



OPV Sajag

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Recently, the **Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) Sajag** got commissioned into the **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)**.



Key Points

- **About Sajag:**
 - It is **third out of five OPV** indigenously designed and built by the Goa Shipyard Limited. It is built under the **Make in India** policy.
 - Other four **OPVs** are Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) **Saksham, ICGS Sachet, ICGS Sujeet, and ICGS Sarthak.**
 - It is **fitted with advanced technology equipment, weapons and sensors** capable of carrying a twin engine helicopter and four high speed boats.
 - OPVs are **long-range surface ships** capable of coastal and offshore patrolling, policing maritime zones, control & surveillance, anti-smuggling & anti-piracy operations with limited wartime roles.
 - It will **help to manage greater responsibilities** in the years to come and will strengthen ICGs concurrent **multiple operations' capability** towards ensuring safe, secure and clean seas as also **responding promptly to maritime emergencies in neighbourhood.**
- **Indian Coast Guard:**
 - **About:**
 - It is an **Armed Force, Search and Rescue and Maritime Law Enforcement agency** under the Ministry of Defence.
 - It has a wide range of task capabilities for both surface and air operations. **It is one of the largest coast guards in the world.**
 - **Establishment:**
 - It was established on **18th August 1978** by the Coast Guard Act, 1978. It performs non-military functions.
 - The concept of forming ICG came into being after the **1971 war** the blueprint for a multidimensional Coast Guard was **conceived by the visionary Rustamji Committee.**
 - **Head and Headquarter:**
 - The organization is headed by the **Director General Indian Coast Guard (DGICG)** exercising his overall command and superintendence from the **Coast Guard Headquarters (CGHQ)** located at **New Delhi.**
 - **Jurisdiction:**
 - It has jurisdiction over the territorial waters of India including **contiguous zone and exclusive economic zone.**
 - **Function:**
 - Responsible for **marine environment protection** in maritime zones of India.
 - Acts as a **coordinating authority for responding to oil spills** in Indian waters.
 - Protects India's **maritime interests** and enforces its **maritime law.**

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