



INDIAN COAST GUARD OPERATIONS & ACTIVITIES MONTHLY UPDATE

Apr, 2025



INDIAN COAST GUARD FACT SHEET

Subject		Year 2024	Year 2025 (Upto Apr 2025)	Since Inception
Search and Rescue Effort	Lives Saved at Sea	169	54	11,784
	Missions undertaken	199	41	4,142
	Ship Sorties	309	46	5,320
	Aircraft Sorties	135	10	3,192
	Total Sorties	444	56	8,512
MEDEVAC	Persons Evacuated	29	10	492
Aid to Civil Authorities	Lives Rescued	351	--	14,708
Coastal Security (Since 2009)	Operations	35	11	604 (Since 2009)
	Exercises	30	10	298 (Since 2009)
	Community Interaction	2,085	457	15,783 (Since 2009)
	Boarding Operations	27,520	8964	3,68,430 (Since 2009)
	Investigation VHF	26,412	4847	2,32,860 (Since 2014)
	Security Drill 'Sajag'	73	16	488 (Since 2014)
	Marine Police Personnel Trained	2,753	726	15,258
Anti-Poaching Apprehension	Foreign Fishing Boats	16	03	1,638
	Foreign Fishermen	143	19	13,775
	Value of Fish Catch	--	--	₹ 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	Indo-Pak IMBL	292	214	34,590 Boats (Since Oct 2007)
	Indo-SLN IMBL	05	03	12,871 Boats
	Indo-Bangladesh IMBL	201	33	1,389 Boats
Anti Smuggling & Narcotics Control (ASNC) Ops	Vessels Interdicted	16	03	182
	Crew Apprehended	90	22	1,132
	Value of Contraband	₹ 37217.32 Cr.	₹ 1837.86 Cr.	₹ 54,398.82 Cr
Disaster Relief Operations		--	-	95 (since May 1999)
Oil Spill Incidents	Incidents Reported	--	-	95 (Indian Waters) + 03 (02 Sri Lanka & 01 Mauritius)
	Responded by ICG	--	-	95 (Indian Waters) + 03 (02 Sri Lanka & 01 Mauritius)
	Capitation Charges Received	₹ 29,41,95,781.74	--	₹ 61,96,74,907.92

INTRODUCTION

1. The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) was established through the Coast Guard Act, 1978 with the motto “वयम् रक्षामः” (Vayam Rakshamah) translating from Sanskrit as “We Protect”. The mission of the ICG encompasses ensuring Safety, Security and Law Enforcement at sea, providing Search and Rescue services, and protecting the Marine Environment.
2. In the month of Apr 25, ICG seized 300 Kilograms narcotics worth ₹ 1800 Crore off IMBL near Gujarat coast. Further, a four member delegation led by Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, DGICG visited Oman from 29 Apr to 01 May 25 to participate in the 6th High Level Meeting with Royal Oman Police Coast Guard (ROPCG). The meeting focused on fortifying joint efforts to address emerging maritime challenges and safeguarding maritime security.
3. In addition, ICG carried out notable Search & Rescue (SAR), Medical Evacuation (Medevac), Anti-Poaching and Anti-Narcotics Operations. The details of ICG operational activities undertaken during the month of Apr 25 are enumerated in this update.

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SEARCH & RESCUE

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COASTAL SECURITY/ SURVEILLANCE

FISHERIES & ENVIRONMENT

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MAJOR OPERATIONS

A. Anti-Poaching Operation.

On 12 & 13 Apr 25, ICG in a joint operation with Gujarat ATS, seized 307.50 Kilograms of Narcotics worth ₹ 1800 Crore off Gujarat coast. The seized consignments were handed over to ATS for further legal action.



Seizure of 307.50 Kilograms Narcotics

B. Anti-Poaching Operation.

On 13 Apr 25, ICG conducted anti-poaching operation and seized 145 Kilograms of illegal Sea Cucumbers worth ₹ 58 Lakhs off Mandapam. The seized consignments were handed over to Forest Department, Rameshwaram for further legal action.



Seizure of 145 Kilograms Sea Cucumber



MAJOR OPERATIONS

C. Anti-Smuggling Operation.

On 21 Apr 25, ICG seized 302 Kilograms of Tendu Leaves worth ₹ 1.20 Lakhs off Indo Sri Lanka IMBL. The seized consignments were handed over to Customs Department, Rameshwaram for further legal action.



Seizure of 302 Kilograms Tendu Leaves

D. Anti-Poaching Operation.

On 24 Apr 25, ICG conducted anti-poaching operation and seized 07 gunny bags containing 150 Kgs Sea Cucumber worth ₹ 60.00 Lakhs off north Mandapam. The seized consignments were handed over to Forest Department, Mandapam for further legal action.



Seizure of 150 Kilograms Sea Cucumber

A. Assistance to Fishermen - Medical Emergency Onboard Indian Fishing Boat (IFB) Maa Kuldevi (Regn No. IND-JG-14-MM-1649).

On 23 Apr 25, ICG received information from Fishing Association Jafrabad (Gujarat) regarding medical emergency onboard IFB Maa Kuldevi in position 49 NM South East of Jafrabad. The patient was suffering from severe chest pain and merited medical attention/evacuation. ICG Ship C-419 on area patrol was diverted to render immediate assistance. The patient was evacuated by the ICG boat and was shifted to local hospital for further medical management.



Medical Emergency Onboard Indian Fishing Boat Maa Kuldevi



A. Conduct of IMO OPRC Level-I & II Course at Chennai.

Indian Coast Guard Regional Marine Pollution Response Centre (RMPRC), Chennai conducted IMO OPRC Level-I & II courses for Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs) from 14 to 25 Apr 25. A total of 20 trainees from 07 FFCs namely Cambodia, Indonesia, Maldives, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Tanzania & Vietnam participated in the course.



Conduct of IMO OPRC Level-I Course at Chennai



Conduct of IMO OPRC Level-II Course at Chennai

COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN MARITIME AGENCIES

B. ICG Participation in 16th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF).

One ICG Officer participated in 16th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Inter-Sessional Meeting on Maritime Security (ISM on MS) from 24 to 25 Apr 25 at Beijing, China.



ICG Participation in 16th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)

C. 6th High Level Meeting between Indian Coast Guard and Royal Oman Police Coast Guard (ROPCG) held at Muscat, Oman.

The 6th High Level Meeting between Indian Coast Guard and Royal Oman Police Coast Guard (ROPCG) was conducted at Muscat, Oman in end Apr 25. A four member delegation led by Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, DGICG participated in the HLM. The meeting was focused on fortifying joint efforts to address emerging maritime challenges and safeguarding maritime security. The annual gathering served as a vital platform enabling meaningful dialogues for building trust and strengthen collaborative frameworks. Further, the visit also reflected the continued cooperation between Oman and India in enhancing maritime security and promoting stability in regional waters.



Exchange of Memento



Group Photograph



COASTAL SECURITY/ SURVEILLANCE

A. Coastal Security Exercises and Operations.

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

Ser	Conducted By	Name of Exercise/ Operation	Dates
(i)	Regional HQ (North West)	Sagar Kavach (GJ/DD)-01/25	02-03 Apr 25
(ii)	Regional HQ (West)	Sagar Kavach (Ker)-01/25	02-03 Apr 25
		Sagar Kavach (Kat)-01/25	08-09 Apr 25
		Sagar Kavach (Lak)-01/25	15-16 Apr 25
		Sagar Kavach (Goa)-01/25	23-24 Apr 25
		Sajag	25 Apr 25
		Sagar Kavach (MH)-01/25	28-29 Apr 25
		Op Trigger	30 Apr 25
Op Vigilant	30 Apr 25		
(iii)	Regional HQ (East)	Op Sentinel	05-06 Apr 25
		Sagar Kavach (AP)-01/25	09-10 Apr 25
		Op Sajag	25 Apr 25
(iv)	Regional HQ (North East)	Op Sajag	11 Apr 25
(v)	Regional HQ (A & N)	Op Sajag	17 Apr 25

B. Coastal Surveillance Network (CSN).

The Control Centre (CC) of CSN undertakes trend analysis of the coastal maritime traffic and maritime incidents in Maritime Zones of India (MZI) and Indian Search & Rescue Region (ISRR). The maritime trends and analysis are utilized for undertaking remedial actions and planning counter operations to enhance Maritime Safety, Security and Environmental Protection. The trend analysis (maritime traffic, fishing activity and maritime incidents) for Apr 25 is enumerated in succeeding paragraphs.

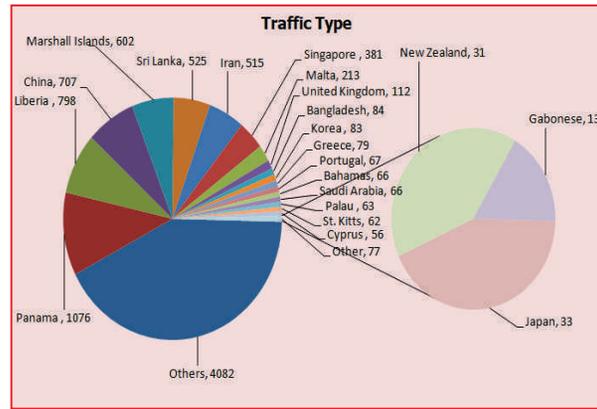
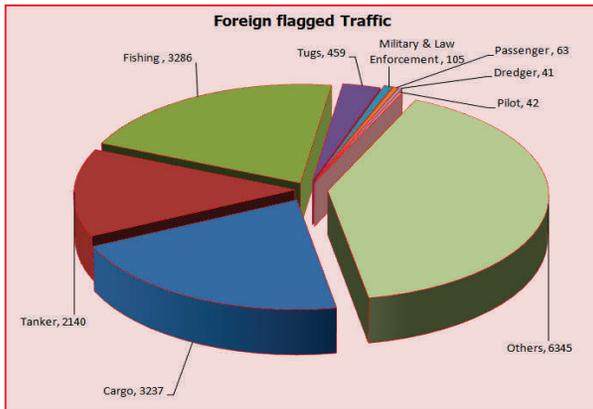
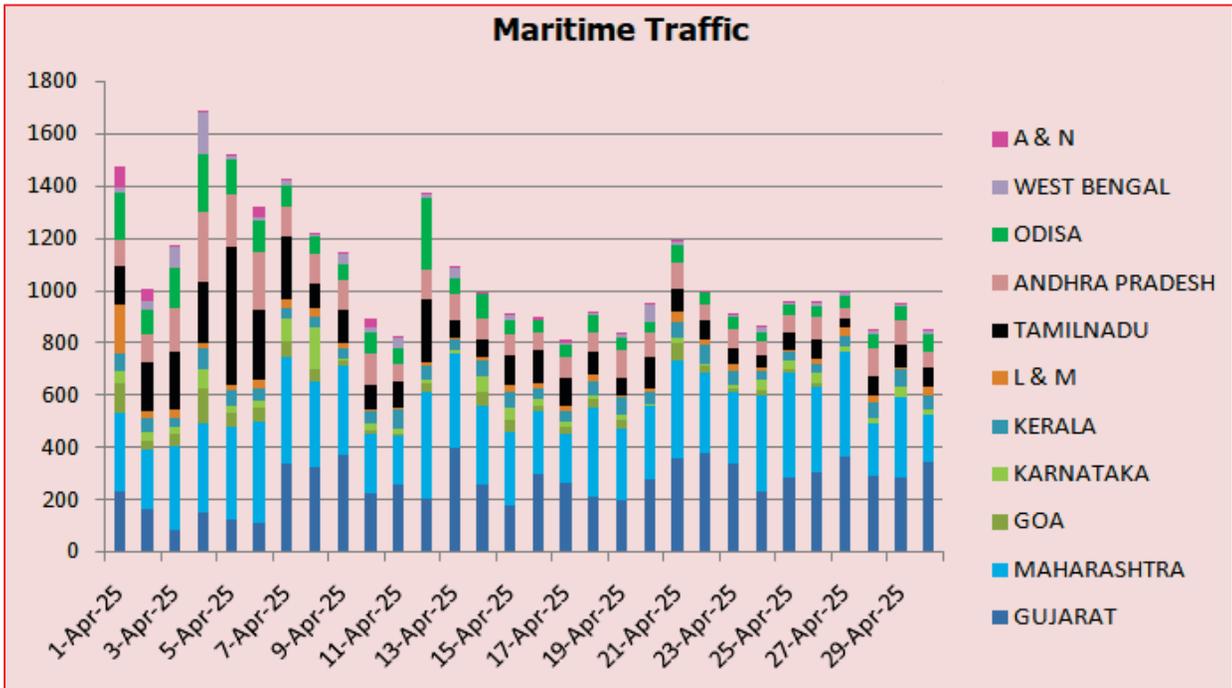
C. Coastal Maritime Traffic.

Indian Coast Guard monitored 15718 distinct AIS transmissions on CSN network along Indian coast during the month of Apr 25. Traffic share of India, Panama, Liberia, Marshal Island, China, Hong Kong and Singapore stood at 38%, 07%, 05%, 04%, 04% and 02% respectively. The larger share of Indian flagged traffic is attributed to coastal traffic. Traffic share of Cargo and Tanker vessels are 21% and 13% respectively. Further, CSN detected larger number of traffic in Apr 25 which is appreciated in view of enhanced range of



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AIS beyond Indian EEZ due to anaprop (anomalous propagation) environment conditions. A total of 2331 vessels were investigated by ICG ROSSs. The state-wise, flag-wise and type-wise traffic pattern is depicted below:-

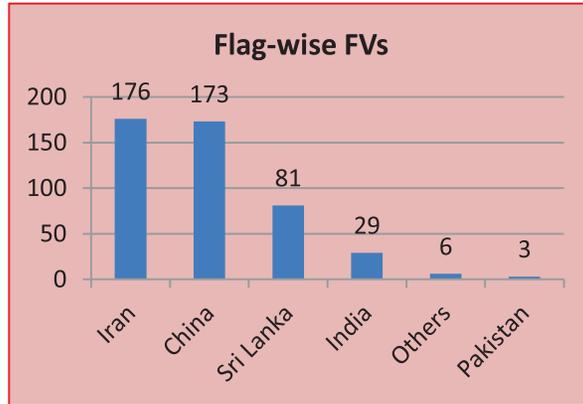


D. Fishing Activity in North Indian Ocean.

A total of 2667 Fishing Vessels (FVs) were observed transmitting on AIS in Northern Indian Ocean in the month of Apr 25. The analysis of fishing activities is based upon kinematics such as low speed. The data towards numbers of FVs have been garnered from AIS transmission. However, the actual numbers of FVs may be higher than the reported data as many FVs may not be transmitting on AIS. The area wise analysis of FVs operating in Bay of Bengal & Arabian Sea (beyond EEZ) and Indian EEZ for the month of Apr 25 are as follows:-

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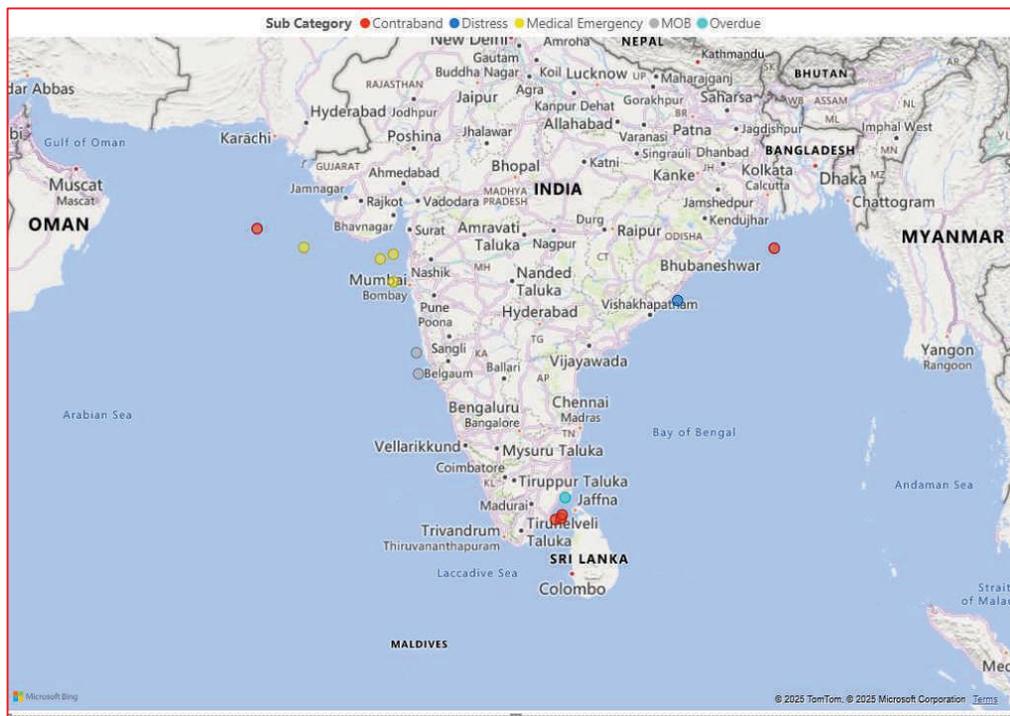
(i) **Arabian Sea (Beyond EEZ).** Total of 468 FVs were observed transmitting on AIS and appreciated to be engaged in fishing. Out of these, numbers of Iranian, Chinese, Sri Lankan, Indian, Pakistani and others FVs are 38%, 37%, 17%, 6%, 1% and 1% respectively. Seven Chinese flagged fish carrier (Reefers) were observed operating in Arabian Sea.



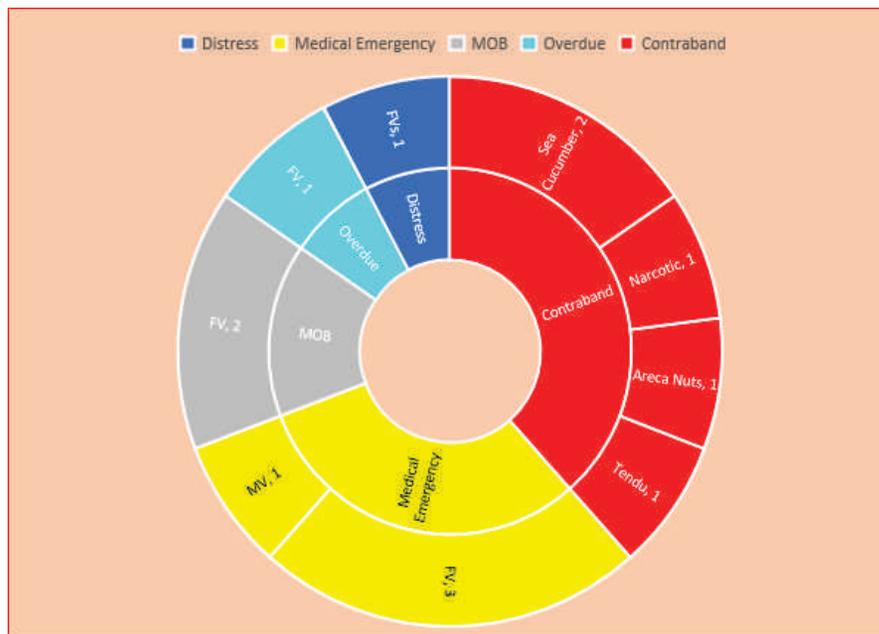
(ii) **Indian EEZ.** A total of 2101 Indian flagged FVs were observed transmitting on AIS.

(iii) **Bay of Bengal (Beyond EEZ).** A total of 90 Sri Lankan and 08 Indian FVs were observed transmitting on AIS and appreciated to be engaged in fishing. No other flagged FVs observed transmitting on AIS in high seas/ Bay of Bengal.

E. Maritime Incidents & SAR Cases in Maritime Zones of India (MZI) and Indian Search & Rescue Region (ISRR).



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Sunburst Chart : Maritime Incidents and Contraband Smuggling in MZI for Apr 25

- (i) **Maritime Incidents.** Eight Maritime Incidents and five Contraband smuggling incidents were reported in Maritime Zones/ Search and Rescue Region of India in Apr 25.
- (aa) **Distress.** One (01) incident of distress reported in month of Apr 25 in which an IFB capsized off Gopalpur and two fishermen were reported overboard. Bodies of both missing fishermen were recovered by local fishermen.
- (ab) **Stranded.** Nil.
- (ac) **Medical Emergency.** Medical Emergency was reported onboard three (03) IFBs and one MV (01). ICG evacuated three (03) patients whereas one (01) patient was evacuated by tug arranged by local agent.
- (ad) **Man Over Board.** Two (02) cases of 'MOB' were reported in month of Apr 25, one (01) each from Passenger Vessel MV Express and Indian Fishing Boat. However, nil body/ survivor sighted by SAR agencies.
- (ae) **Overdue.** One (01) incident of overdue was reported in month of Apr 25. However, the IFB reached Karaikal Harbour safely with assistance of another IFB.
- (af) **Drowning.** Nil.
- (ii) **Contraband.** Five (05) incidents of seizing contraband were reported in month of Apr 25. Details are as follows:-
- (aa) 307.50 Kilograms of narcotic worth ₹ 1800 Crores off IMBL near Gujarat coast in coordination with Gujarat ATS.
- (ab) 30.97 Tons of Areca Nuts worth ₹ 2.18 Crores off Indo Bangladesh IMBL.
- (ac) 302 kgs of Tendu Leaves worth ₹ 1.20 Lakhs off Indo Sri Lanka IMBL.
- (ad) 295 kgs sea cucumber worth ₹ 118 Lakhs off Mandapam.

A. Apprehension of one IFB Maa Basanti alongwith 14 crew.

On 10 Apr 25, Indian Coast Guard Ship apprehended one IFB Maa Basanti alongwith 14 crew carrying 400-500 gunny bags (50-60 Kg each) containing betel nuts in position 72 N miles off Sagar Island. The fishing boat alongwith crew and consignment were brought to Paradip and handed over to customs for further legal action.



Apprehension of one IFB Maa Basanti alongwith 14 crew

MISCELLANEOUS

A. Purchase Made Through Government eMarketplace (GeM)/ Portal-Purchase via GeM.

The purchase made through GeM portal during the month of Mar 25 was ₹ 39,91,52,110.30 (Rupees Thirty Nine Crore Ninety One Lakh Fifty Two Thousand One Hundred Ten and Thirty Paise 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
–	12 (Under Process)

C. Conduct of XVIIth District/ Station Commanders' Conference (DSCC) at Gandhinagar.

On 03 Apr 25, XVIIth District/ Station Commanders' Conference (DSCC) of Indian Coast Guard Region (North-West) was conducted at Gandhinagar. During discussions & brainstorming sessions, COMCG (NW) reviewed Op & Infra tangibles with all District & Station Command nodes. The Commander complimented the Officers for the Operational achievements, technical excellence & effective administration towards ensuring progression strides for the Region.



Conduct of XVIIth DSCC at Gandhinagar

D. Call on with Lt. Gen Vikas Lakhera, AVSM, SM, Director General Assam Rifles.

On 04 Apr 25, Lt. Gen Vikas Lakhera, AVSM, SM, Director General Assam Rifles called on DG Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, DGICG at Indian Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi. During discussion, DGICG and DG Assam Rifles shared perspectives on national security issues and matters of mutual interest.



Call on Lt. Gen Vikas Lakhera, AVSM, SM, DG Assam Rifles

E. Maiden passage of ICGS C-432 under the new Pamban Bridge.

On 06 Apr 25, Indian Coast Guard's indigenously built vessel, ICGS C-432 made maiden passage under the new Pamban Bridge and marked a milestone in India's maritime progress. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Bridge and flagged off the ICG vessel's passage at the event.



Maiden passage of ICGS C-432 under the new Pamban Bridge

F. Visit of Shri Daljit Singh Chawdhary, IPS, DG BSF alongwith delegation to ICG HQ, New Delhi.

On 09 Apr 25, a BSF delegation led by Shri Daljit Singh Chawdhary, IPS, DG BSF visited ICG HQ, New Delhi. During the visit, discussions focused on boosting inter-agency cooperation & strengthening maritime security were conducted.



Visit of Shri Daljit Singh Chawdhary, IPS, DG BSF

G. Conduct of State Level M-SAR Workshop at Paradip, Odisha.

Indian Coast Guard District Headquarters (Odisha) conducted a 2-day State Level M-SAR Workshop at Paradip from 08 to 09 Apr 25 to review SOPs and enhance stakeholder coordination. Further, a Table Top Exercise was also conducted to strengthen planning & collaborative efforts for Maritime Search and Rescue Operations.



Conduct of State Level M-SAR Workshop at Paradip

H. Signing of MoU with Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar.

On 17 Apr 25, an MoU was signed between Indian Coast Guard and Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar to enhance cooperation in academics & training. It includes ICG specific courses in Law Enforcement at Sea, Coastal & Maritime Security and Port Management.



Signing of MoU with Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar

J. 16th Progress Review Meet between ICG and HAL.

16th Progress Review Meet between ICG and HAL was organized by ICG District Headquarters, Kerala at ICGAE Kochi from 16 to 17 Apr 25. Various issues pertaining to maintenance and operational aspects of ICG aviation fleet towards addressing critical design, maintenance and techno-logistics concerns were discussed and deliberated during the bi-annual meet.



16th Progress Review Meet between ICG and HAL

K. Conduct of Regional SAREX-2025 at Karaikal.

On 24 Apr 25, ICG Regional HQs (East) conducted Regional SAREX-2025 at ICG Station Karaikal. As a lead-up, seminars, workshop and a Table Top Exercise focusing on legal aspects of SAR and aircraft ditching scenario were conducted with active participation from maritime agencies.



Conduct of Regional SAREX-2025 at Karaikal

L. Visit of Students and Faculty from Raksha University at Mumbai.

On 25 Apr 25, students and faculty from Raksha University visited Headquarters Coast Guard Western Seaboard, Mumbai. The delegation received a comprehensive presentation on Indian Coast Guard operations and visited MRCC, RoC (Mumbai) and ICG ship.



Visit of Students and Faculty from Raksha University at Mumbai

MEDIA COVERAGE

New Indian Express
07-04-25



Prime Minister Narendra Modi waves from a Coast Guard ship passing under the new Pamban bridge in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu on Sunday | **PTI**

The sea bridge provides rail link between Rameswaram island and the mainland. Built at a cost of over **₹550 crore**, this is India's first vertical lift sea-bridge

Spanning **2.08 km**, the bridge comprises **99 spans** and a **72.5-metre-long** vertical lift span that can be raised up to **17 metre**, allowing the smooth passage of large ships while ensuring seamless train operations

The Statesman
13-04-25

ICG apprehends suspected illegal smuggling of betel nuts

In a swift and well-coordinated maritime operation, the Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICG) successfully intercepted and apprehended Indian Fishing Boat (IFB) MaaBasanti (Registration No: IND-WB-DS-MM-10023) approximately 72 nautical miles from Sagar Light, within the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).



Upon boarding and inspection, the vessel was found to be carrying approximately 400-

450 gunny bags suspected of illegal smuggling of Betel Nuts, each bag weighing an estimated 50 to 60 kilograms. The total weight of the consignment is currently under verification. A total of 14 crew members were present on board at the time of apprehension. Following standard procedures, Maa Basanti was escorted to Paradip Port by ICG Ship and is scheduled to arrive on 11 April 2025.

Millenium Post
15-04-25

Indian Coast Guard and Gujarat ATS seize Rs 1,800 cr worth of narcotics in high-seas op

NARESH BISWANI

PORBANDAR: In a major operation, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), in a coordinated overnight raid with the Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS), confiscated more than 300 kg of methamphetamine worth about Rs 1,800 crore. The coordinated operation was carried out between April 12 and 13 in the Arabian Sea, close to the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL), off the North Maharashtra-South Gujarat coast.



Based on reliable information received from Gujarat ATS, a Coast Guard ship on multi-mission deployment in the area was diverted to board a suspected vessel attempting mid-sea transshipment. Upon sighting the ICG ship heading

towards it, the suspect boat jettisoned its consignment of narcotics into the sea and tried to make a run towards the IMBL. Despite an immediate response, such as the deployment of a sea boat to retrieve the dumped consignment and a hot chase of the escaped

vessel, the suspect vessel succeeded in evading capture by crossing over the IMBL. However, the ICG team did manage to retrieve a large amount of methamphetamine from the sea under difficult night-time conditions. The seized narcotics

have been taken to Porbandar for legal proceedings and investigation.

This raid joins a long list of successful joint operations between Gujarat ATS and the ICG. In December 2023, more than 200 kg of heroin worth Rs 1,400 crore was seized in an operation off the Mandvi coast, Kutch. The shipment, attributed to Pakistani handlers, was intended to be smuggled into India by sea route. In May 2022, a Pakistani fishing boat with 56 kg of high-quality heroin valued at Rs 350 crore was seized off the Gujarat coast, and all the crew were arrested while the illicit cargo was seized.

With this recent seizure, the ICG and Gujarat ATS have collectively conducted 13 successful anti-narcotics operations recently.

The Statesman
25-04-25

ICG conducts regional-level search and rescue exercise

Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Regional Headquarters (East), Chennai conducted Regional-level Search and Rescue (SAR) Exercise on 24 April. The exercise aimed at revalidating and enhancing coordination among various maritime and civil agencies in responding to distress situations at sea.

As a precursor to this major event a seminar, workshop,



and table-top exercise was conducted on 21 April by ICG Station Karaikal. The event was graced by the presence of distinguished dignitaries including Soma Shekhar Appa Rao, District Collector, Karaikal, and TAakash, District Collector, Nagapattinam, along with senior officials from the ICG, district administration, and various stakeholder organisations.



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