

**Press Release
29 January 2016**

**CSL LAUNCHES THE 20TH AND LAST IN THE SERIES FAST PATROL VESSEL
ORDERED BY COAST GUARD**

Cochin Shipyard, today, launched the 20th Fast Patrol Vessel, the last in the series (CSL Yard No BY 520) which is under construction for the Indian Coast Guard. The ship was launched by the Honourable Mayor of Kochi, Smt Soumini Jain.

The event was witnessed by Shri Madhu S Nair, CMD, CSL, DIG G Devanand, CGRPS (Kochi) and other senior officials and employees of Coast Guard and CSL.

The Honourable Mayor broke the ceremonial coconut and named the vessel "ICGS Ayush"

CSL delivered the 16th Ship of the series to the Indian Coast Guard on the 12th Jan 2016, two months ahead of schedule.

These Coast Guard ships are intended for anti piracy, fisheries protection and monitoring, coastal patrol, anti smuggling and for search and rescue operations. So far, we have delivered 16 such ships to the Indian Coast Guard and the rest are progressing ahead of schedule. Though CSL has contracted to deliver the twentieth Vessel by March 2017, with the current pace of construction, Cochin Shipyard would be able to deliver the 20th ship in the year 2016 itself.

CSL is building two Ro-Ro Ferries for the Corporation of Kochi, delivery of which is slated this year. These ferries, fitted with all modern equipments would be a boon for the islanders in Kochi.

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