

## President's Tatrakshak Medal (PTM) and Tatrakshak Medal (TM)

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Why is in news? President approves Tatrakshak Medals to six Indian Coast Guard personnel

The President has awarded President's Tatrakshak Medal (PTM) and Tatrakshak Medal (TM) to the following Indian Coast Guard Personnel for their act of **conspicuous gallantry, exceptional devotion to duty and distinguished/meritorious service**.

The awards are being given to the **personnel of Indian Coast Guard** on the **occasion of Republic Day and Independence Day** every year, **since January 26, 1990**.

The **President's Tatrakshak Medal** (PTM) is given by the president of India while **Tatrakshak Medal** (TM) is generally given **by the defense minister of India**.

These are two highest awards conferred to coast guard.

It was originally established on **7 June 1989** to honour and encourage selfless devotion of the coast guard personnels.