## **ICGS Varaha Enhances Maritime Diplomacy in East Africa**

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Recently, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) ICGS Varaha conducted a significant port call at Maputo Port, Mozambique, as part of its strategic overseas deployment to East Africa.

- The visit aims to showcase India's shipbuilding capabilities and promote <u>"Aatmnirbhar</u> <u>Bharat."</u>
- The deployment strengthens ties between the ICG and Mozambique's maritime agencies.
- The visit aligns with the ICG's commitment to fostering bilateral relationships with Foreign Friendly Countries (FFCs) through maritime cooperation, aligning with India's maritime vision encapsulated in "SAGAR - Security and Growth for All in the Region" and the concept of "Global South."
- ICGS Varaha had previously visited Mombasa, Kenya, demonstrating continued diplomatic engagements in Africa.
  - The ICGS Varaha, the fourth in the series of seven 98-m OPV of the ICG.

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