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INDIAN COAST GUARD APPREHENDS TWO BANGLADESHI FISHING BOATS FOR ILLEGAL FISHING IN INDIAN EEZ

New Delhi, 18 Dec 2025: Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Ship, while undertaking routine surveillance operations in the Northern Bay of Bengal on 16 Dec 25, apprehended two Bangladeshi Fishing Boats (BFBs) along with 35 crew members for engaging in illegal fishing activities inside India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

The arrests were made for violation of Maritime Zones of India (MZI) (Regulation of Fishing by Foreign Vessels) Act, 1981. The presence of active fishing gear and approximately 500 kilograms of fish catch clearly indicated ongoing fishing operations inside Indian waters.

The apprehended boats and crew were taken into custody by the ICG and subsequently handed over to the Marine Police, Frazerganj, on 17 Dec 25 for further legal proceedings in accordance with applicable laws.

This apprehension underscores the ICG's steadfast commitment to safeguarding India's maritime interests, preventing illegal fishing, and ensuring the safety and security of Indian fishermen operating in the region. Over the last three months, the ICG has apprehended eight Bangladeshi fishing boats with 170 crew members for similar violations.

ICG continues to maintain a robust presence in India's maritime zones, enforcing maritime law and promoting responsible and lawful use of the seas.

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