



## 40th Coast Guard Commanders' Conference

- Recently, the **Union Defence Minister** inaugurated the **40<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard Commanders' Conference**.
  - The conference agenda covers vital topics such as **improving [maritime safety and security](#)** , including **search and rescue**, **[pollution response](#)**, **[combating contraband and drug trafficking](#)**, **[ensuring the safety of fishermen and seafarers at sea](#)**, **optimizing coastal security**, **promoting inter-agency coordination**, and **enhancing [Maritime Domain Awareness](#)**.
- **ICG** was established in **1978** by the **[Coast Guard Act, 1978](#)** as an independent Armed force of India.
  - As the **fourth largest Coast Guard** in the world, it has played a significant role in securing the Indian coasts and enforcing regulations in the maritime zones of India.

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