

Press Release

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Cochin Shipyard Limited delivers the Fast Patrol Vessel (BY 515) to the Indian Coast Guard

1. Today, CSL delivered “ICGS Arinjay”, the fifteenth vessel in the series of twenty Fast Patrol Vessel under construction for the Indian Coast Guard, more than 2 months ahead of the contractual schedule. The Protocol of Delivery and Acceptance was signed between Shri Sunny Thomas, Director (Technical), CSL and Commanding Officer (Designate) of the vessel Cmdt. Ajay Kumar Mudgal. DIG T.P. Sadanandan, Principal Director (Materiel), DIG G. Devanand, CGRPS (KOC) and other senior officials of ICG and CSL were present on the occasion. The vessel will be operated from the Coast Guard Station at Okha, Gujarat.
2. These Fast Patrol Vessels are primarily intended for patrolling within the Exclusive Economic Zone & Coastal Patrol, carrying out anti smuggling, anti piracy and search & rescue operations, and for fisheries protection & monitoring. They also have a secondary role of providing a communication link, and escort coastal convoys, in times of hostilities and war.
3. The fourteenth ship of the series “ICGS Apoorva” was delivered on 31st July 2015 almost 2 months ahead of the contractual schedule. By achieving the FPV deliveries once in 1.5 to 2 month intervals as against the contractual requirement of once in 3 months, the yard is planning to complete the contract much ahead of schedule, thus ensuring the coastal security of the nation.
4. The launching of the 18th Ship and the keel laying of the 19th ship was carried out on the 28th of last month. The last vessel of the order is to be delivered by Mar 2017 as per the contract with ICG. However, with the current pace of construction, Cochin Shipyard is targeting to accomplish this by mid of 2016, much ahead of schedule.
5. This is a clear evidence of Cochin Shipyard’s commitment towards our nation. 13 vessels delivered have already been commissioned into the service of the Indian Coast Guard and are vigilantly guarding our great nation’s vast coastline.

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