



INDIAN COAST GUARD OPERATIONS & ACTIVITIES MONTHLY UPDATE



May, 2025



INDIAN COAST GUARD FACT SHEET

Subject		Year 2024	Year 2025 (Upto May 2025)	Since Inception
Search and Rescue Effort	Lives Saved at Sea	169	72	11,802
	Missions undertaken	199	48	4,149
	Ship Sorties	309	54	5,328
	Aircraft Sorties	135	13	3,195
	Total Sorties	444	67	8,523
MEDEVAC	Persons Evacuated	29	11	493
Aid to Civil Authorities	Lives Rescued	351	--	14,708
Coastal Security (Since 2009)	Operations	35	16	609 (Since 2009)
	Exercises	30	11	299 (Since 2009)
	Community Interaction	2,085	623	15,949 (Since 2009)
	Boarding Operations	27,520	11674	3,71,140 (Since 2009)
	Investigation VHF	26,412	7377	2,35,390 (Since 2014)
	Security Drill 'Sajag'	73	21	493 (Since 2014)
	Marine Police Personnel Trained	2,753	1099	15,631
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	268	34,644 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.	₹1837.99 Cr.	₹ 54,398.95 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 May 25, two maritime distress incidents were reported. One involved the sinking of MSV Salamath off Suratkal, and the other was MV MSC ELSA 3. The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) responded promptly to both situations, successfully coordinating rescue of six crew members from MSV Salamath and 24 crew members from MV MSC ELSA 3. Both vessels capsized and subsequently sank due to multiple factors. MSC ELSA 3 was carrying 643 containers, with few containers with hazardous cargo. The ICG remained fully prepared to respond to any emerging situation and continue to monitor the environmental impact closely.
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 May 25 are enumerated in this update.

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MAJOR OPERATIONS

A. Anti-Smuggling Operation.

On 06 May 25, ICG carried out a swift anti narcotics operation off Indo-Sri Lanka IMBL and seized 155 Kilograms Tendu Leaves from 2nd Island (off Dhanushkodi). The seized consignment was handed over to Customs department, Rameshwaram for further legal action.



Seizure of 155 kilograms Tendu Leaves

B. Anti-Smuggling Operation.

On 16 May 25, based on an input regarding illegal activity in Gulf of Mannar, ICG conducted anti smuggling operation, wherein an IFB (with 03 crew) was apprehended off Musal Thivu Island, Gulf of Mannar. Post rummaging, 600 liters of fuel (Petrol), excess of the authorized quantity permitted, worth ₹ 62,000/- was seized. The seized petrol alongwith crew were handed over to Customs department, Mandapam for further legal action.



Seizure of 600 Liters Petrol

A. SAR Efforts for Sinking MSV Salamath (MMSI-419801370).

On 14 May 25, ICG ship Vikram, deployed in Arabian Sea, received a radio (VHF) call from MT Epic Susui regarding drifting of stranded boat (Dinghy) with six (06) crew members, approximately 52 N miles South-West of Suratkal near New Mangalore. ICG ship immediately proceeded towards the distressed boat. On arriving at scene, ICG ship found stranded Dinghy with six (06) persons. The crew identified themselves as survivors of Indian flagged MSV Salamath, and reported that, MSV whilst enroute from old port Mangalore to Kadmat (Lakshadweep Island) sank at about 0530 h on 14 May 25, due to incessant flooding. The vessel was carrying construction material to Island. The survivors were subsequently handed over to owner at New Mangalore.



SAR Efforts for Sinking MSV Salamath

B. Sinking of MV MSC Elsa 3 (IMO – 9123221).

On 24 May 25, Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Mumbai received an information from agent of Liberian flagged vessel MV MSC ELSA 3, regarding vessel in distress due to sustaining a list of 26 Degree to starboard in approx position 38 N miles South-West of Kochi, Kerala. Upon receipt of information, ICG immediately initiated the rescue operation, deployed ships and aircraft to assist the distressed vessel. In a coordinated operation, all 24 crew were rescued.

On 25 May 24, the vessel sank in approx position 42 N miles South of Kochi. The vessel was carrying 643 containers including some containers of International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) cargo and 456 MT of Very Low Sulfur Fuel Oil (VLSFO) & Marine Grade Oil (MGO). Actions are in hand to manage marine pollution/ Hazardous & Noxious Substance contingency. ICG is closely monitoring the operations at sea including deployment of a specialized Pollution Control Vessel and PR Strike team to assist Salvour and State Administrations.

SEARCH & RESCUE

On 30 May 25, ICG convened a special National Oil Spill Disaster contingency Plan (NOSDCP) meeting to review and refine the pollution response action plan. The meeting ensured a unified approach to mitigate the potential environmental impacts along the coastline and to safeguard the livelihoods of fishermen affected by the incident. Indian Coast Guard continues to monitor the area closely for any oil or chemical spill and remains fully geared up to respond to any emerging situation.



Sinking of MV MSC Elsa 3



A. ICG Participation in ReCAAP Capacity Building Workshop.

One ICG officer participated in ReCAAP Capacity Building Workshop at Siem Reap, Cambodia from 19 to 22 May 25. The aim of the workshop was fostering regional cooperation to combat piracy & armed robbery at sea.



ICG Participation in ReCAAP Capacity Building Workshop

B. ICG Participation in UNODC-IORA Dialogue on “Women in Maritime Domain”.

One ICG Women officer participated in the UNODC-IORA Dialogue conducted by UNODC (GMCP) in partnership with the IORA on “Women in Maritime Domain” at Mirissa, Sri Lanka from 22-23 May 25.



UNODC-IORA Dialogue on “Women in Maritime Domain”

C. ICG Participation in KCG Capacity Building Programme.

One ICG officer had participated in Capacity Building Programme with Korea Coast Guard in Busan in end May 25. The aim of the workshop was to enhance mutual capabilities in SAR, Pollution Response & Law Enforcement.



ICG Participation in Capacity Building Programme



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)	Op Trigger	30 Apr - 31 May 25
(ii)	Regional HQ (West)	Op Trigger	30 Apr - 27 May 25
		Op Vigilant (Karnataka & Kerala)	01 - 02 May 25
(iii)	Regional HQ (East)	Op Poorva Raksha	08 - 19 May 25
(iv)	Regional HQ (North East)	Raksha Orange	08 - 19 May 25
(v)	Regional HQ (A & N)	Sagar Kavach (A&N)	30 Apr - 01 May 25

B. Coastal Surveillance Network (CSN).

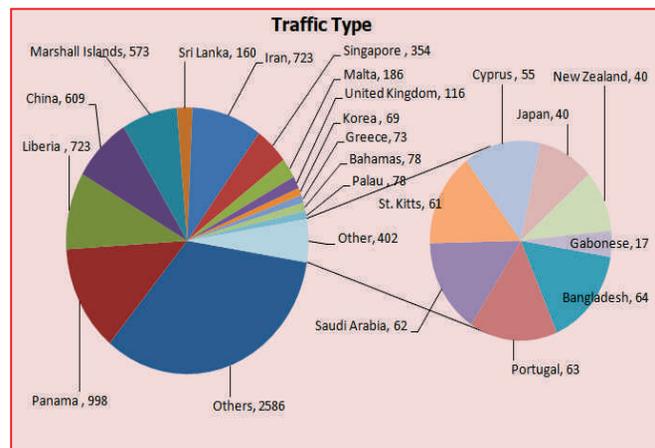
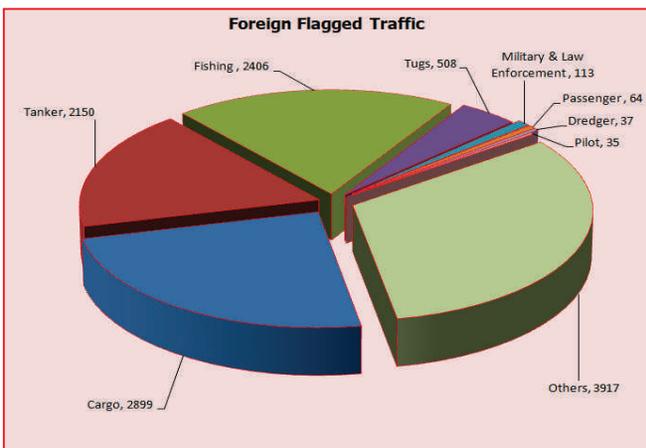
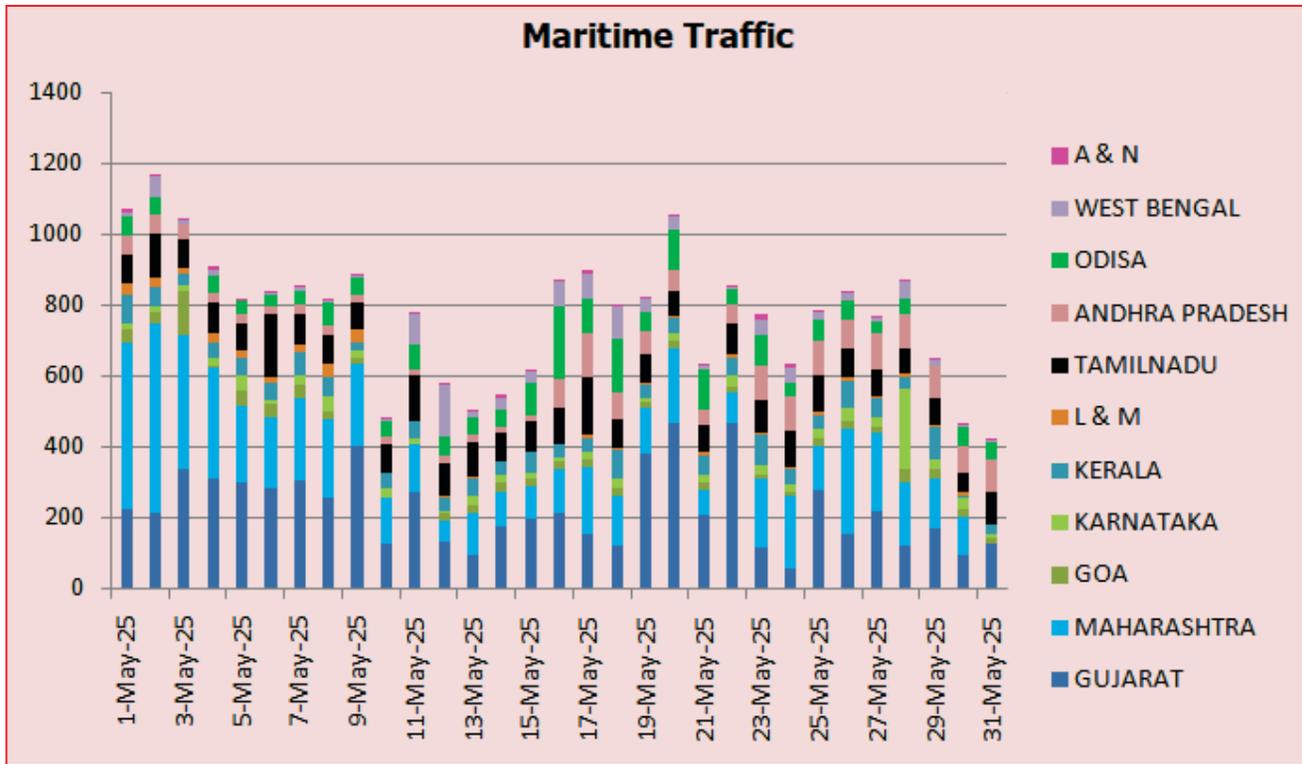
The trend analysis (maritime traffic, fishing activity and maritime incidents) for May 25 is enumerated in succeeding paragraphs.

C. Coastal Maritime Traffic.

About 12,100 distinct AIS transmissions were monitored on CSN network along the Indian coast in May 25. Traffic share of India, Panama, Liberia, Marshal Island, China & Hong Kong and Singapore stood at 36%, 08%, 06%, 05%, 05% and 03% respectively. The larger share of Indian flagged traffic is attributed to coastal traffic. Traffic share of Cargo and Tanker vessels are 24% and 18% respectively. A total of 2,255 vessels were investigated by ICG ROSs. The state-wise, flag-wise and type-wise traffic pattern is depicted below:-



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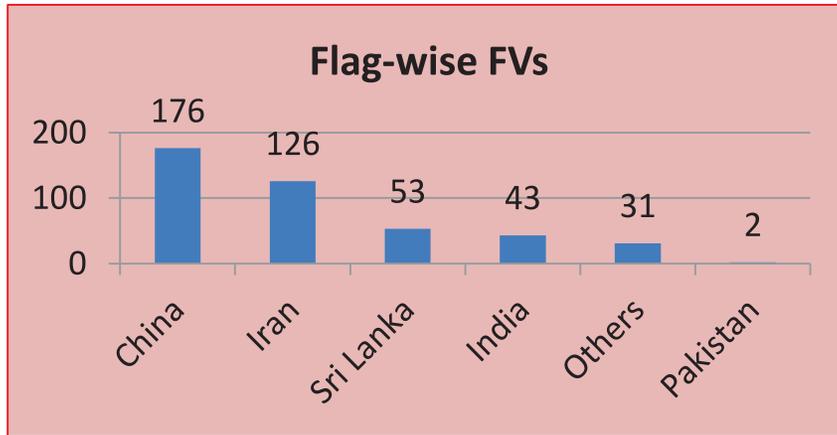


D. Fishing Activity in North Indian Ocean.

A total of 2,102 Fishing Vessels (FVs) were observed transmitting on AIS in Northern Indian Ocean in the month of May 25. The analysis of fishing activity is based upon kinematics such as low speed. The data towards numbers of FVs have been garnered from AIS transmission, however, the actual numbers 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 May 25 is as follows:-

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(i) **Arabian Sea (Beyond EEZ).** Total of 431 FVs were observed transmitting on AIS and appreciated to be engaged in fishing. Out of these, numbers of Chinese, Iranian, Sri Lankan, Indian, Pakistani and others FVs are 41%, 29%, 12%, 10%, 01% and 07% respectively. Five Chinese flagged fish carrier (Reefers) were observed operating in Arabian Sea.



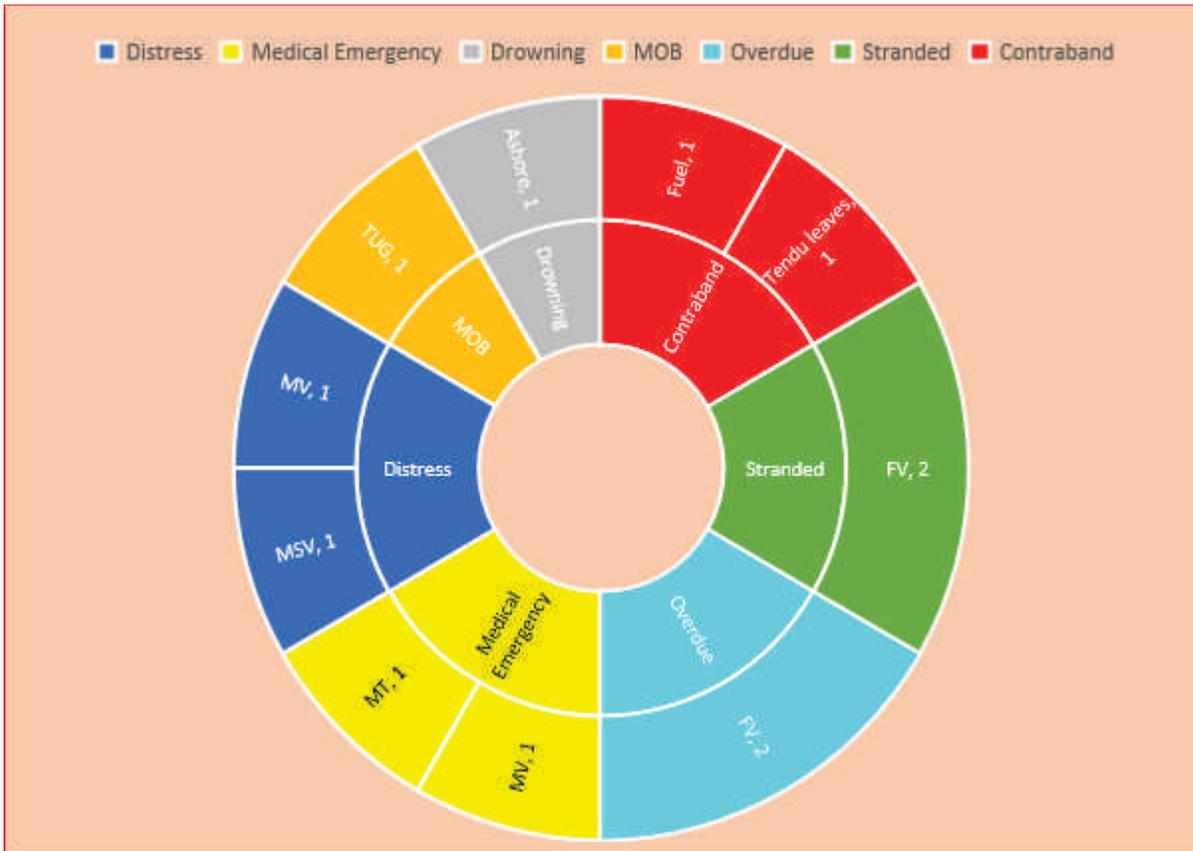
(ii) **Indian EEZ.** A total of 1,654 Indian flagged FVs were observed transmitting on AIS.

(iii) **Bay of Bengal (Beyond EEZ).** A total of 17 Sri Lankan 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).



COASTAL SECURITY/ SURVEILLANCE



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

(i) **Maritime Incidents.** Ten (10) Maritime Incidents were reported in Maritime Zones/ Search and Rescue Region of India in May 25.

(aa) **Distress.** Two distress incidents were reported in May 25. MSV Salamath sank off Surathkal (Karnataka), and all six crew members were rescued by ICG. MV MSC ELSA 3 sank off Kochi, and all 24 crew members were rescued in a coordinated operation.

(ab) **Stranded.** Two incidents of IFBs (Indian Fishing Boats) reported stranded due to rope entanglement and fuel shortage respectively. IFBs, along with all fishermen, returned ashore safely with assistance from other IFBs.

(ac) **Medical Emergency.** Two cases of medical emergency were reported. MRCC (Mumbai) coordinated the evacuation.

(ad) **Man Over Board.** Only one 'Man Overboard' (MOB) case involving a tug was reported. ICG coordinated the Search and Rescue (SAR) operation. Dead body of MOB was recovered by the marine police with the assistance of local fishermen.

(ae) **Overdue.** Two (02) incidents of overdue of IFBs were reported by Dept of Fisheries. However, both IFBs alongwith all fishermen onboard returned ashore safely.

(af) **Drowning.** One (01) case beach of drowning was reported in the month.

(ii) **Contraband.** Two incidents of contraband seizure were reported.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

The purchase made through GeM portal during the month of Apr 25 was ₹ 54,02,67,633.40 (Rupees Fifty Four Crore Two Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Three and Forty 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. Call on Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of A & N, Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, VSM, NM (Retd) and Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan, PVSM, AVSM, VM, CINCAN.

On 06 May 25, Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, DGICG called on Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of A & N, Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, VSM, NM (Retd) & Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan, PVSM, AVSM, VM, CINCAN on his maiden visit to Andaman & Nicobar and briefed them on strategic issues and operational readiness of ICG.



Call on Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of A&N and CINCAN

D. Conduct of Maritime Interception Training for Narcotics Control Bureau at Goa.

Indian Coast Guard District Headquarters, Goa conducted Maritime Interception Training for Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)/ Drug Law Enforcement Agencies (DLEA) personnel from 14 to 16 May 25. The session covered Seamanship, Navigation, Search & Seizure and Survival at sea, enhancing coordination and interoperability for strengthening Maritime Security.



Conduct of Maritime Interception Training for NCB

E. Conduct of Apex-Level Meeting to assess the operational readiness of critical infrastructure projects.

On 20 May 25, an apex-level meeting to assess the operational readiness of critical infrastructure projects was conducted at CGHQ, New Delhi. The meeting was jointly chaired by DG Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, DGICG and Engineer-in-Chief, Lieutenant General Arvind Walia, AVSM. The session featured comprehensive discussions focused on the timely execution and delivery of key operational infrastructure. This joint endeavor reflected a shared commitment to bolstering defence infrastructure and enhancing mission preparedness.



Apex-Level Meeting - Operational Readiness of Critical Infrastructure Projects

F. Visit of Hon'ble Vice-President of India Sri Jagdeep Dhankar to Goa.

On 21 May 25, Hon'ble Vice-President of India Sri Jagdeep Dhankar, during visit to Goa, interacted with Indian Coast Guard personnel. Commander Coast Guard Region (West) briefed Hon'ble Vice President on ICG operations at Goa.



Visit of Hon'ble Vice-President of India Sri Jagdeep Dhankar to ICG Station, Goa

G. Conduct of Weapon Training Camp 'Hoshiyar-25'.

A Weapon Training Camp 'Hoshiyar-25' was conducted by Indian Coast Guard District Headquarters (West Bengal) from 26 to 30 May 25 for service personnel. The aim of the training was weapon handling, safety drills and self-discipline.



Conduct of Weapon Training Camp 'Hoshiyar-25'

H. Keel Laying Ceremony at Mazagon Dock Ltd, Mumbai.

On 27 May 25, Keel Laying Ceremony of Yard 16501, the 1st Fast Patrol Vessel under 14-FPV project of ICG was held at M/s Mazagon Dock Ltd, Mumbai. It is a significant step towards bolstering Coastal Security under Atmanirbhar Bharat.



Keel Laying Ceremony at Mazagon Dock Ltd, Mumbai

J. Call on Shri Abhai Kumar Srivastav, DG DRI.

On 27 May 25, Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, DGICG called on Shri Abhai Kumar Srivastav, Director General, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DG DRI). During the meeting, both DGs exchanged views on concerted efforts to combat illicit activities in the maritime zones and other matters of bilateral interest.



Call on Shri Abhai Kumar Srivastav, DG DRI

K. Visit of Lieutenant General DS Rana, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, SM, PhD, Director General Defence Intelligence Agency (DG DIA) at CGHQ.

On 27 May 25, Lieutenant General DS Rana, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, SM, PhD, Director General Defence Intelligence Agency (DG DIA) called on Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, DGICG at Indian Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi. The Flag Officer was apprised about ICG operational framework and responsibilities focusing on fortifying maritime security. The meeting highlighted the significance of coordinated efforts to enhance surveillance and monitoring in the maritime domain.



Visit of DG DIA at CGHQ

L. Signing of MoU with Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Bhubaneswar.

On 27 May 25, Coast Guard Welfare and Wellness Association (CGWWA) and Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Bhubaneswar signed a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen academic collaboration, research and Capacity Building. This partnership marks a significant stride in advancing knowledge and opportunities.



Signing of MoU with KIIT, Bhubaneswar

M. Conduct of a Special National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan Meeting.

On 30 May 25, a special National Oil Spill Disaster contingency Plan meeting was conducted to review the pollution response action plan post sinking of MSC Elsa 3 off Kochi. Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, DGICG chaired the meeting. Stakeholders from multiple government agencies collaborated | to discuss response efforts ensuring a unified approach to protect the sensitive ecosystems of Kerala and South Tamil Nadu's coastline and safeguard the livelihoods of fishermen affected by the incident.



Special National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan Meeting



Deccan Chronicle
16-05-25

Boat with 600 litres petrol seized while being smuggled to Lanka

SP. LOGANATHAN | DC RAMESWARAM, MAY 16

A fibre boat with 600 litres of petrol, meant to be smuggled to Sri Lanka, was seized in the middle of the sea near Rabbit Island.

During a joint patrol in the Gulf of Mannar Friday evening, the Indian Coast Guard, in collaboration with the customs department, intercepted a fibre boat moving suspiciously in the middle of the sea near Rabbit Island, close to Mandapam.

When it was searched, it was found that 600 litres of petrol was stored in the boat to be smuggled to Sri Lanka. Following this, the boat with 600 litres of petrol was seized.

The three smugglers on the boat are being interrogated.

Pioneer
17-05-25

Cargo vessel sinks off Mangaluru, six rescued



ICG personnel conduct the rescue of six crew members of cargo vessel

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has rescued six crew members of a cargo vessel that sank about 60 nautical miles off Mangaluru on its way to Lakshadweep, officials said on Friday.

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) also shared on social media photographs of its ship 'Vikram', which was on patrol and diverted for the search and rescue operation. "At 12:15 hours on May 14, the ICG received a distress alert from MT Epic Susui, a transiting vessel, reporting the sighting of a small boat adrift with six survivors onboard, approximately 52 nautical miles off the coast of Surathkal, Karnataka," a senior official said.

ICG ship 'Vikram' was on routine patrol in the area and immediately diverted to the location. The Coast Guard team swiftly located and safely recovered all six survivors from the dinghy, it said.

The ICG had earlier said in a post on X that it swiftly responded to a distress alert and rescued six crew members of MSV Salamath, which sank 60 nautical miles off Mangaluru while on passage from New Mangalore, Karnataka, to Kadmat Island, Lakshadweep.

After evacuation, all survivors were given medical aid and brought to New Mangalore Port, the Coast Guard said.

Preliminary reports indicate that the vessel, which left port on May 12, began flooding at 5:30 am on May 14, leading to its eventual sinking, it said. The vessel was carrying a mixed cargo of cement and construction materials. The exact cause of flooding remains unknown, the ICG said. The rescued crew members Ismail Shareef, Alemun Ahmed Bhai Ghayda, Kakal Suleman Ismail, Akbar Abdul Surani, Kasam Ismail Mepani and Azmal "abandoned the sinking vessel and managed to embark on a small dinghy before being spotted", it said.

नवोदय टाइम्स
19-05-25

आईसीजी ने की करीब 7 लाख ओलिव रिडले कछुओं की रक्षा

नई दिल्ली, 19 मई (नवोदय टाइम्स): भारतीय तटरक्षक बल (आईसीजी) की ओर से प्रतिवर्ष नवम्बर से मई तक चलाए जाने वाले 'ऑपरेशन ओलिविया' को बड़ी सफलता मिली है। इसके तहत लुप्तप्रायः प्रजाति के ओलिव रिडले कछुए इस वर्ष न सिर्फ 6.98 लाख से अधिक संख्या में ओडिशा के रुशिकुल्या नदी के मुहाने पर पहुंचे हैं। बल्कि बड़ी तादाद में अंडे भी दिए हैं। दरअसल आईसीजी, समुद्री जीव

संरक्षण को बढ़ावा देने के लिए प्रतिवर्ष गहिरमाथा बीच और ओडिशा के तटीय क्षेत्रों में ओलिव रिडले कछुओं के लिए सुरक्षित घोंसले के मैदान सुनिश्चित करता है, जहां हर साल कछुए आते हैं। इसके अलावा 'ऑपरेशन ओलिविया' के तहत कठोर गश्त और हवाई निगरानी भी की जाती है। साथ ही सामुदायिक सहभागिता के माध्यम से लुप्तप्राय प्रजातियों की सुरक्षा के लिए सामूहिक घोंसले का निर्माण सुनिश्चित किया जाता है।

Indian Express
24-05-25

Container ship tilts near Kochi coast, rescue operation launched

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
MAY 24



The ship had departed Vizhinjam port on Friday and was slated to call on Kochi port on Saturday. ANI

ALIBERIAN-FLAGGED container vessel MSC ELSA 3 titled 38 nautical miles off the Kochi coast on Saturday, leading to many containers falling off into the sea. Subsequently, Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) has issued an alert across the state coast after the containers with very low sulfur fuel are likely to get washed ashore.

The ship had departed Vizhinjam port on Friday and was slated to call on Kochi port on Saturday.

Defence spokesman in Kochi said that the Indian Navy and coast guard, in a joint mission, rescued 21 out of 24 crew onboard the ship. Three crew members are still in the ship. Of the crew, the master is from Russia, 20 others from the Philippines, two from Ukraine and one from Georgia.

The spokesperson said they got a distress call on Saturday at

around 1.30 from the management of the ship seeking help, as their ship had developed a list (tilt) of 26 degrees. One Indian Navy ship, two coast guard ships and one Dornier aircraft were pressed into the operation.

KSDMA member secretary Dr Shekhar Kuriakose said people along the coast and fishermen were asked not to touch the containers that are likely to get washed ashore. "There is every chance for these containers to reach the Kerala coast. The coast

guard has informed us that people should keep away from such objects. There are also chances of oil slick developing in certain areas," he said.

The developing situation is being monitored closely by the coast guard to prevent loss of life and damage to the environment.

Data on MSC ELSA 3 shows that the 184 meter-long cargo ship is 28-year-old and has called on Vizhinjam port five times in this month. The vessel was registered as MSC ELSA in 2015.



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