

**Press Release**  
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**Cochin Shipyard Ltd delivers the Fast Patrol Vessel (BY 509) to the Indian Coast Guard**

Cochin Shipyard Limited delivered the ninth of the series of 20 Fast Patrol Vessels being built for the Indian Coast Guard, today. The Protocol of delivery and acceptance was signed by Capt RS Sundar, Director (Operations) on behalf of CSL and Commanding Officer (Designate) of the vessel Cmdt Anurag Chaudhari of Indian Coast Guard. DIG Vivek Vajpayee, Principal Director (Materials) of Indian Coast Guard, DIG TP Sadanandan, CGRPS (Kochi), Shri Paul Ranjan, Director (Finance)-CSL, Shri Sunny Thomas Director (Technical)-CSL were present on the occasion. The vessel is named "ICGS AMEYA" and will be operated by the Coast Guard Station at Karaikal.

2. Cochin Shipyard had signed the contract for the construction of the 20 Fast Patrol Vessels (FPV) for the Indian Coast Guard on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010. The first vessel in the series was delivered on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2013. In a span of one year the yard has been successful in delivering 8 fast patrol vessels to the Indian Coast Guard. Like its sister ships, "ICGS AMEYA" is a Fast Patrol Vessel capable speeds of 33 knots and will be very effective in supporting the Indian Coast Guard in its anti smuggling, anti piracy operations, fisheries protection and monitoring, since speed of the vessel is crucial in coastal security operations, the superstructure of these ships are made of aluminum. A considerable amount of innovation in welding and fabrication techniques were undertaken by CSL to achieve a very high quality product.

3. The ship is propelled by water jets powered by three Main Engines, each of capacity-2720 KW and built to the dual classification requirements of ABS and IRS.

4. Apart from the 20 Fast Patrol Vessels for the Indian Coast Guard, the yard is also constructing the most prestigious warship of the nation, the Indigenous Aircraft Carrier, and one Buoy Tender Vessel for Directorate of Light Houses and Light Ships, Govt. of India which was launched recently on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Nov 2014.

5. Despite the recessionary trends in the Shipping Industry, Cochin Shipyard continues to deliver high quality vessel. The shipyard has delivered high quality platform support vessel to Norwegian/ European owners. The yard has so far delivered about 30 high end offshore support vessel to the industry in the last 06 years.

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