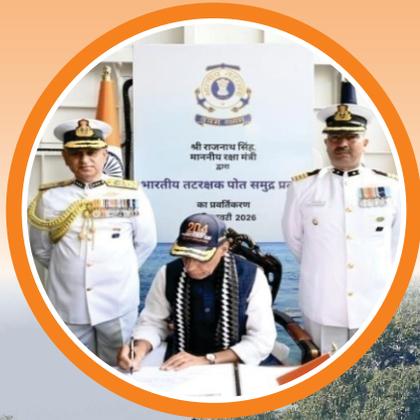




# INDIAN COAST GUARD

## OPERATIONS & ACTIVITIES MONTHLY UPDATE

January, 2026



'यत्र तत्र सर्वत्र... भारतीय तटरक्षक'

# INDIAN COAST GUARD FACT SHEET

Subject		Year 2025	Year 2026 (Upto Jan 2026)	Since Inception
<b>Search and Rescue Effort</b>	Lives Saved at Sea	<b>76</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11,821</b>
	Missions undertaken	135	15	4,250
	Ship Sorties	211	17	5,502
	Aircraft Sorties	62	01	3,245
	<b>Total Sorties</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8,747</b>
<b>MEDEVAC</b>	Persons Evacuated	24	--	<b>506</b>
<b>Aid to Civil Authorities</b>	Lives Rescued	--	<b>03</b>	<b>14,711</b>
<b>Coastal Security (Since 2009)</b>	Operations	37	<b>04</b>	<b>634</b> (Since 2009)
	Exercises	17	<b>03</b>	<b>308</b> (Since 2009)
	Community Interaction	1,995	--	<b>17,321</b> (Since 2009)
	Boarding Operations	24,041	--	<b>3,83,507</b> (Since 2009)
	Investigation VHF	23,763	--	<b>2,51,776</b> (Since 2014)
	Security Drill ' <b>Sajag</b> '	40	<b>04</b>	<b>516</b> (Since 2014)
	Marine Police Personnel Trained	2,330	--	<b>16,862</b>
<b>Anti-Poaching Apprehension</b>	Foreign Fishing Boats	12	<b>03</b>	<b>1,650</b>
	Foreign Fishermen	218	<b>42</b>	<b>14,016</b>
	Value of Fish Catch	--	--	<b>₹ 24,56,84,855/-</b>
	Nationality of Foreign Crew	Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, China, Myanmar, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, France, Bangladesh, Thailand, South Korea, North Korea, Philippines		
<b>Shepherding of IFBs</b>	Indo-Pak IMBL	338	--	<b>34,715</b> Boats (Since Oct 2007)
	Indo-SLN IMBL	03	--	<b>12,871</b> Boats
	Indo-Bangladesh IMBL	108	--	<b>1,464</b> Boats
<b>Anti Smuggling &amp; Narcotics Control (ASNC) Ops</b>	Vessels Interdicted	10	--	<b>189</b>
	Crew Apprehended	28	--	<b>1,138</b>
	Value of Contraband	₹ 1876.40 Cr.	--	<b>₹ 54,437.37 Cr</b>
<b>Disaster Relief Operations</b>		--	--	<b>96</b> (since May 1999)
<b>Oil Spill Incidents</b>	Incidents Reported	<b>01</b>	--	<b>96</b> (Indian Waters) + <b>03</b> (02 Sri Lanka & 01 Mauritius)
	Responded by ICG	<b>01</b>	--	<b>96</b> (Indian Waters) + <b>03</b> (02 Sri Lanka & 01 Mauritius)
	Capitation Charges Received	₹ 30,29,68,504.00	--	<b>₹ 92,26,43,411.92</b>



# INTRODUCTION

1. The Indian Coast Guard (ICG), established on 01 Feb 1977 as an Armed Force of the Union under the Ministry of Defence, continues to discharge its mandated responsibilities with the highest standards of professionalism and unwavering dedication. The Service remains firmly committed to safeguarding India's maritime interests, ensuring the security of the nation's maritime zones and upholding the rule of law across the maritime domain.
2. On 26 Jan, Indian Coast Guard proudly participated in the 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day Parade at Kartavya Path, showcasing India's maritime strength and operational prowess. The ICG Band and marching contingent enthralled the audience with the stirring tune of "Saare Jahan Se Achha".
3. On this occasion, the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, conferred the *Ati Vishist Seva Medal (AVSM)* on ADG Donny Michael, PTM, TM, and the *Vishist Seva Medal (VSM)* on DIG S. K. Sitaram. Additionally, 14 ICG personnel were awarded the *President's Tatrakshak Medal (PTM)*, *Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak*, and *Tatrakshak Medal (TM)* in recognition of their gallantry, exceptional devotion to duty and meritorious service.
4. Throughout the month, the ICG maintained a high state of operational readiness and executed its mandated tasks with efficiency and diligence. Key operations included Search and Rescue missions, Medical Evacuations (MEDEVAC), anti-smuggling activities, marine pollution response and sustained maritime patrols. These efforts collectively underscore the organisation's enduring commitment to maritime safety, environmental protection and national security.

## MAJOR OPERATIONS

### SEARCH & RESCUE

### COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN MARITIME AGENCIES

### COASTAL SECURITY/ SURVEILLANCE

### FISHERIES & ENVIRONMENT

### MISCELLANEOUS

### MEDIA COVERAGE



# MAJOR OPERATIONS

## A. Anti-Smuggling Operations.

On 22 Jan 2026, the Indian Coast Guard Station Frazerganj detected an abandoned Indian fishing boat in the Bay of Bengal. Upon conducting a search of the vessel, approx. 2,600 kg of betel nuts (52 bags of 50 kg each) were recovered, suspected to have been smuggled from Bangladesh. The boat was subsequently escorted to Frazerganj, West Bengal and handed over to the Coastal Police for further legal proceedings.



*Seizure of 2600 Kg Betel Nuts*

## A. Assistance to IFB St. Thisyos.

On 12 Jan 2026, the Indian Coast Guard received distress information regarding flooding onboard the Indian Fishing Boat (IFB) St. Thisyos, with 14 crew members onboard, approx. 20 N miles off Bepore, Kerala. ICGS C-404 was immediately diverted to render assistance.

Upon arrival at the scene, de-flooding operations were undertaken using portable diesel-driven pumps. Following successful de-flooding, the vessel was safely towed by nearby fishing boats to Bepore Harbour under the coordinated supervision and escort of the Indian Coast Guard.

The timely response and coordinated rescue efforts averted a major maritime mishap and resulted in the saving of 14 precious lives.



*Assistance to IFB St. Thisyos*

## B. Medical Evacuation from Pulo Panja Village, A&N Islands.

On 17 Jan 2026, ICG DHQ Campbell Bay responded promptly to an emergency medical evacuation request for a 35-year-old woman suffering from an acute stroke at Pulo Panja village. ICG Ship C-424 was swiftly deployed and successfully evacuated the patient from a location approx. 25 N miles Northeast of Campbell Bay. The patient was stabilised during transit and safely transferred to the Primary Health Centre, Campbell Bay, in the early hours of 18 Jan 2026.



*Medical Evacuation from Pulo Panja Village, A&N Islands*

## C. Rescue of one Bangladeshi Fisherman.

On 18 Jan 2026, ICG Ship Kamla Devi rescued a Bangladeshi fisherman, Abdul Manna (male, 22 years), from a position approx. 64 N miles south-east of Sagar Island Light. The survivor was administered first aid onboard and was subsequently handed over to Bangladesh Naval Ship Padma on 19 Jan 2026, in accordance with established bilateral protocols.



*Rescue of one Bangladeshi Fisherman*

## D. Medical Evacuation from Agatti Island.

On 19 Jan 2026, an ICG Dornier aircraft successfully carried out a swift medical evacuation of a 63-year-old patient from Agatti Island, Lakshadweep. The mission was undertaken by the ICG from Kochi, in seamless coordination with the Lakshadweep Administration.

This operation underscores the steadfast commitment of the Indian Coast Guard to ensure the safety, security and well-being of citizens in the island territories at all times.



*Medical Evacuation from Agatti Island*

On 26 Jan 2026, the Indian Coast Guard successfully carried out a night medical evacuation of a 55-year-old patient from Agatti Island, Lakshadweep, using an ICG Dornier aircraft fitted with a Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) to provide life-support post embarkation.

The mission was launched in coordination with the Union Territory Administration, reaffirming the Indian Coast Guard's round-the-clock readiness and capability to respond to medical emergencies in remote island regions.



*Medical Evacuation from Agatti Island*

# COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN MARITIME AGENCIES

## A. Conduct of 22<sup>nd</sup> High Level Meeting with Japan Coast Guard (JCG) at New Delhi.

On 14 Jan 26, the 22<sup>nd</sup> High-Level Meeting (HLM) between the ICG and the JCG was held at Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi. The meeting was jointly led by Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, Director General Indian Coast Guard and Admiral Yoshio Seguchi, Commandant, Japan Coast Guard. The HLM comprehensively reviewed ongoing bilateral cooperation and agreed to further enhance collaboration in key areas including Search and Rescue (SAR), marine pollution response, maritime law enforcement, technology, training and capacity building. Discussions also covered cooperation related to the Coast Guard Global Summit (CGGS), the International Coast Guard Fleet Review (ICGFR) and broader multilateral maritime engagements. The meeting reaffirmed the shared commitment of India and Japan to strengthening cooperation in support of a free, open, inclusive and rules-based Indo-Pacific maritime order.



*22<sup>nd</sup> High Level Meeting with JCG at New Delhi*

On 17 Jan 26, following the High-Level Meeting, ICG and JCG conducted a joint Hazardous Noxious Substance (HNS) response drills onboard ICG Pollution Control Vessel (PCV) Samudra Prahari at Mumbai. The drill saw the participation of premier marine pollution response teams from both Japan and India, who employed advanced technological equipment and global best practices to enhance operational synergy and interoperability. The exercise was jointly reviewed by Admiral Yoshio Seguchi,



*Joint Hazardous Noxious Substance (HNS) Response Drills*



# COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN MARITIME AGENCIES

Commandant, Japan Coast Guard, and Inspector General Bhisham Sharma, PTM, TM, Commander Coast Guard Region (West).

## B. Exercise DOSTI-XVII.

On 18 Jan 26, a trilateral maritime exercise involving the ICG, Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) and Sri Lanka Coast Guard (SLCG) was conducted at Malé, Maldives, as part of the 17<sup>th</sup> edition of Exercise DOSTI. The strategic exercise was aimed to enhance maritime cooperation, interoperability and collaborative mechanisms among the participating nations to effectively address non-traditional maritime security challenges. The exercise was jointly witnessed by the Director General Indian Coast Guard, the Chief of Defence Forces, MNDF and the Director General, Sri Lanka Coast Guard, underscoring India's SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) vision and Neighbourhood First Policy and reinforcing regional maritime safety and security.



*Exercise DOSTI-XVII*

## C. Overseas Deployment of ICGS Varaha and Atulya.

ICG Ships Varaha and Atulya, as part of overseas deployment to Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs) in the Indian Ocean Region (IoR), visited Malé (Maldives), Colombo and Galle (Sri Lanka) from 14 Jan to 03 Feb 2026. The visit aimed to strengthen maritime cooperation through professional interactions in



*OSD to Galle, Sri Lanka*

# COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN MARITIME AGENCIES

Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR), marine pollution response, maritime law enforcement and Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) operations.

The visit included courtesy calls, cultural exchanges, community outreach activities and environmental initiatives under *Puneet Sagar Abhiyan*. The ships also participated in Exercise SAGAREX and Republic Day celebrations at India House, Sri Lanka, reinforcing India's SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) vision and commitment to regional maritime security and cooperation.

## D. Overseas Deployment of ICGS Sankalp.

ICG Ship Sankalp, as part of overseas deployment to Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs) in the Indian Ocean Region (IoR), visited Port Louis (Mauritius) and Port Victoria (Seychelles) from 06 Jan to 07 Feb 2026. During the visit, professional engagements with the Mauritius National Coast Guard and Seychelles Coast Guard were conducted, including joint exercises and interactions in Search and Rescue (SAR), Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS), marine pollution response and damage control/ fire-fighting drills.

The visit also encompassed cultural exchanges, sports interactions and community outreach activities, reinforcing the enduring maritime partnership and cooperation between India, Mauritius and Seychelles.



*OSD to Port Louise (Mauritius)*



*OSD to Port Victoria (Seychelles)*



# COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN MARITIME AGENCIES

## E. Visit of UAE Delegation to CGHQ, New Delhi & Chennai.

On 28 Jan 26, a four member UAE delegation of the UAE National Guard Command (NGC) led by Brigadier Staff Kalid Obaid Thani Al Shamsi, Acting Commander, Coast Guard Group visited Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi for bilateral engagement. The head of the delegation called on Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, DGICG and deliberated on bolstering mutual cooperation and fortifying ties with the maritime agencies.



*Interaction with DGICG*

Further, a three-member delegation of the UAE National Guard Command (NGC) visited ICG Regional Headquarters (East), Chennai, on 30 Jan 2026. The delegation toured the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) and Regional Marine Pollution Response Centre (RMPRC), Chennai, witnessing firsthand the Indian Coast Guard's capabilities in Search and Rescue (SAR) and Marine Pollution Response. The visit reinforced bilateral ties and enhanced cooperation in maritime safety, maritime security and environmental protection.



*Interaction with UAE delegation*

# COASTAL SECURITY/ SURVEILLANCE

## A. Coastal Security Exercises and Operations.

Under mentioned Coastal Security Exercises and Operations were conducted 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	Date(s)
(i)	Regional HQ (West)	Op Trigger 01/26	25-27 Jan 26
		Op Vigilant	22-23 Jan 26
		Op Vigilant 01/26	25-27 Jan 26
		Op Sajag	25 Jan 26
(ii)	Regional HQ (North East)	Op Sentinel	25-27 Jan 26
		Nigrani	23-27 Jan 26
		Op Sajag	23 Jan 26
(iii)	Regional HQ (A&N)	Op Sajag	09 Jan 26
(iv)	Regional (East)	Op Sentinel	23 Jan 26
		EEZ Sweep	23-27 Jan 26
		Op Chaukas	02-03 Jan 26
		Op Sajag	23 Jan 26
(v)	Regional HQ (North West)	Sagar Kavach 02/25	06-07 Jan 26
		Op Sajag	25 Jan 26

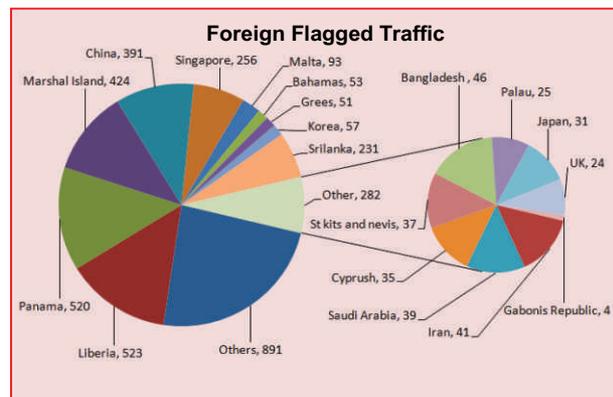
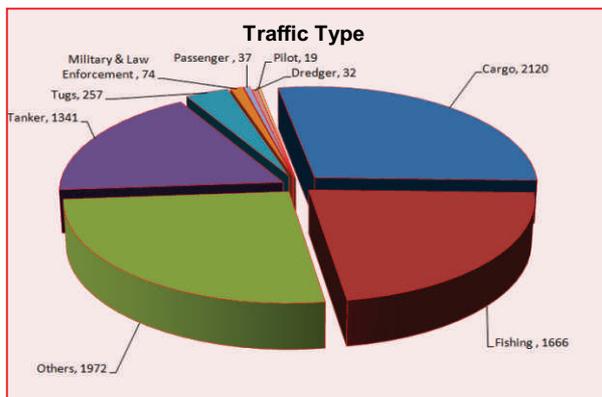
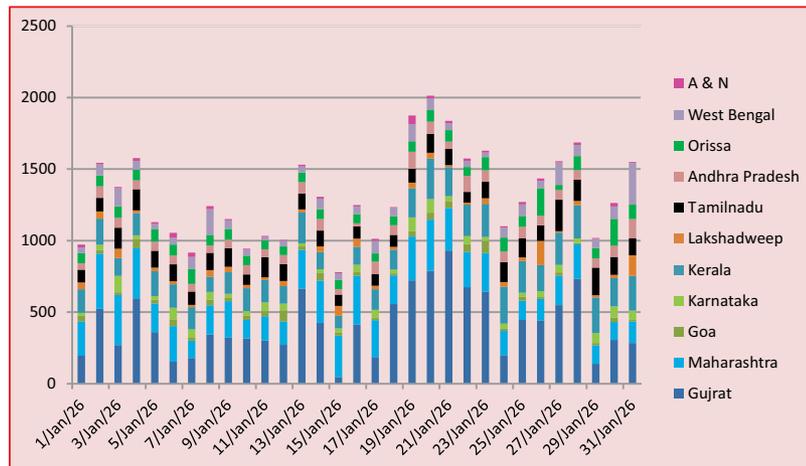
## B. Coastal Surveillance Network (CSN).

The trend analysis (maritime traffic, fishing activity and maritime incidents) for Jan 26 is enumerated in succeeding paragraphs.

## C. Coastal Maritime Traffic.

Indian Coast Guard monitored 7,518 distinct AIS transmission on CSN network along Indian coast in the month of Jan 26. Traffic share of India, Panama, Liberia, Marshall Islands, China & Hong Kong and Singapore stood at 49%, 7%, 7%, 6%, 5% and 3% respectively. The larger share of India flagged traffic is attributed to coastal traffic. Traffic share of Cargo and Tanker vessels are 28% and 18% respectively. A total of 2,099 vessels were investigated by ICG ROSs. The state-wise, flag-wise and type-wise traffic pattern is as depicted :-

# COASTAL SECURITY/ SURVEILLANCE

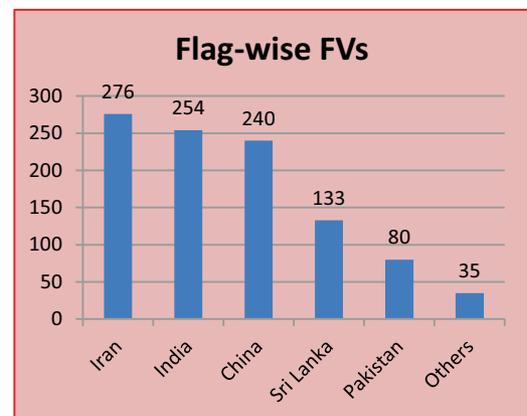


## D. Fishing Activities in North Indian Ocean.

A total of 2904 Fishing Vessels (FVs) were observed transmitting on AIS in Northern Indian Ocean in the month of Jan 26. 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 Indian EEZ, High Seas in Bay of Bengal and Arabian sea for the month of Jan 26 is as follows: -

(i) **Arabian Sea.** A total of 1018 FVs were observed transmitting on AIS and appreciated to be engaged in fishing. Out of these, numbers of Iranian, Indian, Chinese, Sri Lankan, Pakistani and Other FVs are 27%, 25%, 24%, 13%, 8% and 3% respectively. Chinese FVs were observed arriving in Arabian Sea in end Dec 25 post Monsoon period. Ten Chinese flagged fish carrier (Reefers) were observed operating in Arabian Sea.

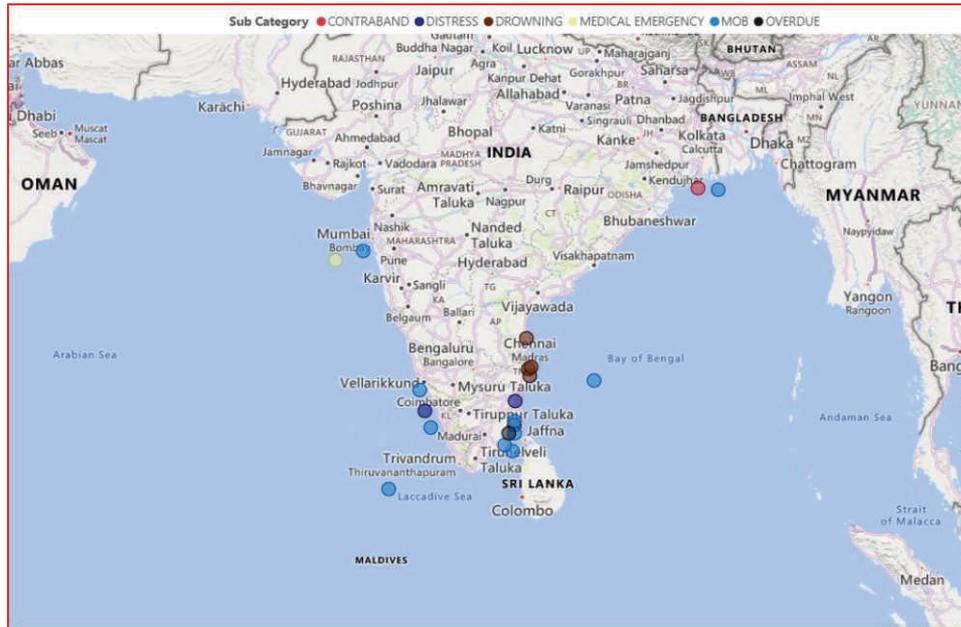
(ii) **Indian EEZ.** A total of 1437 Indian flagged FVs were observed transmitting on AIS. Additionally, AIS transmissions of 1774 fishing net/ buoys were also observed. Majority of FVs were observed operating on west coast of India.



# COASTAL SECURITY/ SURVEILLANCE

(iii) **Bay of Bengal.** A total of 423 Sri Lankan, 13 Indian, 02 Taiwan and 11 others flagged FVs were observed transmitting on AIS and appreciated to be engaged in fishing.

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



(i) **Maritime Incidents.** A total of 20 incidents were reported in Maritime Zones/ Search and Rescue Region of India in Jan 26.

(aa) **Distress.** Two distress incidents were reported onboard Indian Fishing boats in Jan 26. Of the sixteen (16) fishermen onboard IFBs, fifteen (15) were rescued and one (01) survivor/ body remained missing.

(ab) **Man Over Board.** Ten cases of Man Overboard (MOB) were reported onboard FVs(09) and Barge(01) in Jan 26. One each MOB was reported from Bangladesh FV and Srilankan FV. Bangladeshi fisherman was rescued by ICG ship on patrol and handed over to BCG. Three bodies were recovered by local fishermen and six survivors/ bodies remained missing.

(ac) **Drowning.** Five cases of beach drowning were reported in Jan 26. Four cases were in Tamilnadu and one case was in Andhra Pradesh.

(ad) **Medical Emergency.** One case of Medical Emergency was reported onboard Tug. ICG coordinated safe evacuation of the patient.

(ae) **Overdue.** One case of overdue FB was reported in month of Jan 26. Later, IFB along with all 04 crew reached safely at Jegathapattinam fishing harbour.

(ii) **Contraband.** One incident of contraband seizure was reported in month of Jan 26. ICG seized 2600 kgs Betul Nuts.

## A. Apprehension.

On 14 Jan 26, ICG Ship Arinjay apprehended a Pakistani fishing boat named Al-Madina along with nine Pakistani crew. The apprehended boat and crew were subsequently handed over to the Gujarat Police at Porbandar on 15 Jan 26 for further legal proceedings.



*Apprehension of one PFB*

On 18 Jan 26, ICG ship apprehended a Bangladeshi fishing boat named, Safwan (Regn No. F-11491), along with 24 crew for illegal fishing within the Indian EEZ. The apprehended BFB alongwith crew were handed over to the Coastal Police Station, Frazerganj, West Bengal, for further legal action.



*Apprehension of two BFB alongwith 24 crew*

On 29 Jan 26, ICGS Rajshree whilst on routine patrol apprehended one Myanmar boat alongwith 09 poachers and diving equipment in position 18 N miles North West of Narcondam Island. The apprehended boat alongwith 09 poachers were brought to Diglipur and handed over to Local police authorities for further necessary action.

## B. Repatriation.

On 29 Jan 26, ICG ships Samudra Paheredar and Vijaya facilitated the safe repatriation of 23 Indian fishermen alongwith 02 IFBs and handed over 128 Bangladeshi fishermen with 05 BFBs to Bangladesh Coast Guard at the IMBL, reaffirming mutual trust and strengthening maritime cooperation across shared seas.



*Repatriation of 23 Indian Fishermen*



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

The purchase made through GeM portal during the month of Jan 26 was ₹ 49,51,75,286.35 (Rupees Forty Nine Crore Fifty One Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Six and Thirty Five 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
–	07 (Under Process)

## C. Commissioning of ICGS Samudra Pratap.

On 05 Jan 26, the 4<sup>th</sup> Specialised Role Vessel (SRV) was commissioned by the Hon'ble Defence Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh in presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Shri Pramod Sawant, at Goa Shipyard Limited. The state-of-the-art vessel significantly enhances India's Oil/ HNS response capability. In a historic first, the frontline ship also marked the appointment of women officers onboard, reflecting the evolving ethos and progressive outlook of the force, bringing gender equality.



*Commissioning of ICGS Samudra Pratap*



## D. Conduct of Joint SCUBA Diving Training Programme at Kavaratti Island, Lakshadweep.

Indian Coast Guard and Assam Rifles successfully conducted a joint SCUBA Diving training Programme from 04 to 10 Jan 26 at Kavaratti Island, Lakshadweep. The programme focused on enhancing underwater operational skills, familiarization with diving equipment, safety procedures and emergency response techniques. Participation of officers and personnel from both forces strengthened interoperability, joint preparedness and synergy, contributing to improved maritime skills, disaster response and operational effectiveness.



*Conduct of Joint SCUBA Diving Training Programme at Kavaratti Island, Lakshadweep*

## E. MRCC Ops & SAR Course at MRCC Chennai.

Strengthening maritime cooperation and capacity building Indian Coast Guard under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme of Gol hosted 24 International trainees (10 Officers and 14 Sailors) from six Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs) for MRCC Ops and SAR course at MRCC Chennai from 05 to 10 Jan 26. This course was aimed at enhancing operational expertise, interoperability and collaboration in maritime search and rescue among partner Nations in IOR.



*MRCC Ops & SAR Course at MRCC Chennai*

## F. Signing of MoU with Canara Bank.

On 13 Jan 26, Indian Coast Guard signed an MoU with Canara Bank marking a significant milestone in strengthening personnel welfare. The partnership extends customized banking solutions and comprehensive insurance coverage for ICG personnel and their families.



*Signing of MoU with Canara Bank*

## G. Handing Over Ceremony of two Dornier to ICG at Kanpur.

On 19 Jan 26, Indian Coast Guard accepted delivery of two state-of-the-art Dornier 228 aircraft from HAL at TAD, Kanpur. The Dornier is equipped with advanced sensors, modern avionics including a Glass Cockpit, Mission Management System and specialized role equipment, these aircraft will significantly enhance ICG's maritime surveillance capability and operational reach.



*Handing Over Ceremony of two Dornier to ICG at Kanpur*

## H. Signing of MoU with New Space India Ltd (NSIL) and Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) at New Delhi.

On 21 Jan 26, ICG signed an MoU with New Space India Ltd and the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) at CGHQ, New Delhi to collaborate on development of a satellite-based oil spill surveillance system. Leveraging indigenous technology, the initiative will enable real time monitoring across India's EEZ, strengthening marine pollution prevention, environmental protection and swift, coordinated response.



*Signing of MoU with NSIL and INCOIS at New Delhi*

## J. Conduct of Maritime Law Workshop at Visakhapatnam.

Indian Coast Guard Eastern Seaboard, Visakhapatnam conducted a two-day Maritime Law Workshop from 22 to 23 Jan 26 at Visakhapatnam to enhance officers' domain awareness on contemporary developments in international Maritime Law, with focus on its legality and limitations in the Indian context. The programme strengthened synergy, coordination and commitment towards safeguarding national maritime interest and robust.



*Conduct of Maritime Law Workshop at Visakhapatnam*

## **K. Visit of Dr Rajendra Kumar, IAS, Secretary, Border Management to RHQ (A&N), Port Blair.**

On 25 Jan 26, Dr Rajendra Kumar, IAS, Secretary, Border Management visited Indian Coast Guard Region (A&N) and was briefed on ICG operational preparedness and key Maritime Security challenges in the A&N Islands, highlighting the ICG's strategic role.



*Visit of Dr Rajendra Kumar, IAS, Secretary, Border Management to RHQ (A&N)*

## **L. Passing Out Parade of 81<sup>st</sup> Batch of ICG Officers.**

On 28 Jan 26, Coast Guard Training Centre (CGTC), Kochi conducted the Passing Out Parade of 81<sup>st</sup> Batch of ICG Officers. ICG Law and Operations Course marked a major milestone in the professional journey of young ICG Officers. Officers are ready for frontline deployment and Watchkeeping Certification onboard ICG ships.



*Passing Out Parade of 81<sup>st</sup> Batch of ICG Officers*

## M. Keel Laying Ceremony of 14 FPVs.

On 29 Jan 26, Keel Laying Ceremony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Plate Cutting Ceremony of the 6<sup>th</sup> Fast Patrol vessels under the 14 FPV project of ICG was held at Mazagon Dock Ltd.



*Keel Laying Ceremony of 14 FPVs*

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## राजनाथ आज आईसीजी पोत 'समुद्र प्रताप' का करेंगे जलावतरण

पणजी, 4 जनवरी (एजेंसी): रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह सोमवार को गोवा में भारतीय तटरक्षक बल (आईसीजी) के पोत 'समुद्र प्रताप' का जलावतरण करेंगे। यह प्रदूषण नियंत्रण के लिए निर्मित दो पोतों में से एक है। यह पोत तेल रिसाव का पता लगाने के लिए उन्नत प्रणालियों से लैस है, जिससे विशेष आर्थिक क्षेत्र (ईईजेड) के भीतर और उसके बाहर व्यापक प्रदूषण-रोधी अभियान चलाने में मदद मिलेगी।



Indian Express  
15-01-26

## Coast Guard seizes Pak boat with 9 crew members for entering Indian waters

Press Trust of India  
Ahmedabad, January 15

THE INDIAN Coast Guard (ICG) has seized a Pakistani fishing boat with nine crew members inside Indian waters near the International Maritime Boundary Line, officials said on Thursday. The boat is being brought to Porbandar, they said.

"In a swift and precise night operation, an Indian Coast Guard ship, while on patrol in the Arabian Sea, sighted a Pakistani fishing boat inside Indian waters near the notional International Maritime Boundary Line on January 14, 2026," Gu-



Indian Coast Guard intercepts and boards a Pakistani Fishing Boat inside Indian waters on Wednesday. ANI

jarat Defence PRO Wing Commander Abhishek Kumar Tiwari said in a post on X. When challenged, the boat attempted

to flee, he said. "A total of nine crew members were found on board the Pakistani boat, Al-Madina," he added.

## MEDIA COVERAGE

Hindustan Times  
17-01-26

### 22<sup>nd</sup> high level meeting between ICG and JCG held



The HLM between ICG and JCG was held in New Delhi on January 14. The meeting was led by Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM,

Director General, Indian Coast Guard, and Admiral Yoshio Saguchi, Commandant, Japan Coast Guard, who is on an official visit to India from January 13–17.

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18-01-26



मुंबई में शनिवार को आईसीजी पॉल्यूशन कंट्रोल वेसल समुद्र प्रहरी पर भारत और जापान कोस्ट गार्ड ने मिलकर खतरनाक और नुकसानदायक पदार्थों से निपटने के लिए संयुक्त रूप से मॉक ड्रिल की। • एएनआई

# MEDIA COVERAGE

Free Press Journal  
19-01-26

## ICGS Sankalp's Port Call At Port Louis, Mauritius



Indian Coast Guard Ship Sankalp, an Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) entered Port Louis, Mauritius on 17 Jan 26, as part of its ongoing Overseas Deployment (OSD) to

Friendly Foreign Countries in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). The visit underscores India's continued commitment to strengthening maritime cooperation, enhancing interoperability, and fostering close bilateral ties with Mauritius. Further, in keeping with commitment to gender inclusivity in maritime operations, two women officers are also embarked onboard, highlighting their growing role in Indian Coast Guard and commitment to women empowerment in the maritime domain. This deployment aligns with India's maritime vision of SAGAR – Security and Growth for All in the Region, aimed at promoting regional maritime safety, security, and environmental stewardship. During its stay in Port Louis, ICGS Sankalp will engage in professional interactions with National Coast Guard (NCG) and other maritime agencies of Mauritius to share best practices and enhance mutual understanding in key operational domains. A comprehensive training programme has been planned during the port call, including sea and harbour drills, oil pollution, Damage Control (NBCD) exercises, and firefighting drills. The programme will also cover Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) joint training, navigation bridge and MCR (Machinery Control Room) integration drills, aimed at strengthening operational coordination and readiness.

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## Indian Coast Guard Ships visit Sri Lanka



Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Offshore Patrol Vessel ICGS Varaha and Fast Patrol Vessel ICGS Atulya made a port call at Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 24 Jan 26, as part of their overseas deployment to the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). This deployment underscores India's steadfast commitment to strengthening regional maritime cooperation, enhancing interoperability with partner agencies, and fostering mutual goodwill across the IOR.

During their stay, ICG ships will engage in professional interactions with the Sri Lanka Coast Guard (SLCG), focusing on capacity building and the exchange of best practices. The focus of professional interactions will be on core maritime operation domains such as Maritime Search and Rescue (M SAR), Marine Pollution Response (MPR), Maritime Law Enforcement (MLE), Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS), aimed at sharing best practices and building collective capability to address maritime challenges effectively.

In addition to professional engagements, the visit will also feature courtesy calls, friendly sports fixtures and cultural exchanges to promote camaraderie and people-to-people connect. The crew will also undertake community service activities, reflecting India's commitment to constructive outreach and goodwill. The visit will also serve to showcase India's shipbuilding capabilities, supporting the concept of "Atmanirbhar Bharat." The ships will also be open for visitors, providing an opportunity for local dignitaries, youth, students and community groups to interact with ICG personnel and gain insight into Indian Coast Guard capabilities and maritime operations — a key component of people to people outreach.

Aligned with the Government of India's initiatives on environmental stewardship and community participation, ICGS Varaha and ICGS Atulya will undertake beach clean up drives, awareness programmes on marine environmental protection, and engage with local youth organizations and community groups to spread awareness about protecting marine ecosystems — reflecting sustained commitment to marine conservation and the Puneet Sagar Abhiyan.

During their stay at Colombo, ICGS Ships will also participate in the Republic Day Ceremony at India House, marking a significant occasion to celebrate India's national day overseas and further strengthening diplomatic and people-to-people ties. Following the port call, on 27 Jan 26, the vessels will undertake Exercise SAGAREX off the coast of Colombo with their Sri Lankan counterparts, focusing on coordinated responses in pollution response operations.

This mission reiterates India's vision of 'SAGAR — Security and Growth for All in the Region', showcasing the Indian Coast Guard's commitment to building robust partnerships, enhancing regional maritime safety and security, and ensuring safe, secure and clean seas across the Indian Ocean Region.

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## भारतीय तटरक्षक का कर्तव्य पथ पर अनुशासित व गौरवपूर्ण मार्च

नई दिल्ली, 27 जनवरी (नवोदय टाइम्स): भारतीय तटरक्षक के मार्चिंग दल ने गणतंत्र दिवस परेड पर कर्तव्य पथ पर अनुशासन, समर्पण व राष्ट्रीय गौरव का प्रदर्शन किया। असिस्टेंट कमांडेंट निशी शर्मा के नेतृत्व में मार्चिंग दल तथा उत्तम अधिकारी पप्पनूर जी बाबू के नेतृत्व में आईसीजी बैंड ने परेड में भाग लिया और दर्शकों का ध्यान आकर्षित किया।

बेदाग औपचारिक वर्दी में सुसज्जित दल ने सटीक कदमताल, सीधी मुद्रा और उत्कृष्ट ड्रिल के माध्यम से भारतीय तटरक्षक बल के उच्च प्रशिक्षण मानकों और पेशेवर दक्षता को प्रदर्शित किया। 'हमारे समुद्र के प्रहरी' के रूप में विख्यात यह दल अटूट संकल्प और सतर्कता का प्रतीक बनकर आगे बढ़ा। कर्तव्य पथ पर उठाया गया प्रत्येक कदम देश के विशाल समुद्री क्षेत्र की सुरक्षा



और हर चुनौती का सामना करने की तत्परता को दर्शाता रहा।

आईसीजी बैंड की गुंजती और प्रेरक धुनों ने मार्च को और अधिक भव्य बना दिया। मार्चिंग दल और बैंड के समन्वय ने सेवा-भाव, मनोबल और लड़ाकू भावना का उत्कृष्ट उदाहरण प्रस्तुत किया। अपने आदर्श वाक्य 'वयं रक्षामः - हम रक्षा करते हैं' से प्रेरित, भारतीय तटरक्षक ने समुद्री सुरक्षा, संरक्षा और पर्यावरण संरक्षण के प्रति अपनी अटूट प्रतिबद्धता को प्रभावशाली ढंग से प्रदर्शित किया।

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## Coast Guard evacuates cardiac patient from Dweep

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Kochi:** Indian Coast Guard (ICG) undertook a critical medical evacuation (medevac) of a 55-year-old man from Agatti Island, Lakshadweep, who suffered a cardiac emergency on Monday.

On receiving urgent request from the Lakshadweep administration, ICG immediately launched a Dornier aircraft for a night evacuation operation. Considering the medical urgency and the challenges of night operations over the sea, the aircraft based in Kochi was rapidly reconfigu-



The 55-year-old man was brought to Kochi for treatment

red into a mobile intensive care unit (MICU) to provide continuous life support during the evacuation, said an official statement.

The operation was planned and executed at extremely short notice, involving rapid assessment of medical criticality, weather con-

ditions and night operational constraints. The aircraft safely landed at Agatti Island, embarked the patient swiftly, and proceeded to Kochi. Upon arrival, the patient was transferred to Aster Medcity Hospital for advanced medical care, said an official statement.

The successful conduct of this mission highlights ICG's capability to execute time-critical humanitarian operations in challenging environments, the statement added.

This mission marks the second medevac operation conducted by ICG this month.

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## Presidential Awards To Honour Exemplary Service On Republic Day Of ICG Personnel



On the occasion of the 77th Republic Day, the President of India has approved the following distinguished awards for outstanding personnel of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). These awards recognise their acts of conspicuous gallantry, exceptional devotion to duty, and distinguished/meritorious service in safeguarding the nation's maritime interests. Their unwavering commitment and exceptional service in ensuring the safety and security of India's maritime boundaries have been truly exemplary. These distinguished individuals have demonstrated exemplary courage, skill, and devotion in fulfilling their responsibilities. Their significant contributions in safeguarding maritime boundaries, responding to emergencies at sea, and maintaining the nation's maritime security framework serve as a beacon of dedication to the service of the nation. The relentless pursuit of excellence, especially in challenging conditions, reflects the highest standards of professionalism and embodies the spirit of the ICG.

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## Keel Laying And Plate Cutting Ceremony Of ICG Fast Patrol Vessels at MDL



The Keel Laying Ceremony of Indian Coast Guard (ICG), Fast Patrol Vessel FPV-3 and the Plate Cutting Ceremony of FPV-6, under the project for construction of 14 Fast Patrol Vessels, was held at Ritchie Dry Dock (RDD), Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) on Thursday. The ceremonies were presided over by DIG Vinod Sakharkar, CSO (Tech), Coast Guard Regional Headquarters (West) and DIG Shashi Bhusan, CSO (Refit), Coast Guard Regional Headquarters (West), respectively, as Chief Guests and Senior officials from the Indian Coast Guard and MDL were present on the occasion. The contract for design and construction of 14 Fast Patrol Vessels was concluded between the Indian Coast Guard and MDL on 24 Jan 2024. The water-jet propelled FPVs, with an approximate displacement of 340 tonnes, are designed to undertake coastal security, search and rescue, and law enforcement operations, with a minimum indigenous content of 60%. The indigenous content of the vessels is further enhanced through the integration of indigenously manufactured gearboxes from M/s Triveni, Mysore, and water jets from M/s MJP India. The FPVs will be equipped with state-of-the-art machinery, including AI-based predictive maintenance systems and multipurpose drones. The keel laying of FPV-3 and plate cutting of FPV-6 mark significant milestones in the overall project timeline. The construction of these fourteen vessels aligns with the national vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

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