

ICGS Ajit and ICGS Aparajit

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Recently, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) launched two advanced Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs) — ICGS Ajit and ICGS Aparajit — at Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL).

About ICGS Ajit and ICGS Aparajit

- These two vessels are the seventh and eighth in a series of eight indigenously built Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs).
- **Built By:** The Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL).

Features of ICGS Ajit and ICGS Aparajit

- **Design:** 52 metres in length and displacing **320 tonnes**,
- **Propulsion:** These vessels are equipped with **Controllable Pitch Propellers (CPP)** offering superior manoeuvrability and propulsion efficiency.

- **Roles:** They are capable of multi-mission roles including **fisheries protection**, coastal patrol, anti-smuggling, **anti-piracy and search & rescue operations**, particularly around India's island territories and **Exclusive Economic Zone**.

Key Facts about the Indian Coast Guard

- It was formally established in **1978 by the Coast Guard Act, 1978** as an independent armed force of India.
- **Administration:** The organization is headed by the Director General Indian Coast Guard (DGICG).
- **Nodal ministry:** It operates under the Ministry of Defence.
- **Headquarter:** New Delhi

Functions of Indian Coast Guard

- **Ensuring the safety and protection of** artificial Islands, offshore terminals, installations and other structures and devices in any maritime zone.
- **Providing protection and assistance** to fishermen in distress while at Sea.
- **Preservation and protection** of our maritime environment including prevention and control of marine pollution.
- **Enforcement** of Maritime Zones of India Act.

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