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Indian Coast Guard Commissions ICGS Achal at Goa Shipyard Limited

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The Indian Coast Guard commissioned the Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Achal at Goa Shipyard Limited in Goa, marking another important step in strengthening India's maritime security and coastal surveillance capabilities. ICGS Achal is the fifth Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) in a series of eight such vessels being built by Goa Shipyard Limited for the Indian Coast Guard. ?

Key Highlights

The ship is designed and built under the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiative.

It is equipped with:

Advanced navigation systems

Modern communication equipment

High-speed operational capability

The vessel will strengthen:

Coastal surveillance

Maritime security

Search and rescue operations

Anti-smuggling missions

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About ICGS Achal

Vessel Name: ICGS Achal

Type: Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV)

Commissioned By: Indian Coast Guard

Built By: Goa Shipyard Limited

Role: Maritime security & coastal patrol

Operational Focus: Surveillance, rescue & anti-smuggling

About Indian Coast Guard

Established: 1978

Ministry: Ministry of Defence

Headquarters: New Delhi

Current Director General: Paramesh Sivamani

Role: Maritime law enforcement & coastal security

Goa

Nickname: "Pearl of the Orient"

Capital: Panaji

Chief Minister: Pramod Sawant

Governor: Ashok Gajapati Raju

Important Terms & Definitions

Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV): A high-speed ship used for patrolling coastal waters and carrying out maritime security operations.

Maritime Security: Protection of a country's maritime boundaries, ports, and sea routes from threats.

Coastal Surveillance: Monitoring coastal areas and maritime zones to detect illegal or suspicious activities.

Search and Rescue (SAR): Operations conducted to locate and help people in distress at sea.

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