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INTERACTION BETWEEN INDIAN COAST GUARD AND FINCANTIERI (ITALY)

New Delhi, 30 Apr 26: Bharatiya Tatrakshak hosted a distinguished Italian delegation, including senior representatives from Fincantieri Shipyard, at Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi, on 30 April 2026. Counselor Anna Ruffino, Head of the Economics and Innovation Department, Embassy of Italy, and Mr. Eugenio Santagata, Head of the Military Naval Vessel Division, Fincantieri, called on DG Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, Director General Indian Coast Guard.

The ensuing interaction, chaired by Inspector General Sudhir Sahni, TM, DDG (M&M), served as a focused and forward-looking platform to advance cooperation in shipbuilding, maritime technology, and capability development aligned with India's maritime security priorities. Discussions highlighted collaboration with Indian shipyards for future projects, with emphasis on advanced design features, including resilient hulls for higher sea states, enhanced bollard pull, integrated firefighting systems, and hybrid/electric propulsion. The dialogue also explored modular ship design for versatile, multi-role platforms with rapid operational adaptability.

Both sides deliberated on the indigenous development and co-development of niche technologies such as Dynamic Positioning systems, advanced thrusters, AI-enabled decision support, counter-unstaffed aerial systems (C-UAS)/anti-drone Defence, and next-generation green propulsion, in alignment with the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. The meeting reaffirmed a shared commitment to deepening industrial partnerships, advancing technological capability, and strengthening maritime cooperation, with both sides agreeing to sustain structured engagement going forward.

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