

Press Release

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Cochin Shipyard Limited delivers the Fast Patrol Vessel (BY 517)

to the Indian Coast Guard

1. Today, CSL delivered “ICGS Arush”, the Seventeenth vessel in the series of twenty Fast Patrol Vessel under construction for the Indian Coast Guard, ahead of the contractual schedule. The Protocol of Delivery and Acceptance was signed between Shri Suresh Babu NV, Director (Operations), CSL and Commanding Officer (Designate) of the vessel Cmdt. Pramod Pokhriyal. DIG T.P. Sadanandan, Principal Director (Materiel), Shri Madhu S. Nair, CMD, CSL, 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 Porbander, 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 sixteenth ship of the series “ICGS Arnvesh” was delivered on 12th of January 2016 almost 3 months ahead of the contractual deadline.
4. Of the remaining 3 vessels to be delivered, the Builder’s sea trials of 2 vessels have been completed and the last vessel in the series BY 520 has been launched on the 29th of Jan 2016 and is presently undergoing outfitting works.
5. This is a clear evidence of Cochin Shipyard’s commitment towards our nation. 16 vessels delivered have already been commissioned into the service of the Indian Coast Guard and are vigilantly guarding our great nation’s vast coastline. The actual scheduled completion of the project is Mar 2017.

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