representatives from the Goa Shipyard Limited. 'Achal', meaning 'firm', embodies the Indian Coast Guard's steadfast commitment. It signifies our resolve to protect life at sea and secure our maritime frontiers. The commissioning of ICGS Achal is the embodiment of vigilance, resilience, and the indomitable spirit of guardianship over India's maritime domain. Standing resolute, Achal will safeguard national interests and uphold the trust of the people with unshaken dedication.

Designed and built by M/s Goa Shipyard Limited, this 51-metre vessel represents a new benchmark in Indigenous shipbuilding. With more than 50% Indigenous components, Achal underscores India's steady progress toward defence self-reliance and highlights the synergy between the Coast Guard's operational vision and the Government's Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives. The vessel integrates modern design philosophy focused on efficiency, endurance, and rapid response capability.

Powered by two 3000 kW advanced diesel engines, the vessel delivers a top speed of 27 knots and an operational endurance of 1500 nautical miles, enabling extended missions in India's maritime zones. With indigenously developed Controllable Pitch Propellers and high-precision gearboxes, Achal offers improved handling characteristics and mission adaptability across sea states. The ship is armed with a 30 mm CRN-91 gun and two 12.7 mm Stabilized Remote-Controlled Guns, supported by advanced target acquisition and fire-control systems. A suite of integrated technologies including an Integrated Bridge System, Integrated Machinery Control System, and Automated Power Management System enhances situational awareness, system reliability, and operational efficiency.

The ship will be stationed at Vadinar, Gujarat, operating under the administrative and operational control of the Commander, Coast Guard Region (North West) t. The vessel will undertake a wide range of missions, including surveillance, interdiction, Search and Rescue (SAR), anti-smuggling operations, and pollution response reinforcing the Indian Coast Guard's role in safeguarding India's eastern maritime frontier.

The ship is commanded by Commandant (JG) Naveen Kumar has a complement of 05 officers and 34 personnel, trained to operate the vessel's advanced systems and respond to a full spectrum of maritime contingencies. The commissioning of ICGS Achal marks another step forward in the Service's ongoing fleet expansion and will contribute substantially towards strengthening coastal security, enhancing operational readiness, and supporting the Indian Coast Guard's charter of responsibilities in the North West Region.

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