



INDIAN COAST GUARD

OPERATIONS & ACTIVITIES

MONTHLY UPDATE



MARCH, 2026



'यत्र तत्र सर्वत्र... भारतीय तटरक्षक'

INDIAN COAST GUARD FACT SHEET

Subject		Year 2025	Year 2026 (Upto Mar 2026)	Since Inception
Search and Rescue Effort	Lives Saved at Sea	76	36	11,842
	Missions undertaken	135	37	4,272
	Ship Sorties	211	72	5,557
	Aircraft Sorties	62	06	3,250
	Total Sorties	273	78	8,807
MEDEVAC	Persons Evacuated	24	03	509
Aid to Civil Authorities	Lives Rescued	--	04	14,712
Coastal Security (Since 2009)	Operations	37	14	644 (Since 2009)
	Exercises	17	13	318 (Since 2009)
	Community Interaction	2,223	494	17,815 (Since 2009)
	Boarding Operations	26,904	5,567	3,89,074 (Since 2009)
	Investigation VHF	26,194	5,902	2,57,678 (Since 2014)
	Security Drill 'Sajag'	40	17	529 (Since 2014)
	Marine Police Personnel Trained	2,618	386	17,248
Anti-Poaching Apprehension	Foreign Fishing Boats	13	05	1,652
	Foreign Fishermen	233	80	14,054
	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	352	100	34,815 Boats (Since Oct 2007)
	Indo-SLN IMBL	03	--	12,871 Boats
	Indo-Bangladesh IMBL	108	17	1,481 Boats
Anti Smuggling & Narcotics Control (ASNC) Ops	Vessels Interdicted	10	03	192
	Crew Apprehended	28	06	1,144
	Value of Contraband	₹ 1876.40 Cr.	--	₹ 54,437.37 Cr
Disaster Relief Operations		--	--	96 (since May 1999)
Oil Spill Incidents	Incidents Reported	01	--	96 (Indian Waters) + 03 (02 Sri Lanka & 01 Mauritius)
	Responded by ICG	01	--	96 (Indian Waters) + 03 (02 Sri Lanka & 01 Mauritius)
	Capitation Charges Received	₹ 30,29,68,504.00	--	₹ 92,26,43,411.92



INTRODUCTION

1. The Indian Coast Guard, 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. In Mar 2026, the Indian Coast Guard carried out several successful anti-smuggling operations along the Tamil Nadu coast, seizing over 585 kg of protected sea cucumbers. In addition, 520 kg of turmeric being smuggled through the Gulf of Mannar was intercepted. All confiscated contraband, along with the vessels involved, was handed over to the Forest and Customs Departments for further legal action.
3. Throughout the month, ICG maintained a high level of operational readiness and executed its mandated tasks with efficiency and diligence. Key operations included **Search and Rescue (SAR) missions, Medical Evacuations (MEDEVAC), anti-smuggling operations, marine pollution response efforts and sustained maritime patrols.** These initiatives collectively reflect the organisation's enduring commitment to maritime safety, environmental protection and national security.

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MAJOR OPERATIONS

A. Anti-Smuggling Operations.

On 03 Mar 2026, ICG ACV H-190 seized 280 Kg Sea Cucumber from an IFB in position 5.6 n mile West of Pamban Lt. The seized contraband was handed over to Forest Department, Mandapam for further legal action.



Seizure of 280 Kg Sea Cucumber

On 10 Mar 2026, ICG ACV H-190 seized 155 Kg Sea Cucumber from an IFB off Mandapam, Tamil Nadu. The seized contraband was handed over to Forest Department, Mandapam for further legal action.



Seizure of 155 Kg Sea Cucumber

MAJOR OPERATIONS

On 19 Mar 2026, ICG Station Mandapam, in coordination with the Marine Elite Force (Forest Department), seized 150 kg of protected sea cucumber from an IFB off Pamban, Tamil Nadu. The seized vessel and contraband were subsequently handed over to the Forest Department, Mandapam, for further legal action.



Seizure of 150 Kg Sea Cucumber

On 27 Mar 2026, based on inputs regarding suspicious activity off Musal Tivu, Gulf of Mannar, ICG alongwith Customs seized 520 Kg Turmeric (12 Bags) off Kursadi Island. The seized contraband was handed over to Customs Department for further legal action.



Seizure of 520 Kg Turmeric



A. Stranded SLFV (OFRP-A-1516 MLT).

On 05 Mar 2026, during a surveillance sortie in Palk Bay, ICG ACV H-190 rendered assistance to a Sri Lankan fishing boat with two fishermen onboard. The boat had been drifting since 28 Feb 26 due to machinery failure and shortage of fuel, approx. 11 n mile west of Pamban Lighthouse. The fishermen were provided with food and water. Subsequently, the boat was taken under tow by ICG ship C-431 to Mandapam and handed over to CSG authorities.



Assistance to Stranded SLFV

B. Sinking of IFB St. Joseph.

On 07 Mar 2026, MRCC Mumbai intimated that IFB St. Joseph had sunk in position 70 n miles South of Vizhinjam, due to collision with MT Solis. Nine fishermen onboard were rescued by MT Solis, while two fishermen were reported missing. MT Solis and MT Al Manhal carried out search in the area



Sinking of IFB St. Joseph

for the missing fishermen.

Further, upon receipt of information, ICG Ship Anagh was diverted to the area to search for the missing fishermen. The ship arrived in area, augmented the ongoing search efforts and subsequently took over all nine rescued fishermen from MT Solis and brought them to Vizhinjam Harbour and handed them over to the Coastal Security Police (CSP), Vizhinjam.

C. Fire onboard IFB Sea Princess.

On 08 Mar 2026, MRCC Mumbai reported a fire onboard IFB Sea Princess, caused by an LPG cylinder blast, approx. 12 n miles west-northwest of Mumbai. The vessel owner later confirmed that all seven crew members had been safely rescued by IFB Sagar Kanya.

Upon receipt of the information, ICGS Achook was diverted to the area and on arrival, commenced immediate firefighting operations. However, at 1630 hrs on 08 Mar 2026, the vessel sank while being towed by another IFB, approx. 12 n miles northwest of Mumbai.



Fire onboard IFB Sea Princess

D. Medical Evacuation from IFB Guru Kripa.

On 10 Mar 2026, in a prompt and coordinated operation, ICG Ship C-149 responded swiftly to a medical distress call from IFB Guru Krupa, operating approx. 23 n miles off the coast of Veraval, Gujarat. The injured fisherman was safely embarked and evacuated to the Coast Guard jetty at Veraval.

Upon arrival, the Station Medical Officer administered first aid, stabilizing his condition before he was transferred to the Government Hospital, Veraval, for further medical treatment.

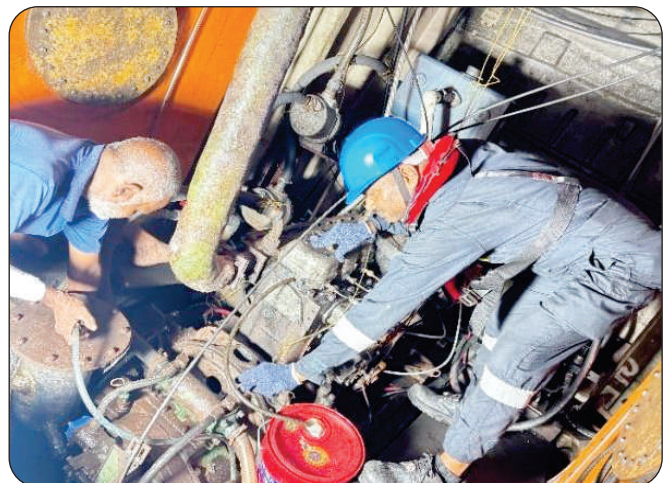
SEARCH & RESCUE



Medical Evacuation from IFB Guru Kripa

E. Assistance to IFB Shri Sea Foods (Regn No IND-AP-V5-MM-108).

On 15 Mar 2026, the Chairman of the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) informed that the tuna long liner IFB Shri Sea Foods had been drifting due to engine failure since 14 Mar 2026, approx. 166 n miles east of Visakhapatnam. ICG Ship Ayush was diverted to render assistance and reached datum at 1100 hrs on 15 Mar 26. Upon arrival, the ship's technical team identified a defect in the gearbox and attempted to repair it. However, due to the non-availability of requisite spares, repair efforts proved futile. Accordingly, IFB was taken under tow. Subsequently, on 16 Mar 26, the IFB, along with its crew comprising of two Indian and four Sri Lankan nationals, was handed over to another IFB, namely IFB Naz (IND-AP-V5-MM-898), in position approx. 84 n miles East of Visakhapatnam.



Assistance to IFB Shri Sea Foods



COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN MARITIME AGENCIES

A. 20th ReCAAP Governing Council Meeting (GCM) at Singapore.

The 20th Annual Governing Council Meeting of the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) was conducted in Singapore from 10 to 13 Mar 2026. A four-member delegation led by Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, DGICG and Indian Governor to the ReCAAP ISC attended the meeting. The ReCAAP ISC is a key regional organization that facilitates multilateral cooperation and information sharing to enhance maritime security in Asia. The Governing Council Meeting is an annual event that brings together representatives from contracting parties to discuss and review policies, strategic directions and collaborative efforts to combat maritime piracy and armed robbery.



20th ReCAAP Governing Council Meeting

On the sidelines of the meeting, DGICG interacted with Admiral Ronnie Gil Gavan, Commandant of the Philippines Coast Guard and Chairperson of ReCAAP and ADG Vijay D Chafekar (Retd), Executive Director, ReCAAP ISC.



Interaction with Commandant PCG



Interaction with ED, ReCAAP ISC

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In addition, DGICG paid a courtesy call on H.E. Dr Shilpak Ambule, High Commissioner of India in Singapore. The deliberations focused on piracy trends in the Indo-Pacific with India reaffirming its unwavering support to ReCAAP towards ensuring safer seas and secure coasts.



Interaction with High Commissioner of India, Singapore

On 14 Mar 2026, DGICG held deliberations with Rear Admiral Sean Wat, Chief of Navy of the Republic of Singapore. The interaction underscored the shared commitment to strengthening maritime security, enhancing operational synergy and focusing on mutual collaboration to ensure safer seas and regional stability.



Interaction with Chief of Navy, Singapore

B. ICG Participation in Table Top Exercise at Mirissa, Sri Lanka.

Two ICG officers visited Mirissa, Sri Lanka, from 16 to 17 Mar 2026 to participate in a Table Top Exercise, alongside representatives from the Sri Lankan Coast Guard (SLCG), Bangladesh

COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN MARITIME AGENCIES

Coast Guard (BCG) and Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF).

The collaborative training initiative provided an excellent platform to enhance interoperability promote mutual learning and reaffirm the shared commitment of the participating nations towards strengthening regional maritime safety, security and cooperation.



ICG Participation in Table Top Exercise at Mirissa, Sri Lanka

C. ICG Participation in South Asia Dialogue on Women’s Leadership in Maritime Domain Awareness & Maritime Law Enforcement at Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Two ICG Women Officers visited Colombo, Sri Lanka to participate in South Asia Dialogue on Women’s Leadership in Maritime Domain Awareness & Maritime Law Enforcement programme conducted by UNODC from 30 to 31 Mar 2026. The dialogue underscored the imperative of regional cooperation and institutional frameworks in fostering gender inclusivity within maritime security paradigms. Their participation exemplifies the ICG’s steadfast dedication to women empowerment and augmenting maritime cooperation in the region.



ICG Women Officers Participation in SADWL at Colombo, Sri Lanka

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 Vigilant (KL)	10-11 Mar 26 (Kerala)
		Sagar Kavach - 01/26	12-13 Mar 26 (Kerala)
		Op Sajag	24 Mar 26
		Sagar Kavach - 01/26	24-25 Mar 26 (MHA)
		Op Vigilant - 04/26	28-29 Mar 26 (Kerala)
(ii)	Regional HQ (North East)	Op Sentinel 03/26	14-15 Mar 26 (VIP Visit)
		Op Sajag	16 Mar 26
		Sagar Kavach - 01/26	24-25 Mar 26 (Odisha)
(iii)	Regional HQ (A&N)	Op Sajag	09 Mar 26
(iv)	Regional HQ (North West)	Op Sajag	24 Mar 26
(v)	Regional HQ (East)	Op Sajag	12 Mar 26

B. Coastal Surveillance Network (CSN).

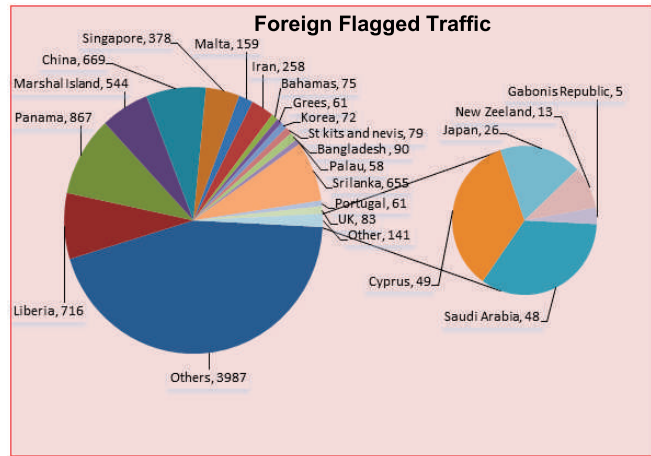
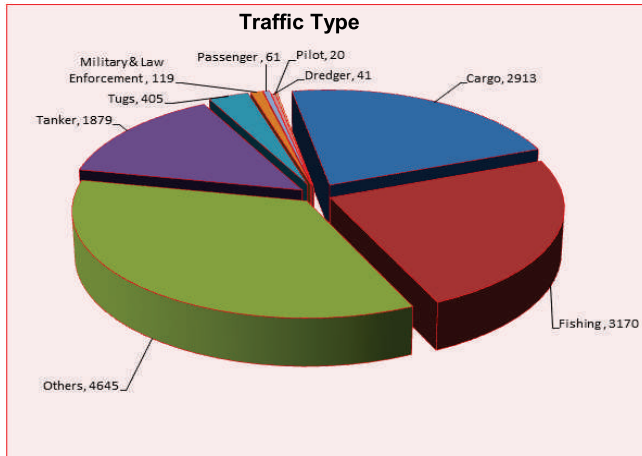
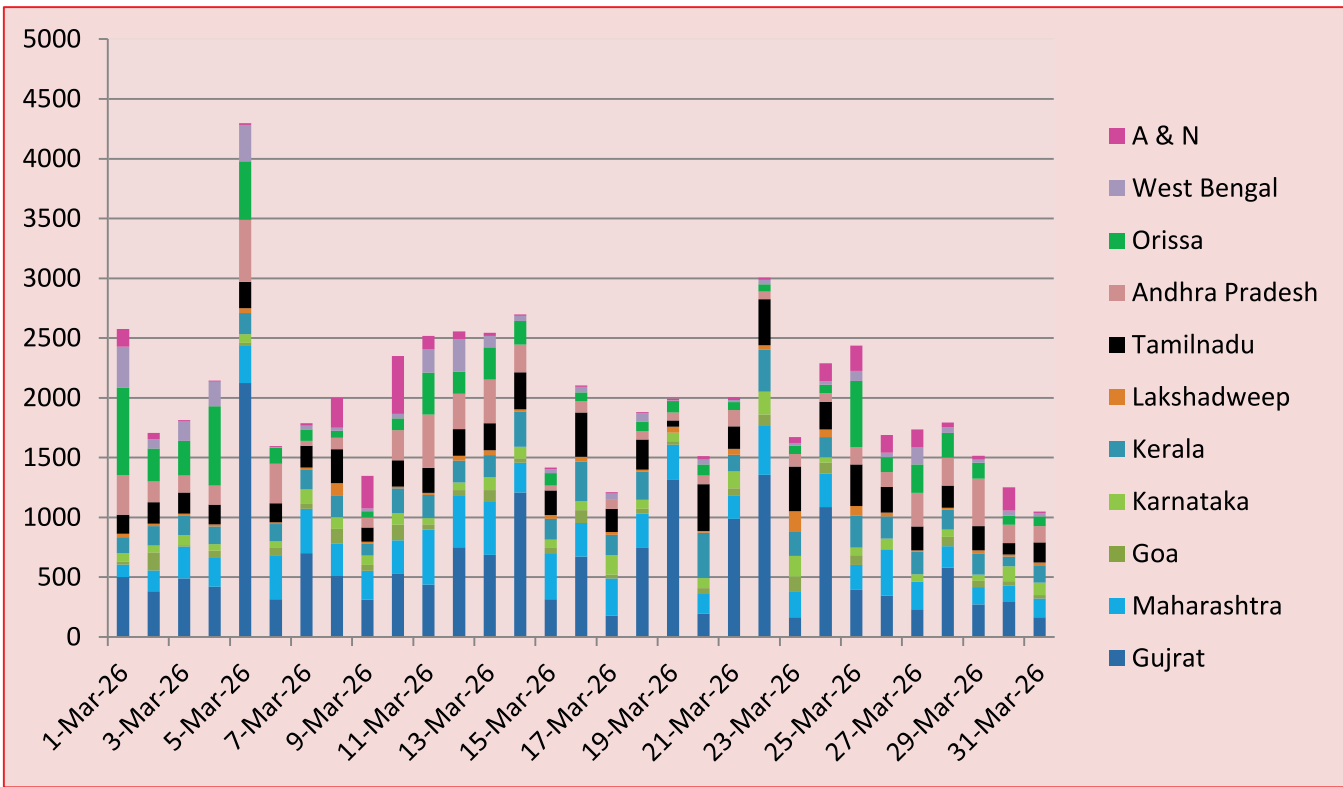
The trend analysis (maritime traffic, fishing activity and maritime incidents) for Mar 26 is enumerated in succeeding paragraphs.

C. Coastal Maritime Traffic.

Indian Coast Guard monitored 8953 distinct AIS transmission on CSN network along Indian coast in the month of Mar 26. Traffic share of India, Panama, Liberia, Marshall Islands, China & Hong Kong and Singapore stood at 48%, 10%, 8%, 6%, 7% and 4% respectively. The larger share of India flagged traffic is attributed to coastal traffic. Traffic share of Cargo and Tanker vessels are 33% and 21% respectively. The larger amount of traffic in month of Mar 26 is appreciated in view of enhanced range of AIS beyond Indian EEZ due to an anomalous propagation condition in environment. The state-wise, flag-wise and type-wise traffic pattern is as depicted overleaf:-



COASTAL SECURITY/ SURVEILLANCE

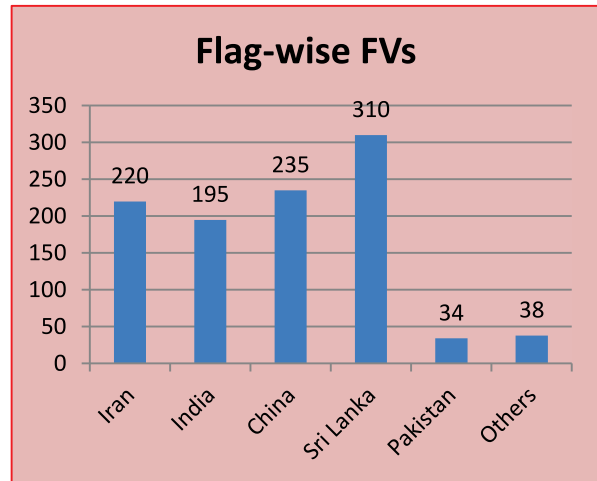


D. Fishing Activities in North Indian Ocean.

A total of 3469 Fishing Vessels (FVs) were observed transmitting on AIS in Northern Indian Ocean in the month of Mar 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 Mar 26 is as follows:-

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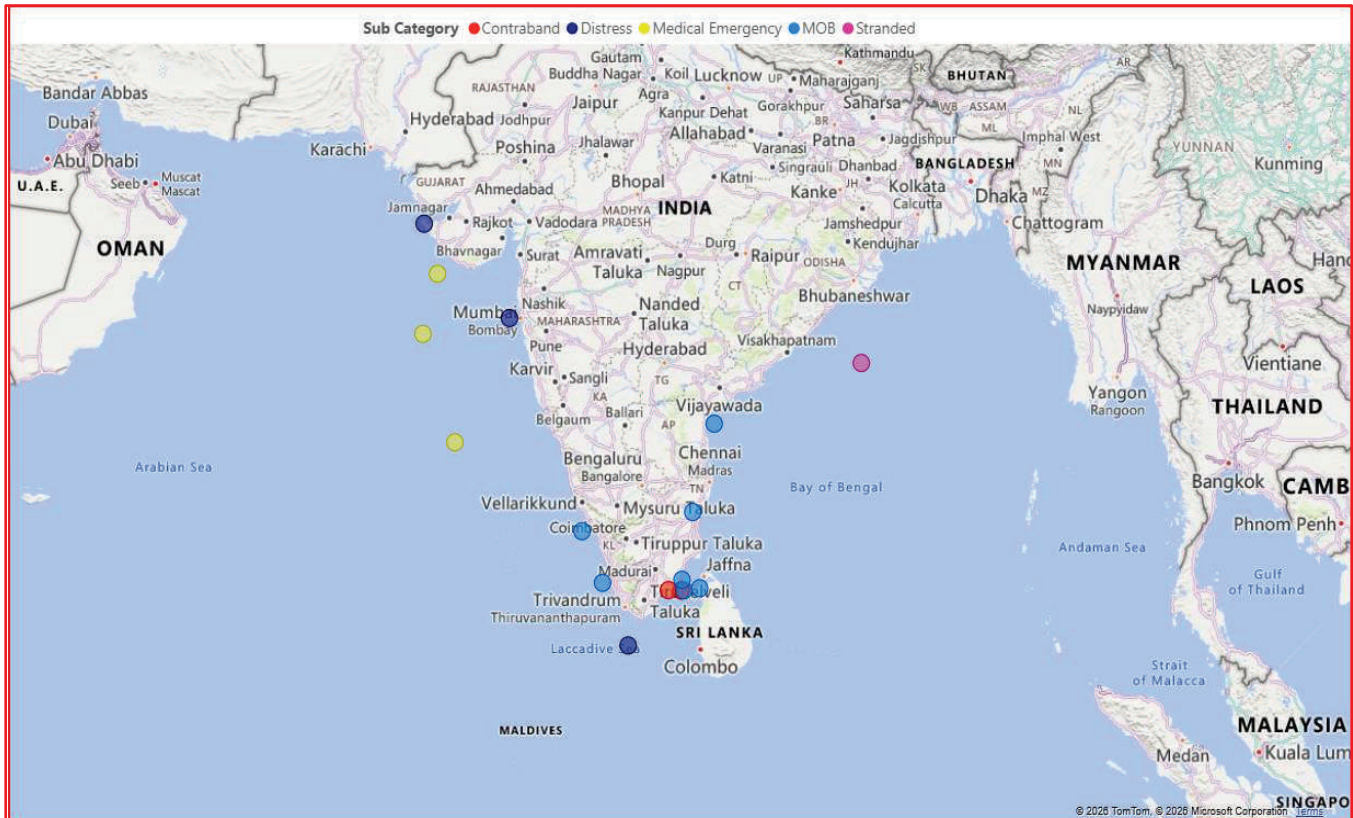
(i) **Arabian Sea.** A total of 1275 FVs were observed transmitting on AIS and appreciated to be engaged in fishing. Out of these, numbers of Iranian, Indian, Chinese, Sri Lankan and other flagged FVs are 26%, 13%, 20%, 38% and 3% respectively. Six Chinese flagged fish carrier (Reefers) were observed operating in Arabian Sea.



(ii) **Indian EEZ.** A total of 1705 Indian flagged FVs were observed transmitting on AIS. Additionally, AIS transmissions of 1667 fishingnet/ buoys were also observed. Majority of FVs were observed operating on West Coast of India.

(iii) **Bay of Bengal.** A total of 447 Sri Lankan, 33 Indian, 04 Taiwanese and 05 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).



COASTAL SECURITY/ SURVEILLANCE

(i) **Maritime Incidents.** A total of 17 incidents were reported in Maritime Zones/Search and Rescue Region of India in Mar 26.

(aa) **Distress.** Three distress incidents onboard IFBs were reported in Mar 26. Two incidents were of fire onboard IFBs while one was of collision with MV. ICG extinguished fire onboard IFBs and crew reported safe. Seven crew of ill-fated IFB were rescued by MV involved in collision while two (02) survivors/ bodies remained missing.

(ab) **Man Over Board.** Seven cases of Man Overboard onboard IFBs were reported in Mar 26. Four bodies were recovered by local agencies. One survivor was rescued by ICG while one crew returned to shore. One survivor/ body remained missing.

(ac) **Medical Emergency.** Three cases of Medical Emergency were reported onboard MT (02) and IFB (01). ICG evacuated one (01) patient and coordinated the evacuation of two (02) patients by tug arranged by local agents.

(ad) **Stranded.** One incident of stranding of IFB was reported in Mar 26. The stranded boat was towed by ICG and handed over another IFB arranged by owner.

(ii) **Contraband.** Three incidents of contraband seizure were reported in month of Mar 26. ICG seized 555 kgs Sea Cucumber worth ₹1.05 Cr.



TRAINING & COURSES

A. Conduct of Training on Maritime Law & Ops Course for Sailors of FFCs (Phase II) at CGTC (Kochi).

Under the ITEC programme of MEA, GoI, Indian Coast Guard conducted Maritime Law & Ops course at Coast Guard Training Center, Kochi from 02 to 20 Mar 2026. A total of 31 Sailors from Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs) participated in the course.



Conduct of Training on Maritime Law & Ops course



MISCELLANEOUS

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

The purchase made through GeM portal during the month of Mar 26 was ₹ 46,71,94,886.25 (Rupees Forty Six Crore Seventy One Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Six and Twenty Five Paise only).

B. Status of Public Grievances:-

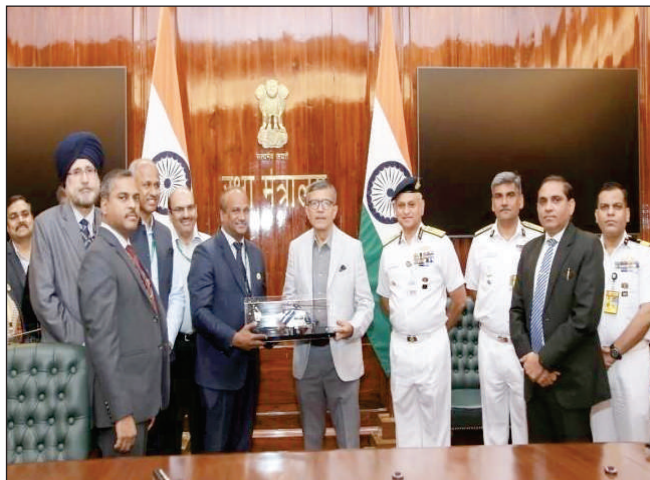
No. of Public Grievances redressed during the month	No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of the month
–	13 (Under Process)

C. Contract for Procurement of 06 ALH MK-III Helicopter with M/s HAL.

On 03 Mar 2026, a contract for procurement of 06 ALH MK-III helicopters was inked with M/s HAL, valued at ₹ 2901 Cr. The aircraft features powerful Shakti engines, a full glass cockpit and advanced radar & sensors, making it ideal for maritime surveillance, search and rescue and disaster relief operations.



Contract for Procurement of 06 ALH MK-III Helicopter with M/s HAL



D. Conduct of OPRC Level-2 Course at Chennai.

Indian Coast Guard Pollution Response Team (East) conducted Level-2 Course at Chennai from 09 to 13 Mar 2026. 17 participants from Major Ports, Oil Handling Agencies and ICG Officers/Personnel participated in the course. The course focused on Contingency planning, Sensitivity Mapping, intensive table-top exercise and hands-on training on oil spill containment and recovery equipment.



Conduct of OPRC Level-2 Course at Chennai

E. Conduct of OPRC Level - I and HNS Introductory Course at Sri Vijaya Puram.

Indian Coast Guard Regional Headquarters (A&N) conducted the OPRC Level-I course and the maiden HNS Introductory Course at Sri Vijaya Puram from 09 to 14 Mar 2026. The training enhanced participants' knowledge of oil spill response, HNS spill management and marine environmental protection, thereby augmenting the newly promulgated Crisis Management Plan for HNS spills in the A&N Islands.



Conduct of OPRC Level - I and HNS Introductory Course at Sri Vijaya Puram

F. Conduct of Pollution Response Seminar, Table Top Exercise & Mock Drill at Jakhau.

On 10 Mar 2026, Indian Coast Guard Station, Jakhau conducted a comprehensive Pollution Response Seminar, Table Top Exercise & Mock Drill at Jakhau. The exercise tested & validated preparedness of all stakeholders to effectively respond to Marine Pollution incidents along the Kutch coast, fostering inter-agency synergy & coordination.



Conduct of Pollution Response Seminar, Table Top Exercise & Mock Drill at Jakhau

G. Conduct of State Level Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise & Training Workshop at Haldia.

ICG DHQ No.8 (Haldia) conducted a State Level Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise & Training Workshop at Haldia from 10 to 11 Mar 2026. The exercise featured expert interactions and a Table Top Exercise, significantly enhancing inter-agency coordination, preparedness and operational synergy for swift and effective response to maritime distress situations.



Conduct of State Level Maritime SAR Exercise & Training Workshop at Haldia

H. Keel-Laying Ceremony of 2nd and 3rd Ship of 06 Next Generations OPV at Ratnagiri.

On 17 Mar 2026, the keel-laying ceremony of 2nd and 3rd ship of 06 next Generations Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) was held at M/s YMPL, Ratnagiri. The vessel will feature advanced tech like AI-based predictive maintenance, Remotely Piloted Drones, Integrated Bridge System and Integrated Platform Management System.



Keel-Laying Ceremony of 2nd and 3rd Ship of 06 Next Generations OPV at Ratnagiri

J. Conduct of Pollution Response Exercise at Goa.

ICG DHQ-11 (Goa) conducted a two-day Pollution Response Exercise from 16 to 17 Mar 2026 at Goa. The aim of the exercise was to enhance ICG preparedness for oil spill management and refine response procedures.



Conduct of Pollution Response Exercise at Goa

K. Visit of WMU delegation to ICG RHQ (West), Mumbai.

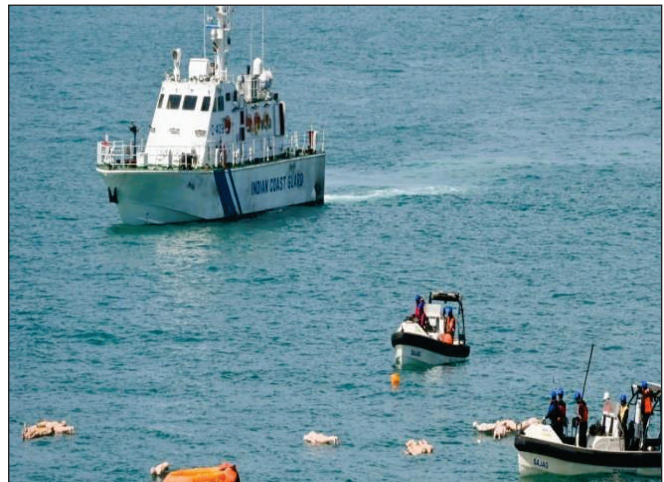
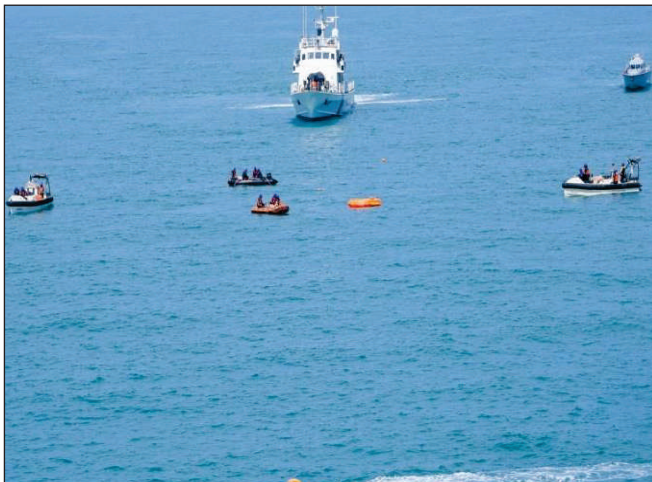
On 24 Mar 2026, a delegation from World Maritime University (WMU), Sweden along with representatives from Indian Maritime Administration visited ICG RHQ (West) and MRCC, Mumbai. WMU students were provided an insight into Maritime Safety, Maritime Security, Maritime Law Enforcement and on ICG charter of duties, enriching mutual understanding and knowledge through professional discussions.



Visit of WMU delegation to ICG RHQ (West), Mumbai

L. Conduct of Regional Search and Rescue Exercise at Porbandar.

On 25 Mar 2026, ICG RHQ (NW) conducted a Regional Search and Rescue Exercise off Porbandar, aimed at enhancing coordination, response capability and operational readiness among maritime stakeholders. The exercise reinforced inter agency synergy, highlighting preparedness and ICG's unwavering commitment to maritime safety.



Conduct of Regional Search and Rescue Exercise at Porbandar

जनसत्ता
03-03-26

रक्षा मंत्रालय और एचएएल में छह हेलिकाप्टर का अनुबंध

भारतीय तटरक्षक के लिए खरीदे जा रहे हैं आधुनिक हल्के हेलिकाप्टर

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो
नई दिल्ली, 3 मार्च।

रक्षा मंत्रालय ने मंगलवार को छह आधुनिक हल्के हेलिकाप्टर (एएलएच) और सतह से हवा में प्रहार करने वाली मिसाइलों की खरीद के लिए 5,083 करोड़ रुपये के अनुबंध पर हस्ताक्षर किए। एएलएच हेलिकाप्टर भारतीय तटरक्षक के लिए खरीदे जा रहे हैं, वहीं शिटल मिसाइलों को भारतीय नौसेना के युद्धपोतों पर तैनात किया जाएगा।

रक्षा मंत्रालय ने कहा कि परिचालन भूमिका वाले उपकरण, इंजीनियरिंग समर्थन पैकेज और कार्य प्रदर्शन आधारित साजोसामान सहयोग के साथ एएलएच एमके-3 (समुद्री भूमिका) के लिए 2,901 करोड़ रुपये का अनुबंध हिंदुस्तान एअरोनाटिक्स लिमिटेड (एचएएल) के साथ



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किया गया है। इसमें कहा गया है कि इन दोहरे-इंजन वाले हेलिकाप्टरों में इस समय संचालित हवाई प्लेटफार्म से बेहतर आधुनिक विशेषताएं हैं और ये किनारे पर मौजूद एअरफील्ड के साथ-साथ समुद्र में जहाजों से भी कई तरह के समुद्री सुरक्षा मिशनों के संचालन में सक्षम हैं।

रक्षा मंत्रालय ने कहा कि इस अधिग्रहण से भारतीय तटरक्षक की कृत्रिम द्वीपों,

अपतटीय प्रतिष्ठानों की सुरक्षा और संरक्षण तथा मछुआरों और समुद्री पर्यावरण की हिफाजत के कर्तव्यों को पूरा करने की क्षमता में काफी बढ़ोतरी होगी। सतह से हवा में प्रहार करने वाली शिटल मिसाइल और उससे जुड़े मिसाइल होल्डिंग फ्रेम की खरीद के लिए 2,182 करोड़ रुपये का अनुबंध रूस की जेएससी रोसोबोरोन एक्सपोर्ट के साथ किया गया है।

Hindustan Times
10-03-26

Indian Coast Guard organised 10K Run to commemorate Women's Day

As part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Indian Coast Guard and in commemoration of International Women's Day, a Coast Guard 10K Run was organised on March 8, drawing an enthusiastic participation of around 2,200 runners, including personnel, families, and citizens.

The event featured three categories of run — 10 km, 5 km and 3 km, making it accessible to participants across different age groups and fitness levels.

In its maiden edition, the run successfully fostered a spirit of



fitness, camaraderie and community participation, bringing together members of the Coast

Guard fraternity and the public in a shared celebration of health and unity.

MEDIA COVERAGE

The Statesman
08-03-26

Nine fishermen rescued off Vizhinjam Coast, search on for two missing



UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Thiruvananthapuram, 8 March

Nine fishermen were rescued in a swift operation by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) after their fishing boat sank in the Arabian Sea off the Vizhinjam coast, while a search is underway for two fishermen reported missing.

The fishermen were evacuated by Coast Guard Ship Anagh after an alert was received by the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre

in Mumbai at around 1.45 p.m. on 7 March regarding the sinking of an Indian fishing boat off the Kanyakumari coast.

Acting on the distress message, the Coast Guard immediately dispatched the vessel from Vizhinjam. The ship reached the location, about 80 nautical miles off Vizhinjam, and rescued nine fishermen who had been taken aboard the merchant vessel MT Solis.

The survivors were given first aid on board before being

brought safely to Vizhinjam harbour on Sunday.

After reaching shore, the fishermen were shifted to the Government Medical College Hospital for further medical treatment, a release said.

Preliminary information suggests that the fishing boat sank following a collision with the merchant vessel MT Solis, a Panama-registered ship that was travelling from Oman to Colombo.

The ill-fated fishing boat belonged to the Kollam district and was owned by Rajesh Mathew Chirakkara-Puthuval of Maruthadi.

Meanwhile, search operations by the Indian Coast Guard are continuing in the area to locate the two missing fishermen. Authorities said an investigation into the incident has been ordered by the Directorate General of Shipping.

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Keel Laying Ceremony held for two Next-Gen OPVs at Ratnagiri



The keel laying ceremony of Yard 16402 & 16403, second and third ship of 06 Next Generation OPVs was held at YMPL, Ratnagiri on March 17. The ceremony was presided over

by IG Sudhir Sahni, TM, DDG (M&M), in the presence senior officials from Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and MDL. The contract for the construction of the same concluded on Dec 20, 2023.





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