



INDIAN COAST GUARD



OPERATIONS & ACTIVITIES MONTHLY UPDATE

March, 2025

INDIAN COAST GUARD FACT SHEET

Subject		Year 2024	Year 2025 (Upto Mar 2025)	Since Inception
Search and Rescue Effort	Lives Saved at Sea	169	54	11,784
	Missions undertaken	199	25	4,126
	Ship Sorties	309	36	5,310
	Aircraft Sorties	135	08	3,190
	Total Sorties	444	44	8,500
MEDEVAC	Persons Evacuated	29	08	490
Aid to Civil Authorities	Lives Rescued	351	--	14,708
Coastal Security (Since 2009)	Operations	35	09	602 (Since 2009)
	Exercises	30	03	291 (Since 2009)
	Community Interaction	2,085	315	15,641 (Since 2009)
	Boarding Operations	27,520	5791	3,65,257 (Since 2009)
	Investigation VHF	26,412	4734	2,32,747 (Since 2014)
	Security Drill 'Sajag'	73	11	483 (Since 2014)
	Marine Police Personnel Trained	2,753	456	14,988
Anti-Poaching Apprehension	Foreign Fishing Boats	16	01	1,636
	Foreign Fishermen	143	14	13,770
	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	181	34,557 Boats (Since Oct 2007)
	Indo-SLN IMBL	05	--	12,868 Boats
	Indo-Bangladesh IMBL	201	05	1,361 Boats
Anti Smuggling & Narcotics Control (ASNC) Ops	Vessels Interdicted	16	02	181
	Crew Apprehended	90	08	1,118
	Value of Contraband	₹37217.32 Cr.	₹34.49 Cr.	₹ 52,595.45 Cr
Disaster Relief Operations		--	-	95 (since May 1999)
Oil Spill Incidents	Incidents Reported	--	-	95 (Indian Waters) + 03 (02 Sri Lanka & 01 Mauritius)
	Responded by ICG	--	-	95 (Indian Waters) + 03 (02 Sri Lanka & 01 Mauritius)
	Capitation Charges Received	₹ 29,41,95,781.74	--	₹ 61,96,74,907.92



INTRODUCTION

1. The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) was established through the Coast Guard Act, 1978 with the motto “वयम् रक्षामः” (Vayam Rakshamah) translating from Sanskrit as “We Protect”. The mission of the ICG encompasses ensuring Safety, Security and Law Enforcement at sea, providing Search and Rescue services, and protecting the Marine Environment.
2. In the month of Mar 25, XXX NAVGUARD meeting between Indian Coast Guard and Indian Navy was conducted at Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi. The event underscored the commitment towards bolstering partnership and synergy between the two maritime forces.
3. In Mar 25, ICG ship Sachet was deployed on a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) mission to Djibouti and Sudan. This operation aligns with India’s commitment to "**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**" (**The World is One Family**) and reinforces the country's leadership in humanitarian and disaster relief efforts across the Indian Ocean region and beyond.
4. 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 Mar 25 are enumerated in this update.

MAJOR OPERATIONS

SEARCH & RESCUE

COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN MARITIME AGENCIES

COASTAL SECURITY/ SURVEILLANCE

FISHERIES & ENVIRONMENT

MISCELLANEOUS

MEDIA COVERAGE



MAJOR OPERATIONS

A. Anti-Smuggling Operation.

On 05 Mar 25, based on inputs from the DRI, ICG intercepted Tug TB Shwe Lin Yone and dumb barge (COMARCO 2101) (with 09 crew) off Kanyakumari and recovered two suspicious bags containing 29 packets of Hashish Oil (29.950 Kilograms) worth ₹ 32.94 Crore. Additionally, 10 mobile phones and one satellite phone were also seized from the vessel. The tug, barge and crew alongwith consignment were handed over to DRI, Tuticorin for further legal action.



Seizure of 29.950 kilograms Hashish Oil

B. Anti-Poaching Operation.

On 30 Mar 25, ICG conducted anti-poaching operation and seized 200 Kg of illegal Sea Cucumbers worth ₹ 80 Lakhs off Uchpulli beach, TN. The consignment was handed over to Customs/CSG for further legal action.



Seizure of 200 kilograms Sea Cucumbers

A. Assistance to Fisherman - Medical Emergency Onboard Indian Fishing Boat (IFB) Kaliyamman Thunai (Regn No. IND-TN-02-MM-412).

On 04 Mar 25, ICG received information from Commissioner of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Chennai regarding medical emergency onboard IFB Kaliyamman 110 N miles east of Krishnapatnam. The patient was suffering from a suspected heart attack and merited medical attention/evacuation. ICG Ship C-440 was deployed to render immediate assistance. The patient was evacuated by the ICG Ship and was shifted to Rajiv Gandhi Hospital, Chennai for further medical management.



Medical Emergency Onboard Indian Fishing Boat Kaliyamman Thunai

B. Assistance to Fisherman - Medical Emergency Onboard Indian Fishing Boat (IFB) Jay Bhagwati Krupa (Regn No. IND-GJ-32-MM-1680).

On 21 Mar 25, ICG received information from President Kharwa Samaj regarding medical emergency onboard IFB Jay Bhagwati Krupa 136 N miles South-West of Mumbai. The patient was suffering from severe chest pain and merited medical evacuation. ICG Interceptor Boat was deployed to provide necessary assistance. The patient was evacuated by the ICG ship and was shifted to Govt. Hospital, Veraval for further medical management.



Medical Emergency Onboard Indian Fishing Boat Jay Bhagwati Krupa

C. Assistance to Foreign Crew - Medical Emergency Onboard MV Heilan Star (Regn No. IMO-9587984).

On 20 Mar 25, MRCC, Mumbai received information from Panama Motor Vessel Heilan Star regarding medical emergency onboard vessel, 310 N miles South-West of Mumbai. The 04 foreign crew (03 Chinese and 01 Indonesian) sustained severe burn injury while carrying out maintenance work onboard and needed medical evacuation. MRCC, Mumbai coordinated with Indian Navy (IN). IN Sea King Helicopter from Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vikrant evacuated the patients and handed them over the local agent at Goa for further medical management.



Medical Emergency Onboard MV Heilan Star

D. Assistance to Fisherman - Medical Emergency Onboard Indian Fishing Boat (IFB) Rajeswari-7 (Regn No. IND-GJ-32-DS-7754).

On 23 Mar 25, ICG received information from Boat Association Veraval regarding medical emergency onboard IFB Rajeswari-7 80 N miles West of Porbandar, Gujarat. The patient was reported unconscious and medical evacuation was requested. ICG Interceptor Boat C-156 on area patrol was diverted to provide necessary assistance. Patient was evacuated and was shifted to Govt. Hospital, Porbandar for further medical management.



Medical Emergency Onboard Indian Fishing Boat Rajeswari-7

E. Assistance to Fisherman - Medical Emergency Onboard Indian Fishing Boat (IFB) Hari Prasad No. 6 (Regn No. IND-GJ-14-MM-447).

On 23 Mar 25, ICG received information from Fishing Association, Jafrabad regarding medical emergency onboard IFB Hari Prasad No. 6 53 N miles South-West of Savai Bet Lt, Gujarat. The patient sustained head injury alongwith amputation of lower left leg due to entanglement with the winch mechanism while handling fishing nets and needed medical evacuation. ICG Interceptor Boat C-409 was deployed to provide necessary assistance. The patient was evacuated by the ICG Ship and was shifted to Jay Orthopedic Hospital, Mahuva for further medical management.



Medical Emergency Onboard Indian Fishing Boat Hari Prasad No. 06



COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN MARITIME AGENCIES

A. Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief to Djibouti and Sudan.

In Mar 25, Indian Coast Guard Ship Sachet was deployed on a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) mission to Djibouti and Sudan. The consignment included vital pharmaceuticals, life-saving drugs, and critical medical devices aimed at supporting local healthcare infrastructure and addressing urgent medical needs in Djibouti and Sudan. The mission underscored India's broader diplomatic outreach and defense cooperation with African nations, strengthening bilateral relations and enhancing maritime goodwill. This operation aligns with India's commitment to "**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**" (**The World is One Family**) and reinforces the country's leadership in humanitarian and disaster relief efforts across the Indian Ocean region and beyond.



Handing over Humanitarian Aid

B. Maritime Cooperation: Overseas Deployment (OSD) of ICG Ship Saksham to Seychelles, Madagascar and Comoros.

As part of an international exchange program, ICGS Saksham was deployed for overseas mission to Seychelles, Madagascar and Comoros from 06 Mar to 04 Apr 2025. This mission aimed to foster maritime cooperation, enhance inter-agency coordination, and promote environmental awareness in alignment with India's **Puneet Sagar Abhiyan** on a global scale. A contingent of 10 NCC Cadets and one Permanent Instructor (PI) Staff was embarked onboard, providing them with a unique opportunity to engage in cross-cultural exchanges and gain first hand experience in international maritime collaboration. Additionally, 10 Officers/ Personnel from the Assam Rifles were also onboard. Their participation aimed to strengthen inter-agency synergy and provide exposure to international cooperative engagements with the Coast Guards and Maritime Agencies of Friendly Foreign Countries



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(FFCs). This initiative facilitated knowledge sharing, interoperability, and enhanced diplomatic ties between India and the host nations in the maritime security domain.



OSD to Seychelles (12 to 15 Mar 25)



OSD to Madagascar (18 to 21 Mar 25)



OSD to Comoros (23 to 26 Mar 25)

C. Visit of ICG Delegation to United Kingdom.

A two-member ICG delegation visited United Kingdom from 01 to 14 Mar 2025 to participate in the SACEP-OCPP UK Strategic Expert Training for Oil Spill Responders. This specialised training program was organized under the framework of the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP) and the Oil Spill Contingency Planning Project (OCPP), supported by the United Kingdom.

D. Technical and Maintenance Support to Sri Lanka Coast Guard.

Indian Coast Guard provided critical technical and maintenance support to the Sri Lanka Coast Guard by servicing and refilling a Halon fire suppression bottle for SLCG ship Suraksha which was transshipped through an Indian Naval Ship to Sri Lanka. As part of the longstanding cooperation and maritime security collaboration between India and Sri Lanka, the ICG undertook the servicing and refilling of the Halon bottle, ensuring that SLCG Suraksha remained operationally ready and well-equipped for its missions. The successful execution of this technical support not only enhances the operational efficiency of SLCG Suraksha but also highlights the commitment of the Indian Coast Guard to assisting regional partners in maintaining maritime security and safety standards.



Technical and Maintenance Support to Sri Lanka Coast Guard

E. 19th ReCAAP GCM at Singapore.

The 19th 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 11 to 14 Mar 25. The ReCAAP ISC is a key regional organization that facilitates multilateral

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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. Indian Coast Guard delegation led by Inspector General Anupam Rai, Deputy Director General (Operation & Coastal Security) participated in the meeting.



19th ReCAAP GCM at Singapore

On the sidelines of the 19th GCM, DDG (Ops & CS) met H.E. Dr Shilpak Ambule, High Commissioner of India, Singapore and also interacted with Mr. Teo Eng Dih, Acting Chairperson of ReCAAP Governing Council.



Interaction with HCI, Singapore

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Interaction with Acting Chairperson of ReCAAP Governing Council

F. Visit of ICG Delegation to Madrid, Spain.

The Indian Coast Guard delegation led by Inspector General Bhisham Sharma, PTM, TM, participated in the World Border Security Congress 2025 in Madrid, Spain from 25 to 27 Mar 25. The delegation's participation underscored India's commitment to enhancing maritime security and fostering international cooperation in addressing border security challenges.



Visit of ICG delegation to Madrid, Spain

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 HQs (North West)	Op Sajag	20 Mar 25
(ii)	Regional HQs (West)	Op Sajag	20 Mar 25
(iii)	Regional HQs (North East)	Sagar Kavach	19-20 Mar 25 (OD)-01/25
(iv)	Regional HQs (A&N)	Op Sajag	20 Mar 25

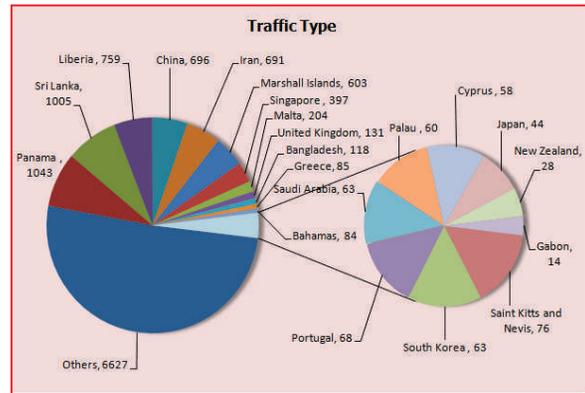
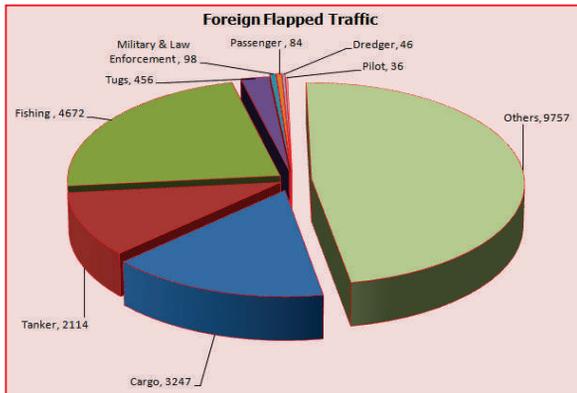
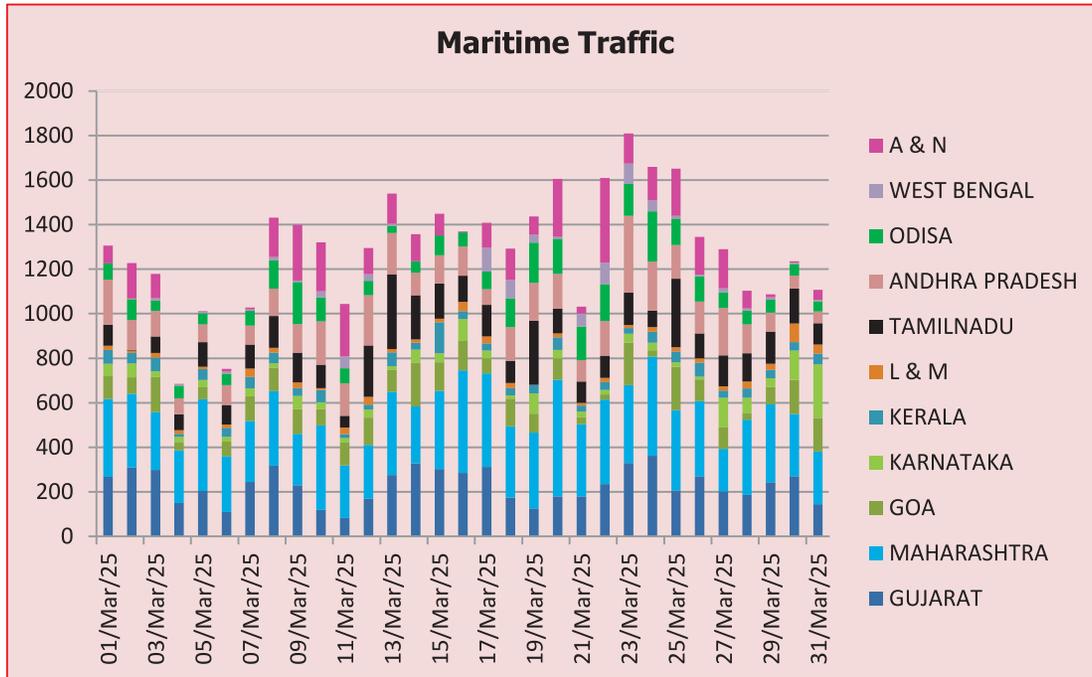
B. Coastal Surveillance Network (CSN).

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

C. Coastal Maritime Traffic.

Indian Coast Guard monitored 20,510 distinct AIS transmissions on CSN network along Indian coast in the month of Mar 25. Traffic share of India, Panama, Liberia, Marshal Island, China & Hong Kong and Singapore stood at 37%, 05%, 04%, 03%, 03% and 02% respectively. The larger share of Indian flagged traffic is attributed to coastal traffic. Traffic share of Cargo and Tanker vessels are 16% and 10% respectively. The CSN detected large number of vessels at extended ranges due to anaprop conditions existing in the month of Mar 25. A total of 2,522 vessels were investigated by ICG ROSs. The state-wise, flag-wise and type-wise traffic pattern is depicted overleaf:-

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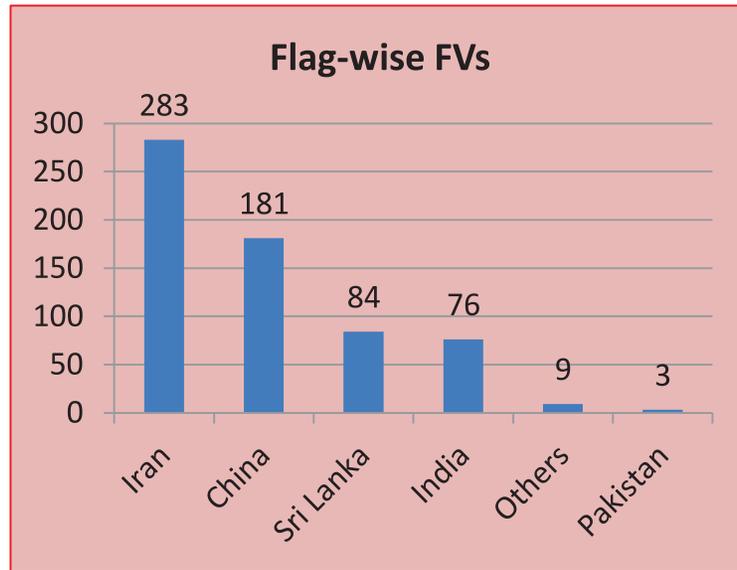
D. Fishing Activity in North Indian Ocean.

A total of 3391 Fishing Vessels (FVs) were observed transmitting on AIS in Northern Indian Ocean in the month of Mar 25. The analysis of fishing activities is based upon kinematics such as low speed. The data towards numbers of FVs have been garnered from AIS transmission. However, the actual numbers of FVs may be higher than the reported data as many FVs may not be transmitting on AIS. The area wise analysis of FVs operating in Bay of Bengal & Arabian Sea (beyond EEZ) and Indian EEZ for the month of Mar 25 is as follows:-

- (i) **Arabian Sea (Beyond EEZ).** Total of 636 FVs were observed transmitting on AIS and appreciated to be engaged in fishing. Out of these, numbers of Iranian, Chinese, Sri Lankan, Indian, Pakistani and

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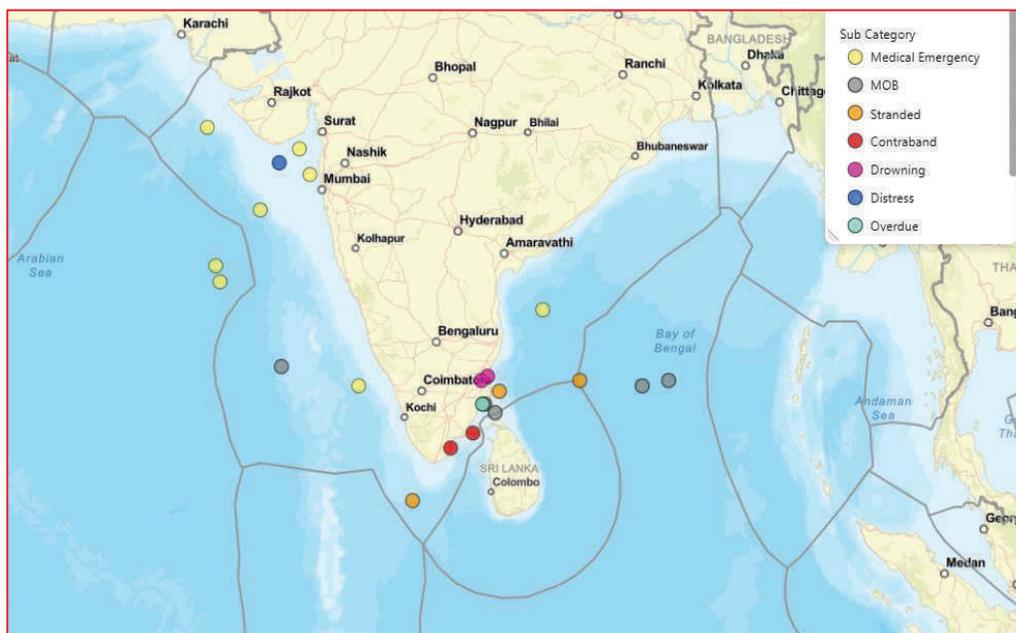
others FVs are 45%, 28%, 13%, 12%, 1% and 1% respectively. Six Chinese flagged fish carrier (Reefers) were observed operating in Arabian Sea.



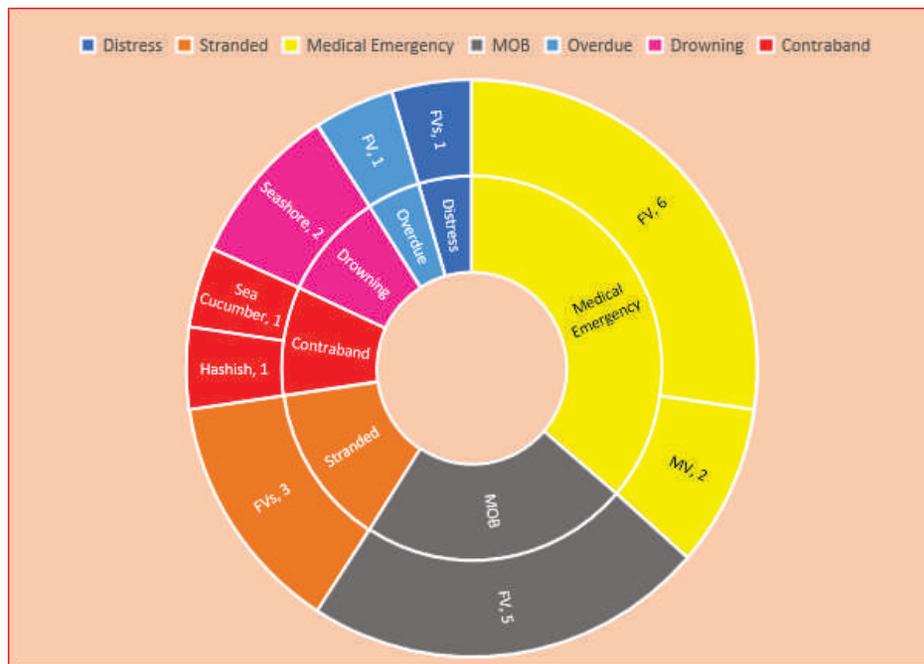
(ii) **Indian EEZ.** A total of 2664 Indian flagged FVs were observed transmitting on AIS.

(iii) **Bay of Bengal (Beyond EEZ).** A total of 69 Sri Lankan and 22 Indian FVs were observed transmitting on AIS and appreciated to be engaged in fishing. No other flagged FVs observed transmitting on AIS at high seas in Bay of Bengal.

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



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

(i) **Maritime Incidents.** A total of 22 incidents comprising of Maritime Incidents (20) and Contraband Smuggling (02) were reported in Maritime Zones/Search and Rescue Region of India in Mar 25.

(aa) **Distress.** One (01) Incident of distress was reported from Indian Fishing Boat which occurred due to collision with unknown vessel. Out of 08 crew, 03 fishermen were rescued by local IFB, 01 body recovered by local IFB and 04 fishermen were missing.

(ab) **Stranded.** Three (03) incidents of stranded IFBs were reported due to mechanical failure. All three boats were towed by other fishing boats and reached harbour safely.

(ac) **Medical Emergency.** Medical Emergency was reported onboard six (06) IFB, one MV (01) and one MT (01). ICG evacuated 06 patients, three (03) patients were evacuated by *IN Sea King* helicopter whereas one (01) patient was evacuated by tug arranged by local agent.

(ad) **Man Overboard (MOB).** Five (05) cases of 'MOB' were reported from Indian Fishing Boats.

(ae) **Overdue.** One (01) incident of overdue IFB was reported during the month.

(af) **Drowning.** Two (02) cases of drowning were reported from sea shore in Puducherry and Chennai which were linked to tourism activities on beach.

(ii) **Contraband.** Two incidents of contraband seized were reported in the month of Mar 25. ICG seized 29.950 Kg of Hashish Oil worth aprox Rs 32.94 Crore from dumb barge towed by Tug TB Shwe Lin Yone off Tuticorin in coordination with DRI while 200 Kg of Sea Cucumber worth Rs 80 Lakh was seized off Mandapam.

(iii) **IUU Fishing.** One incident of IUU fishing was reported in Maritime Zones of India (MZI). ICG apprehended one Myanmar fishing boat alongwith 14 crew.

FISHERIES & ENVIRONMENT

A. Apprehension of one Myanmar Boat alongwith 14 crew.

On 11 Mar 25, Indian Coast Guard Ship C-428 whilst on patrol, apprehended one Myanmar fishing boat alongwith 14 crew 15 N miles West of Rutland (A&N) for violation of MZI Act 1981. The apprehended fishing boat alongwith crew was brought to Sri Vijaya Puram and handed over to A&N Police.



Apprehension of one Myanmar Boat alongwith 14 crew

B. Hazardous & Noxious Substances (HNS) Operational Level Course at RMPRC, Chennai.

Hazardous & Noxious Substances (HNS) Operational Level Course was conducted by International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation (ITOPF) at Regional Marine Pollution Response Centre (RMPCC), Chennai from 04 to 07 Mar 25. 29 ICG Officers participated in the course. This workshop strengthened ICG's ability to handle HNS contingencies.



HNS Operational Level Course at RMPRC, Chennai

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

The purchase made through GeM portal during the month of Feb 25 was ₹ 48,26,71,540.04 (Rupees Forty Eight Crore Twenty Six Lakh Seventy One Thousand Five Hundred Forty and Four 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
–	18 (Under Process)

C. Visit of Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri, Shri Sanjay Seth to CGRHQ (NE), Kolkata.

On 02 Mar 25, Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri, Shri Sanjay Seth visited Coast Guard Regional Headquarters (North East), Kolkata. During the visit, he was briefed on recent operational activities and progress on Coastal Security.



Visit of Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri, Shri Sanjay Seth to CGRHQ (NE)

D. Conduct of M-SAR Workshop at Vizag.

On 05 Mar 25, ICG DHQ-06 conducted a Maritime Search and Rescue (M-SAR) Workshop at Vizag. The aim of the workshop was enhancing safety measures for seafarers/fishermen.



Conduct of M-SAR Workshop at Vizag

E. Conduct of Regional Maritime Search & Rescue Exercise at Vadinar, Gujarat.

ICG Station Vadinar, Gujarat conducted a Regional Maritime Search & Rescue Exercise from 05 to 06 Mar 25. During exercise, latest M-SAR tech demonstration & SAR Sea-exercise was conducted by ICG ships, aircraft and stakeholders. Real time simulation of Mass Rescue Operation with active participation from local agencies was also exercised.



Conduct of Regional Maritime Search & Rescue Exercise at Vadinar, Gujarat

F. Conduct of XXX NAVGUARD Meeting at CGHQ, New Delhi.

On 18 Mar 25, XXX NAVGUARD meeting between Indian Coast Guard and Indian Navy was conducted at Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi. The event underscored the commitment towards bolstering partnership and synergy between the two maritime forces. The meeting co-chaired by VCNS and DGICG was focused on key aspects for collaboration including operations, interoperability, training, common infrastructure and workforce optimization to strengthen maritime and coastal security.



XXX NAVGUARD Meeting at CGHQ, New Delhi

G. MoU with State Bank of India.

On 19 Mar 25, Indian Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi signed a Memorandum of Understanding with State Bank of India. This MoU provides an array of benefits to Coast Guard personnel.



MoU with State Bank of India

H. Visit of 48 Indian Army CTW cadets onboard ICGS Sujay.

On 20 Mar 25, 48 Indian Army CTW cadets embarked onboard Indian Coast Guard Ship Sujay for enriching experience, gaining invaluable insights into maritime operation and inter service cooperation.



Visit of 48 Indian Army CTW cadets onboard ICGS Sujay

J. Conduct of Plate Cutting Ceremony.

On 24 Mar 25, Plate Cutting ceremony for the 3rd of 06 Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPV) and 2nd of 14 FPV projects for Indian Coast Guard was conducted at Mazagon Dock Ltd, Mumbai. This milestone in ships construction features cutting-edge tech like AI-based maintenance & drones.



Plate Cutting Ceremony

K. Passing Out Parade of the 09th Dornier Conversion Course.

On 25 Mar 25, Indian Coast Guard Air Station Daman conducted the Passing Out Parade of the 09th Dornier Conversion Course. Trainee Officers received their Aviators wings, marking the successful completion of their conversion.



Passing Out Parade of the 09th Dornier Conversion Course

अमर उजाला
09-03-25

मालदीव जा रहे जहाज से 33 करोड़ का हशीश तेल जब्त, नौ गिरफ्तार

चेन्नई। भारतीय तटरक्षक बल और डीआरआई ने मालदीव जा रहे एक जहाज से 33 करोड़ रुपये का



हशीश तेल जब्त किया और उसके चालक दल के नौ सदस्यों को तस्करी के आरोप में गिरफ्तार कर लिया। रक्षा विभाग ने एक वयान में कहा, खुफिया सूचना के आधार पर पांच मार्च को तटरक्षक बल

(आईसीजी) व राजस्व खुफिया निदेशालय (डीआरआई) ने मिलकर अभियान चलाया। आईसीजी ने संदिग्ध जहाज का पीछा किया और मन्नार की खाड़ी के दक्षिण में उसे रोक लिया। जांच के दौरान उसमें लगभग 30 किलो हशीश तेल बरामद किया गया। एजेसी

नवोदय टाइम्स
12-03-25

समुद्री सहयोग में मजबूती लाने के लिए सेशेल्स पहुंचा 'सक्षम'



नई दिल्ली, 12 मार्च (ब्यूरो): भारतीय तटरक्षक बल के अपतटीय गश्ती पोत सक्षम ने बुधवार को सेशेल्स के पोर्ट विक्टोरिया में बंदरगाह पर दस्तक दी।

इस तीन दिवसीय यात्रा का उद्देश्य समुद्री सहयोग को मजबूत करना और क्षेत्रीय भागीदारी को बढ़ावा देना है। पोत के चालक दल के सदस्य स्थानीय गणमान्य व्यक्तियों से उच्च स्तरीय मुलाकात करेंगे। इन मुलाकातों से अंतर-संचालन क्षमता बढ़ेगी।

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19-03-25

ICGS Saksham visiting Antsiranana, Madagascar

New Delhi: The Indian Coast Guard's Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) ICGS Saksham, made a port call at Antsiranana, Madagascar as part of its ongoing overseas deployment to Friendly Foreign countries in the Indian Ocean region. This visit marks a significant milestone in strengthening maritime cooperation between India and Madagascar.

During the visit, the crew of ICGS Saksham will engage in professional interactions with the Madagascar Coast Guard, focusing on Marine Pollution Response (MPR), Maritime Search and Rescue (M-SAR), and Maritime Law Enforcement. Activities will include cross-deck training, joint cultural events, and friendly sports competitions. The visit aims to reinforce ties between the Indian Coast Guard and its Madagascar counterparts while showcasing India's shipbuilding capabilities, supporting the concept of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and



As part of its engagement, ICGS Saksham will provide specialized training to maritime agencies of Madagascar in Marine Pollution Response (MPR). This training will focus on effective strategies for responding to oil spills, chemical spills, and other forms of marine pollution. The training is designed to enhance the capacity of Madagascar's maritime agencies to ad-

dress environmental emergencies, ensuring a safer and more sustainable marine ecosystem in the region.

Additionally, 10 National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets and 10 Assam Rifles personnel onboard ICGS Saksham will participate in Environment Protection activities such as Beach Cleanup and Awareness Programs in collaboration with local youth organizations.

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22-03-25

Indian Navy and Coast Guard save three lives

The Indian Navy and Coast Guard on Friday saved three lives, including two critically injured, from Merchant Vessel Heilan Star from far out at sea. The evacuated were two Chinese and an Indonesian. At first light on Friday, a Sea King helicopter from Vikrant carried out a challenging winching operation to evacuate the crew.



“वयम् रक्षामः”

“WE PROTECT”