



ICGS Sachet

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Recently, the Defence Minister of India has commissioned **Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Sachet** and **two Interceptor Boats (IBs) C-450** and **C-451** in Goa via video conference.

Key Points

- **ICGS Sachet**
 - 'Sachet' means **alert**.
 - It is the first in the series of five **Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs)** and has been designed and built **indigenously** by **Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)** and is fitted with **state-of-the-art navigation** and **communication equipment**.
 - The 105 metre long ship is designed to carry a twin-engine helicopter, four high speed boats, one inflatable boat for swift boarding and search and rescue operations.
 - The ship is also **capable of carrying limited pollution response equipment** to undertake oil spill pollution response at sea.
 - It is for the **first time in Indian maritime history** that a **ship was commissioned through digital medium**, maintaining strict protocol of social distancing in the backdrop of **Covid-19 pandemic**.
- **IBs C-450 and C-451**
 - These are **indigenously** designed and built by **Larsen & Toubro Shipyard, Hazira** and fitted with the **latest navigation and communication equipment**.
 - The two 30 metre long boats are **designed for** high speed interception, close coast patrol and low intensity maritime operations.
 - The **quick response capability** of the IBs makes it an ideal platform to respond and thwart any emerging maritime situation.
- The ICG, which is the **fourth largest Coast Guard in the world**, has established itself as a reliable force in **coastal security**.

- The ICG along with Indian Shipyards plays a major role in realising India's **SAGAR Vision (Security and Growth for All in the Region)** and **Make in India** or **Self-reliant India Mission (Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan)**.

Indian Coast Guard

- It was established on **18th August 1978** by the **Coast Guard Act, 1978** of the Parliament of India as an independent Armed force of India.
- It operates under the **Ministry of Defence**.
- **Headquarter:** New Delhi.
- It has jurisdiction over the territorial waters of India including **contiguous zone and exclusive economic zone** (EEZ).
- It is **responsible** for marine environment protection in maritime zones of India and is coordinating authority for response to oil spills in Indian waters.

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