



# INDIAN COAST GUARD OPERATIONS & ACTIVITIES MONTHLY UPDATE

October, 2025



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# INDIAN COAST GUARD FACT SHEET

Subject		Year 2024	Year 2025 (Upto Oct 2025)	Since Inception
<b>Search and Rescue Effort</b>	Lives Saved at Sea	<b>169</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>11,806</b>
	Missions undertaken	199	103	4,204
	Ship Sorties	309	156	5,430
	Aircraft Sorties	135	49	3,231
	<b>Total Sorties</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>8,661</b>
<b>MEDEVAC</b>	Persons Evacuated	29	15	<b>497</b>
<b>Aid to Civil Authorities</b>	Lives Rescued	351	--	<b>14,708</b>
<b>Coastal Security (Since 2009)</b>	Operations	35	33	<b>626</b> (Since 2009)
	Exercises	30	14	<b>302</b> (Since 2009)
	Community Interaction	2,085	1,582	<b>16,908</b> (Since 2009)
	Boarding Operations	27,520	18,613	<b>3,78,079</b> (Since 2009)
	Investigation VHF	26,412	18,841	<b>2,46,854</b> (Since 2014)
	Security Drill 'Sajag'	73	36	<b>508</b> (Since 2014)
	Marine Police Personnel Trained	2,753	2,015	<b>16,547</b>
<b>Anti-Poaching Apprehension</b>	Foreign Fishing Boats	16	04	<b>1,639</b>
	Foreign Fishermen	143	35	<b>13,791</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	292	324	<b>34,700</b> Boats (Since Oct 2007)
	Indo-SLN IMBL	05	03	<b>12,871</b> Boats
	Indo-Bangladesh IMBL	201	59	<b>1,415</b> Boats
<b>Anti Smuggling &amp; Narcotics Control (ASNC) Ops</b>	Vessels Interdicted	16	07	<b>186</b>
	Crew Apprehended	90	24	<b>1,134</b>
	Value of Contraband	₹37217.32 Cr.	₹1843.58 Cr.	<b>₹ 54,404.55 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	₹ 29,41,95,781.74	--	<b>₹ 61,96,74,907.92</b>



# INTRODUCTION

1. The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) was established on 01 Feb 1977, as an armed force of the Union, with the mandate of ensuring the safety, security and stewardship of India's vast maritime interests. Operating under the Ministry of Defence, the ICG has grown into a formidable force dedicated to the mission of "protecting India's maritime interests and enforcing maritime law over the vast Maritime Zones of India."
2. In Oct 25, Indian Coast Guard conducted multilateral events, 10<sup>th</sup> National Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-X) and 27<sup>th</sup> NOSDCP Meeting from 05 to 06 Oct 25 at Chennai. Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, DGICG & Chairperson, NOSDCP inaugurated the exercise and meeting. 39 foreign observers from 32 countries and more than 100 national delegates participated in the event, which marked a major step towards global collaboration. The event was focused on strengthening oil spill response readiness through enhanced cooperation and adoption of global best practices.
3. Further, in Oct 25, ICG maintained a robust operational tempo, remaining alert and responsive while executing critical missions such as Search and Rescue (SAR) operations, Medical Evacuations (MEDEVAC), anti-smuggling drives, marine pollution control and MZI patrols. These activities underscore the ICG's unwavering commitment to mission of ensuring maritime safety and national security.

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# MAJOR OPERATIONS

## A. Anti-Smuggling Operation.

On 02 Oct 25, based on an input, ICG Station Mandapam and Customs seized 800 Kg Sea Cucumber worth ₹3.6 crore from an IFB alongwith 01 poacher off Pamban, Tamil Nadu. The IFB alongwith crew and contraband were handed over to Customs Department, Mandapam.



*Seizure of 800 Kg Sea Cucumber*

On 03 Oct 25, ICG seized 1200 Kg Tendu Leaves off Pudumadam Sea Shore, Tamil Nadu. The seized contraband was handed over to customs, Ramanathapuram



*Seizure of 1200 Kgs Tendu Leaves*

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On 11-12 Oct 25, ICG conducted joint operation with Coastal Security Group (CSG) and Customs off Morepannai, Thirupalaikudi and Mullimunai (TN). A total of 55 Kg (ICG 20 Kg and CSG 35 Kg) of Ganja was seized during operation. The seized contraband was handed over to CSG Thondi.



*Seizure of Ganja*

On 14 Oct 25, ICG seized 1200 Kg of raw Turmeric at Sethukkarai, TN. The seized contraband was handed over to Customs, Ramanathapuram.



*Seizure of 1200 Kgs Turmeric*



### **A. SAR Efforts for Man Overboard from Indian Fishing Boat Manik Prasad (Regd. No. IND-GJ-14-MM-172).**

On 03 Oct 25, ICG received an information from VTS Khambhat Hazira, Gujarat regarding man overboard from IFB Manik Prasad in position 06 N miles South of Jafrabad, Gujarat. On receipt of information, ICG Ship C-419 was deployed to augment SAR efforts and recovered the survivor from rescue boat of MV Al Hadbaa. Thereafter, the ICG Ship handed over the survivor to Fisheries Department, Jafrabad.

### **B. SAR efforts for Man Overboard from Unregistered Motorised Fishing Boat.**

On 08 Oct 25, ICG received an information from AD Fisheries, Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu regarding man over board from unregistered motorised fishing boat in position 4.5 N miles South-West of Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu. On receipt of information, extensive search was carried out by 04 ICG surface assets. On 10 Oct 25, AD Fisheries, Cuddalore intimated that the body of missing fisherman was recovered between Chitrapettai and Rasapettai, Cuddalore Tamil Nadu.

### **C. SAR Efforts for Man Overboard from Unregistered Fishing Boat Nithin.**

On 23 Oct 25, ICG received an information from AD Fisheries Nagercoil, Colachel, Tamil Nadu regarding man overboard from unregistered fishing boat in position 7.5 N miles South-West of Cape Comorin, Tamil Nadu. On receipt of information, extensive search in coordination with Coastal Security Group (CSG), Kanyakumari was carried out by 03 ICG assets. However, nil survivor/body was sighted.



## A. Conduct of 10<sup>th</sup> National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-X) and 27<sup>th</sup> National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOSDCP) Meeting off Chennai

Indian Coast Guard conducted National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-X) and 27<sup>th</sup> NOSDCP Meeting from 05 to 06 Oct 25 off Chennai. Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, DGICG & Chairperson, NOSDCP inaugurated the exercise and meeting. The exercise witnessed remarkable international participation, reaffirming India's leadership in regional maritime cooperation. 39 foreign observers from 32 countries and more than 100 national delegates participated in the event. Their participation underscored growing global confidence in India's pollution response capability and its commitment to collective marine environmental protection. Through joint deliberations and live demonstrations, NATPOLREX-25 strengthened the spirit of partnership and interoperability among maritime stakeholders in the Indian Ocean Region, contributing to a cleaner, safer, and more secure marine environment.



NATPOLREX -X



# COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN MARITIME AGENCIES



*NATPOLREX -X*



*27th NOSDCP*

Further, a courtesy call between Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, DGICG and Shri Thiru N. Muruganandam, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tamil Nadu was held on 06 Oct 25 with discussions focused on operational and infrastructural facets of ICG, strategic imperatives of operations near the IMBL and recent SAR missions undertaken in support of the fishing community.



*Courtesy meeting with Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tamil Nadu*



### **B. ICG participation in 6<sup>th</sup> Defence Cooperation Dialogue Meeting at Maldives.**

To further bolster the long-standing defence partnership between India and the Maldives and advance the shared interests of both nations in maintaining stability and prosperity in the Indian Ocean Region, the Additional Director General, Indian Coast Guard, participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> India–Maldives Defence Cooperation Dialogue, held from 05 to 07 Oct 25 in the Maldives, as part of the Defence Secretary-led Indian delegation. The discussions centered on capacity building, training programmes, joint military exercises, and the continued strengthening of bilateral defence cooperation.

### **C. Conduct of Maritime Law and Operations Course at CGTC, Kochi.**

Indian Coast Guard under the aegis of ITEC programme by MEA, conducted a Maritime Law & Operations Course from 06 to 31 Oct 25 at Coast Guard Training Centre, Kochi. 19 officers from Friendly Foreign Countries participated in the training. This programme, conducted by the ICG combined classroom studies and hands-on training on international maritime law, search and rescue, marine pollution response, and boarding operations. By fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange among international participants, the training reinforced India's commitment to regional maritime security and professional excellence in the coastal domain.



*Conduct of Maritime Law and Operations Course at CGTC, Kochi*

### **D. ICG Participation in Lifeguard Basic Level, First Aid and CPR Course at Sri Lanka.**

03 ICG personnel visited Sri Lanka to participate in Lifeguard Basic Level Course with Sri Lanka Coast Guard at Balapitiya, Sri Lanka from 06 to 17 Oct 25 to enhance their lifesaving skills. This collaborative training, conducted by certified instructors, provided a blend of theoretical and practical

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sessions covering marine rescue, emergency medical care, and CPR, empowering the sailors to respond effectively to emergencies in diverse maritime environments. Their involvement reflects the strong regional partnership in maritime safety and the commitment of both nations to fostering excellence in lifesaving operations.



*ICG Participation in Lifeguard Basic Level Course at Balapitiya, Sri Lanka*

## **E. Conduct of 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Pollution Response Workshop at Chennai.**

Under the aegis of Colombo Security Conclave, Indian Coast Guard Regional Maritime Pollution Response Centre conducted 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Pollution Response Workshop at Chennai from 07 to 09 Oct 25. Participants from Sri Lanka, Maldives, Mauritius, Bangladesh and observer nation Seychelles participated in the workshop. The workshop was aimed to enhance regional coordination, interoperability & capacity building for effective marine pollution response, reinforcing collective preparedness and environmental resilience in the Indian Ocean Region under India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy.



*Conduct of 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Pollution Response Workshop at Chennai*

## F. ICG Participation in 21<sup>st</sup> HACGAM at Sydney, Australia.

A four member ICG delegation led by Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, DGICG visited Sydney, Australia to participate in 21<sup>st</sup> Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting from 13 to 16 Oct 25. The high-level forum brought together Coast Guard agencies from across Asia Pacific and provided an opportunity to interact and share best practices in domain of Coast Guard operations under various pillars of HACGAM i.e. SAR, Environment Protection, Information Sharing and Prevention. The ICG members shared India's operational experience, explored avenues for joint exercises and training programmes.



*21<sup>st</sup> HACGAM at Sydney, Australia*

Further, bilateral meeting with Thailand MECC was also conducted to deepen maritime cooperation and enhancing law enforcement at sea.



*Bilateral Meeting with Thailand, MECC*

# 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:-

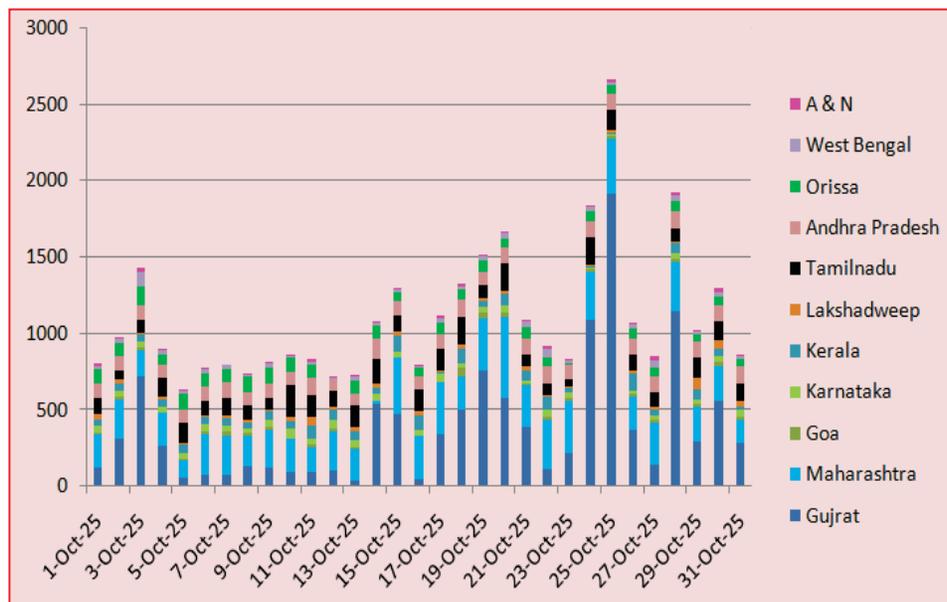
Ser	Conducted By	Name of Exercise/ Operation	Date(s)
(i)	Regional HQ (West)	SAREX Rehearsal	04, 06 & 07 Oct 25
		Op Vigillant	21 - 24 Oct 25
(ii)	Regional HQ (East)	Sajag	23 Oct 25
		Op Chaukas	28 - 30 Oct 25

## B. Coastal Surveillance Network (CSN).

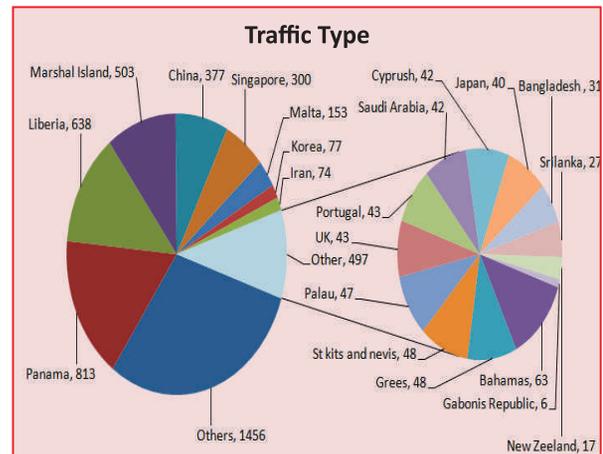
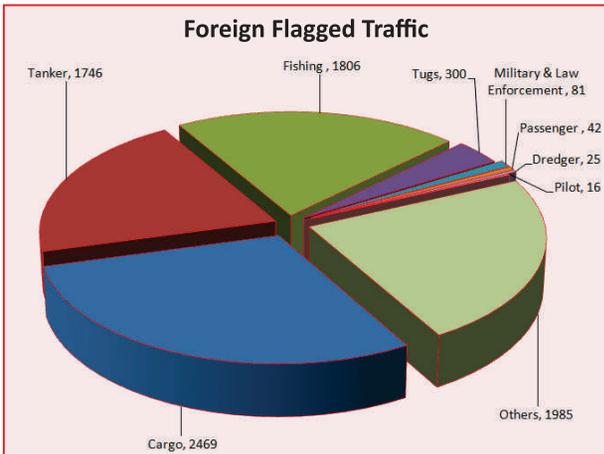
The trend analysis (maritime traffic, fishing activity and maritime incidents) for Oct 25 is enumerated in succeeding paragraphs.

## C. Coastal Maritime Traffic.

Indian Coast Guard monitored 8,470 distinct AIS transmission on CSN network along Indian coast in the month of Oct 25. Traffic share of India, Panama, Liberia, Marshall Island, China & Hong Kong and Singapore stood at 42%, 10%, 08%, 06%, 04% and 04% respectively. The larger share of India flagged traffic is attributed to coastal traffic. Traffic share of Cargo and Tanker vessels is 29% and 21% respectively. A total of 2,965 vessels were investigated by ICG ROS. The state-wise, flag-wise and type-wise traffic pattern is depicted below:-



# COASTAL SECURITY/ SURVEILLANCE



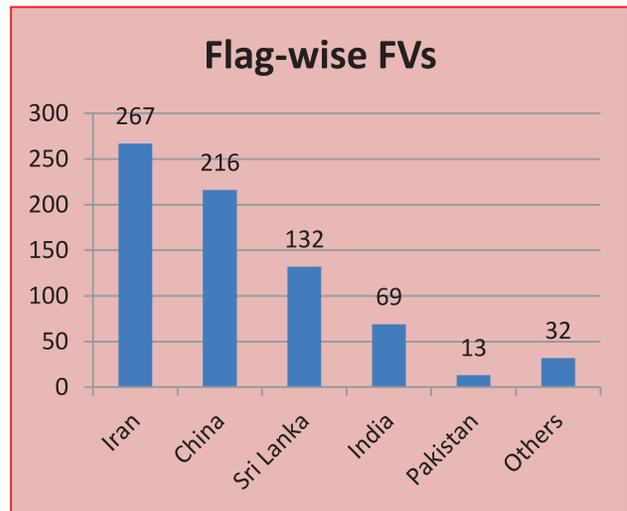
## D. Fishing Activities in North Indian Ocean.

A total of 2084 Fishing Vessels (FV) were observed transmitting on AIS in Northern Indian Ocean in the month of Oct 25. The analysis of fishing activities is based upon kinematics such as low speed. The data towards numbers of FV have been garnered from AIS transmission. However, the actual numbers of FV may be higher than the reported data as many FV may not be transmitting on AIS. The area wise analysis of FV operating in Indian EEZ, High Seas in Bay of Bengal and Arabian sea for the month of Oct 25 is as follows:-

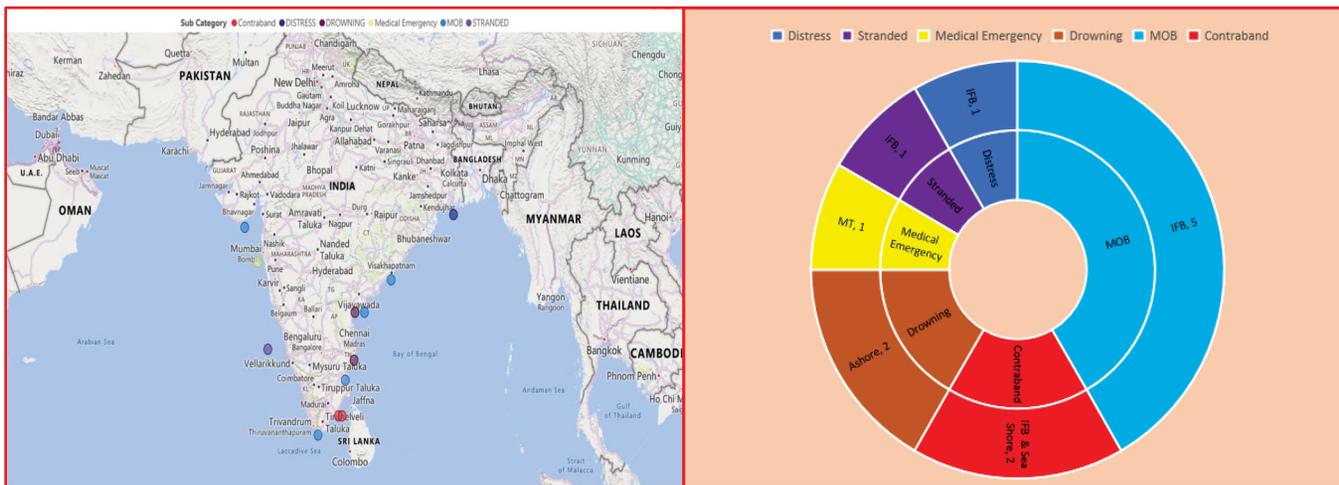
(i) **Arabian Sea (Beyond EEZ).** A total of 729 FV were observed transmitting on AIS and appreciated to be engaged in fishing. Out of these, numbers of Iranian, Chinese, Sri Lankan, Indian and Pakistani FV were 37%, 30%, 18%, 09% and 02% respectively. Chinese FV were observed arriving in Arabian Sea in end Oct 25 post monsoon period.

(ii) **Indian EEZ.** A total of 1246 Indian flagged FV were observed transmitting on AIS. Additionally, AIS transmissions of 1332 fishing net/ buoys were also observed. Majority of FV were observed operating on west coast of India. No foreign FV were observed engaged in fishing in Indian waters.

(iii) **Bay of Bengal (Beyond EEZ).** A total of 109 Sri Lankan and 01 Indian FV were observed transmitting on AIS and appreciated to be engaged in fishing. No other flagged FV 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).



*Sunburst Chart: Maritime incidents and Contraband Smuggling in MZI for Oct 25*

(i) **Maritime Incidents.** A total of 10 incidents were reported in Maritime Zones/Search and Rescue Region of India in Oct 25.

(aa) **Distress.** One distress incident was reported onboard Indian Fishing Boat due to capsizing in Oct 25. Of the 18 fishermen onboard IFB, 16 were rescued, one body recovered and one survivor/body remained missing.

(ab) **Man Over Board.** Five cases of Man Overboard (MOB) onboard IFBs were reported in Oct 25. 01 survivor rescued by MV, two bodies were recovered by local fishermen and two survivors/bodies were missing.

(ac) **Drowning.** Two cases of beach drowning, one each at Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh coast were reported in Oct 25.

(ad) **Medical Emergency.** One case of Medial Emergency was reported onboard MT Feather. Patient was evacuated by Tug arranged by local agent & shifted to hospital.

(ae) **Stranded.** One incident of stranding of IFB due to engine failure was reported in Oct 25. The IFB reached Honnavar fishing harbour, Karnataka safely with assistance of another fishing boat.

(ii) **Contraband.** Two incidents of contraband were reported in the month of Oct 25. ICG seized 800 kg of Sea Cucumber worth ₹ 3.6 crore and 1200 Kg of Tendu Leaves worth ₹ 5.5 Lakhs respectively.

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

The purchase made through GeM portal during the month of Oct 25 was ₹ 49,64,25,694.82 (Rupees Forty Nine Crore Sixty Four Lakh Twenty five Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Four and Eighty Two 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
–	14 (Under Process)

## C. Commissioning Ceremony of ICGS Akshar at Karaikal.

On 04 Oct 25, ICG Ship Akshar, second in the Adanya-class Fast Patrol Vessels was commissioned at Karaikal by Smt. Dipti Mohil Chawla, IDAS, Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Defence in the presence of ADG Donny Michael, PTM, TM, Coast Guard Commander, Eastern Seaboard. The ship is equipped with an IBS, IPMS, and advanced weaponry, playing a vital role in maritime surveillance, law enforcement, and safeguarding India's maritime interests.



*Commissioning Ceremony of ICGS Akshar at Karaikal*

## D. Signing of MoU with Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu and Tamil Nadu Sailing Association.

On 06 Oct 25, ICG and Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu & Tamil Nadu Sailing Association signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote sailing & watermanship activities. The MoU includes

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complimentary TNSA membership for all ICG personnel & dependents.



*Signing of MoU with SDAT & TNSA*

### **E. ICG Participation in Aero Defence Conference 25 at Chennai.**

On 07 Oct 25, Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, DGICG attended the International Conference on Aerospace and Defence 'AeroDefCon' 25 at Chennai. DGICG addressed the gathering and lauded the Govt of Tamil Nadu and the organisers for the vision to bring together OEMs, Tier-1 suppliers, MSMEs, startups, Academia and Armed Forces to enable knowledge exchange, collaboration and innovations.



*ICG Participation in Aero Defence Conference 25 at Chennai*

## F. Conduct of Collaborative Fleet Support Conference at CGHQ, New Delhi.

On 08 Oct 25, Indian Coast Guard conducted a high-level Collaborative Fleet Support Conference at CGHQ, New Delhi. The conference was focused on building an agile, indigenous ecosystem for fleet maintenance and logistics. Key public and private sector players i.e. MDSL, GRSE, CSL, L&T and global OEMs participated in the conference.



*Collaborative Fleet Support Conference at CGHQ, New Delhi*

## G. Conduct of Regional Search and Rescue Exercise off Karnataka Coast.

ICG RHQ (West) conducted Regional Search and Rescue Exercise (ReSAREX- 25) off Karnataka coast from 08 to 09 Oct 25. During exercise, external firefighting operation, helicopter evacuations, drone assisted search & rescue, air dropping of liferaft, casualty evacuation drills and boarding operation were conducted.



*Regional Search and Rescue Exercise off Karnataka Coast*

## H. Visit of NCC Cadets at ICG Ship Vaibhav.

On 14 Oct 25, 50 NCC cadets from 3<sup>rd</sup> Tamil Nadu Naval NCC Unit visited Indian Coast Guard Ship Vaibhav. The visit provided cadets with an inspiring exposure to the dynamic operations of ICG from safeguarding maritime frontiers to executing vital SAR and Pollution Control missions. The interactive engagement ignited their passion for the sea and motivated them to explore a rewarding career in maritime service, contributing to the nation's blue frontier.



*Visit of NCC Cadets at ICG Ship Vaibhav*

## J. Conduct of Marksman Championship 2025 at Karanja.

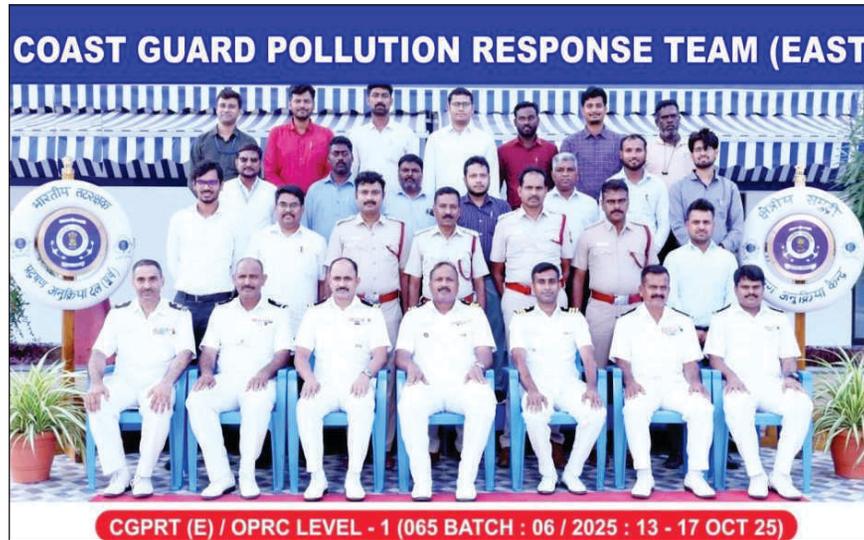
ICG RHQ (West) conducted maiden Marksman Championship 2025 at Karanja from 13 to 16 Oct 25. The event witnessed the debut firing of the newly inducted advance weapon, showcasing accuracy, discipline and combat readiness.



*Marksman Championship 2025 at Karanja*

## K. Conduct of OPRC Level-1 Course at Chennai.

ICG Pollution Response Team (East) conducted OPRC Level-1 course for stakeholders at Chennai from 13 to 17 Oct 25. A total of 21 participants from OHAs and Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services were imparted classroom instructions and hands on training through practical demonstrations.



*Conduct of OPRC Level -1 Course at Chennai*

## L. Launching Ceremony of two ICG FPVs at Goa.

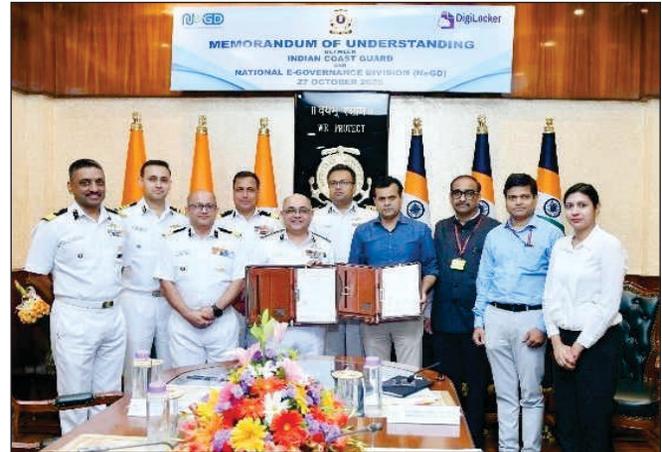
On 24 Oct 25, Indian Coast Guard's two indigenously built Advanced Fast Patrol Vessels ICGS Ajit & Aparajit were launched at Goa Shipyard Limited, Goa. These vessels will boost ICG's strength in Coastal Security, anti-smuggling & rescue operations.



*Launching Ceremony of two ICG FPVs at Goa*

## M. Signing of MoU with National e-Governance Division.

On 27 Oct 25, ICG signed a Memorandum of Understanding with National e-Governance Division at CGHQ, New Delhi. The MoU aims to leverage the Digi Locker platform to provide secure and convenient digital services for ICG personnel.



*Signing of MoU with National e-Governance Division*

## N. Keel Laying and Plate Cutting Ceremony at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai.

On 30 Oct 25, Keel Laying Ceremony of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Plate Cutting Ceremony of 5<sup>th</sup> Fast Patrol Vessel were conducted at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai.



*Keel Laying and Plate Cutting Ceremony at MDL, Mumbai*

## P. Girder Laying Ceremony at Chowgule's Rassaim Yard, Goa.

On 30 Oct 25, Girder Laying Ceremony for the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> indigenously build Air Cushion Vehicles of ICG was held at Chowgule's Rassaim Yard, Goa.



*Girder Laying Ceremony at Chowgule's Rassaim Yard, Goa*

## Q. Conduct of Regional Technical Seminar-2025 at Sri Vijaya Puram.

On 31 Oct 25, ICG RHQ (A&N) conducted Regional Technical Seminar-2025 at Sri Vijaya Puram focusing on Modern Marine Technologies. During seminar, eminent experts from IIT, Mumbai, CSIR and DBRAIT shared insights on emerging marine tech, innovation & strengthening maritime domain, fostering collaboration & future-ready capabilities.



*Conduct of Regional Technical Seminar-2025 at Sri Vijaya Puram*

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### ICG SHIP'S MAIDEN VISIT TO S AFRICA



Indian Coast Guard Ship 'Sachet', made its maiden port call at Cape Town, South Africa, on Oct 2 as part of its ongoing overseas deployment. The Commanding Officer of ICGS Sachet, accompanied by the Defence Adviser, called on Rear Admiral Handsome T Matsane, Flag Officer Fleet, at Simon's Town. The interaction underscored the importance of professional engagements between the Indian Coast Guard and the South African Navy to further strengthen maritime cooperation. On the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti, the Commanding Officer along with 15 crew members, laid floral tributes at the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial, Aderne Gardens, Cape Town

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### Coast Guard to hold oil spill drill off TN coast

Chennai: The Indian Coast Guard will hold a two-day national oil spill response exercise off the Tamil Nadu coast from Sunday, bringing together domestic agencies and international observers. The 10th National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-X), alongside the 27th National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan meeting, will test India's preparedness for marine oil spills and inter-agency coordination. More than 100 national delegates and 40 observers from 32 countries are expected to participate. The Coast Guard will deploy ships and aircraft equipped for pollution control to demonstrate operational readiness and international cooperation. ENS

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### भारतीय तटरक्षक बल के जहाज 'अक्षर' का जलावतरण



नई दिल्ली, 5 अक्टूबर (नवोदय टाइम्स): भारतीय तटरक्षक बल (आईसीजी) के जहाज अक्षर का जलावतरण शनिवार को रक्षा मंत्रालय की अतिरिक्त सचिव दीप्ति मोहिल चावला ने कराईकल, पुडुचेरी में किया। यह अदम्य श्रेणी के आठ तीव्र गश्ती पोतों (एफपीवी) की श्रृंखला का दूसरा जहाज है, जिसे मेसर्स गोवा शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड ने स्वदेशी रूप से

डिजाइन और निर्मित किया है।

इस अवसर पर पूर्वी समुद्र तट के तटरक्षक कमांडर और अतिरिक्त महानिदेशक डॉनी माइकल ने कहा, 'अक्षर' का अर्थ है 'अविनाशी'। अक्षर जहाज देश के समुद्री हितों की रक्षा, सुरक्षा और स्वच्छ समुद्र की अवधारणा को सुनिश्चित करने में आईसीजी की इच्छाशक्ति और प्रतिबद्धता का प्रतीक है।

# MEDIA COVERAGE

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## Indian Coast Guard Conducts Xth NATPOLREX-X And 27th NOSDCP Meeting At Chennai



The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted the 10th edition of the National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-X) along with the 27th National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOSDCP) & Preparedness Meeting on 05-06 Oct 2025, off the coast of Chennai, Tamil Nadu. This biennial flagship exercise is a cornerstone in strengthening India's preparedness to combat marine oil spills in accordance with the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOSDCP).

The event was overseen by Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, Director General, Indian Coast Guard, and Chairperson, NOSDCP, who reviewed the exercise and assessed the operational readiness, response coordination, and inter-agency synergy among participating stakeholders. The large scale exercise witnessed

enthusiastic participation from a wide spectrum of stakeholders, including representatives from central ministries, coastal state governments, major ports, oil handling agencies, and maritime organizations. Notably, 40 foreign observers from 32 countries and over 105 national delegates attended the exercise and actively contributed to discussions in the 27th NOSDCP meeting, held concurrently. The technical sessions of NATPOLREX-X featured insightful presentations on topics of current relevance, including Nurdle Spills and their Environmental Impact, Case Studies on Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS), Post-Spill Monitoring & Environmental Impact Assessments, Shoreline Cleanup following MV MSC ELSA 3 Incident, ICG Coordination and Response during MV MSC ELSA 3 & MV Wan Mai 503 Incidents. These sessions provided a knowledge-sharing platform for environmental scientists, policy makers, and operational experts to collaboratively discuss strategies for effective spill response and post-incident recovery. The ICG deployed a full spectrum of assets to demonstrate its oil spill response capabilities, including Pollution Control Vessels (PCVs), Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs), Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs), Chetak and Dornier Aircraft configured for aerial surveillance and pollution response. The current exercise is unique in the fact that it incorporates the first ever shoreline clean up drill, at Marina Beach, by the Greater Chennai Cooperation, State Pollution Control Board, SDMA, Police and other agencies of Tamil Nadu administration as part of the simulated incident. These demonstrations validated the efficiency and readiness of the ICG's multi-layered pollution response mechanism, while also emphasizing the importance of joint operations with ports and coastal authorities. In line with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', NATPOLREX-X also showcased India's growing capabilities in maritime technology and industrial manufacturing under the 'Make in India' initiative. Stakeholders such as major ports deployed indigenous maritime assets, highlighting a unified and homegrown approach to marine environmental protection. The ICG has been entrusted with the responsibility of protecting the marine environment in India's maritime zones since 07 March 1986, following the transfer of responsibilities from the Ministry of Shipping. The National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOSDCP), drafted by the ICG and approved by the Committee of Secretaries in 1993, continues to serve as the foundational framework for oil spill preparedness in India. To operationalize the plan, the ICG has established four Pollution Response Centres at Mumbai, Chennai, Port Blair, and Vadinar. Given that over 75% of India's energy needs are met through seaborne oil imports, ensuring a robust national oil spill response system is not just critical, it is strategic. The ICG continues to serve as the Central Coordinating Authority for oil spill response, committed to ensuring rapid, effective, and coordinated action in the event of any maritime environmental incident.

Hans India  
09-10-25

## ICG RALLIES INDUSTRY GIANTS TO POWER FLEETS



In a decisive move to modernize its fleet support architecture and reduce dependence on foreign systems, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) brought together India's top shipbuilders and maritime technology firms for a high-impact "Collaborative Fleet Support" conference at its headquarters in New Delhi on Wednesday. Chaired by Inspector General Sudhir Sahni, TM, Deputy Director General (Material and Maintenance), this landmark gathering witnessed participation from a cross-section of industry leaders. The key players in attendance were shipbuilders like Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (MDSL), Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Hindustan Shipyard Ltd (HSL), Cochin Shipyard Ltd. (CSL), and private sector partners like Larsen & Toubro (L&T), Chowgule Shiprepair, SWAN, Sea Blue, Ocean Blue, and Sadhav.

Statesman  
14-10-25

## India shares maritime security and disaster response experience at HACGAM 2025

**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE**  
*New Delhi, 14 October*

A four-member Indian Coast Guard delegation led by Director General ICG Paramesh Sivamani is participating in the 21st Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM) being held in Sydney, Australia. The meeting is being hosted by the Australian Border Force (ABF).

According to an ICG spokesperson, during the meeting, the ICG delegation shared India's experience in maritime security operations, disaster response, and marine environment protection, while exploring avenues for joint exercises, training programmes, and enhanced operational coordination with regional partners.

The ICG also conducted a



courtesy bilateral meeting with the Thailand Maritime Enforcement Command Centre (Thai-MECC) on the sidelines of the 21st HACGAM, discussing collaborative and contemporary maritime issues with the agency.

The HACGAM is a premier regional forum consisting of 21 member countries from Asia and beyond, one Region (Hong Kong), and two Associate Members (UNODC & ReCAAP), fostering cooperation among

Asian Coast Guard agencies on issues relating to maritime safety, security, environmental protection, and law enforcement. India, as the Chair of the Maritime Search and Rescue (M-SAR) Pillar, and a member of working groups on Environmental Protection, Prevention and Control of Unlawful Activities at Sea, Information Sharing and Joint Exercises, is contributing actively to the discussions and collaborative initiatives.

Hindustan Times  
15-10-25

### ICGS Sachet visits Mozambique, delivers 20 MT of humanitarian aid

ICG Ship, Sachet an OPV made a port call in Maputo, Mozambique, as part of its ongoing overseas deployment to Africa, symbolising the ICG's operational reach and commitment to strengthening maritime cooperation with friendly foreign countries. Furthering India's commitment to humanitarian assistance, ICGS Sachet is carrying 20 MT of HADR (Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief) material, which includes medical stores and medicines. These will be handed over



the Government of India's MEA HADR efforts to support public health and disaster management

capacities in Mozambique, and to reinforce friendly ties between both nations.

नवोदय टाइम्स  
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### समुद्री सहयोग में मजबूती लाने के लिए आईसीजी पोत सचेत पहुंचा तंजानिया

नई दिल्ली, 21 अक्टूबर (नवोदय टाइम्स): भारतीय तटरक्षक बल (आईसीजी) का जहाज सचेत सोमवार को तंजानिया के शहर जांजीबार पहुंचा। यह स्वदेश निर्मित अपतटीय गश्ती पोत (ओपीवी) भारत सरकार के सागर (क्षेत्र में सभी के लिए सुरक्षा और विकास) विजन के तहत समुद्री सहयोग को मजबूत करने और क्षेत्रीय साझेदारी को बढ़ावा

देने के लिए अफ्रीका की यात्रा कर रहा है।

जांजीबार में अपने प्रवास के दौरान, आईसीजीएस सचेत तंजानियाई जन रक्षा बल और समुद्री एजेंसियों के साथ कई पेशेवर बातचीत करेगा, जिसका उद्देश्य समुद्री खोज और बचाव, समुद्री प्रदूषण प्रतिक्रिया, और समुद्री कानून प्रवर्तन जैसे क्षेत्रों में सहयोग बढ़ाना है।

नवोदय टाइम्स  
24-10-25

# अरब सागर में 'अजित' और 'अपराजित' का जलावतरण

नई दिल्ली, 24 अक्टूबर ( नवोदय टाइम्स ): भारतीय तटरक्षक बल ने मेसर्स गोवा शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड में दो उन्नत तीव्र गति वाले गश्ती पोतों 'अजित' और 'अपराजित' का जलावतरण शुक्रवार को अथर्ववेद के मंत्रोच्चार के साथ अरब सागर में किया। ये पोत जीएसएल द्वारा तटरक्षक बल के लिए निर्मित आठ पोतों की श्रृंखला में 7वें और 8वें पोत हैं।

इस अवसर पर रक्षा मंत्रालय के वित्तीय सलाहकार (रक्षा सेवाएं) डॉ. मयंक शर्मा और मंजू शर्मा के साथ आईजी भीष्म शर्मा और आईसीजी व जीएसएल के अन्य वरिष्ठ अधिकारी मौजूद रहे। शर्मा ने कहा, आत्मनिर्भर भारत के दृष्टिकोण के अनुरूप, यह परियोजना स्वदेशी नवाचार की शक्ति को प्रदर्शित करती है और स्थानीय उद्योग, रोजगार सृजन और एमएसएमई पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान देती है। ये जहाज 52 मीटर लंबाई



और 320 टन विस्थापन के साथ भारत में इस श्रेणी के लिए अपनी तरह के पहले, कंट्रोलबल पिच प्रोपेलर (सीपीपी) से सुसज्जित हैं। इन फुर्तीले प्लेटफार्मों को मत्स्य संरक्षण, तटीय निगरानी, तस्करी-रोधी, समुद्री डकैती-रोधी और खोज एवं बचाव कार्यों, विशेष रूप से भारत के द्वीपीय क्षेत्रों और विशेष आर्थिक क्षेत्र के आसपास, के लिए तैनात किया जाएगा।

Times of India  
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## ICG evacuates critically injured fisherman

**Kochi:** Indian Coast Guard (ICG) successfully conducted a long-range medical evacuation of a critically injured Iranian fisherman following an explosion during fuel transfer to the generator on the fishing dhow Al-Owais.

The five-crew vessel with engine failure was located in the middle of Arabian Sea, approximately 1,500km west of Kochi. The fisherman had injuries to both eyes and deep lacerations on the right ear, said a PIB statement. It added that the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC), Mumbai, received information from MRCC Chabahar, Iran, regarding the medical emergency.

ICG ship Sachet on return passage from an overseas deployment to East African countries and MT STI Grace which is a Marshall Islands-flagged tanker en route from Kuwait to Moroni, were directed to render immediate assistance. The crew of the tanker administered tele-medical first aid and stabilisation under guidance from ICG personnel. Further, MT STI Grace met with ICG ship Sachet for patient transfer and further medical management. The fisherman is currently receiving treatment onboard ICG ship Sachet, which is proceeding towards Goa for further procedures. TNN



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