

## **Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Samarth visits Mombasa**

ICGS Samarth paid a goodwill visit to the Port of Mombasa (Kenya) from 09 to 13 February 2016. This visit to Mombasa was aimed at further strengthening the friendly bilateral relations between India and #Kenya.

2. During her stay at Mombasa, [#ICGS](#) Samarth interacted with Kenyan Navy. High Commissioner H. E. Ms. Suchitra Durai and Commanding Officer of the Ship DIG Rakesh Pal hosted a reception onboard. Conducted tours of the ship were organized for public including school children. The ship's crew participated in philanthropic activity at a local charity organization in Mombasa. [#Mombasa](#) [#IndiainKenya](#)

3. ICGS Samarth is designed and indigenously built by M/s Goa Shipyard Limited, #India. The ship is on her maiden overseas visit and has, thus far, visited Port Victoria (Seychelles), Port Louis (Mauritius) and Toamasina (Madagascar) after departing from her last Indian port, Kochi for the current deployment. ICGS Samarth is 105-meter long Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) and the first of its Class. She was commissioned at Goa on 10 November 2015. The ship draws 2457 tons and is propelled by two 9100 KW diesel engines capable of attaining a maximum speed of 26 knots. At economical speed, the ship has an endurance of 10000 nautical miles and can stay at sea for 20 days without any replenishment. With a complement of nine officers and 91 men trained in varied disciplines, Samarth is capable of meeting various maritime tasks required of the Indian Coast Guard charter.

4. 'Samarth' is a Hindi word which, in English, means "Capable". The ship has an underlying punchline of Honour, Courage & Commitment and symbolizes the capability of the Indian Coast Guard to reach its allies across the globe.

5. ICGS Samarth is equipped with state-of-the-art Navigation & Communication equipment, sensors and machineries, which include an Integrated Bridge System, Integrated Machinery Control System, Power Management System, High Power External Fire Fighting System (ABS Fi-Fi Class-1) and one indigenous 40/60 Gun Mount. The ship is designed to carry one twin-engine Light Helicopter and five high-speed boats for Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement and Maritime Patrol tasks at sea. The ship is also capable of carrying Pollution Response equipments to combat any oil spill contamination at sea. The ship is fitted with the advanced Global Maritime Distress and Safety System making her an apt platform to undertake Search and Rescue operations in Indian Search and Rescue Region.

6. ICGS Samarth has played an active role in the Indian Coast Guard by being involved in various security and anti-piracy operations in the Sea Lanes of Communication around India and around the Indian islands of Lakshadweep and Minicoy. During the current deployment, the ship was also involved in escorting, replenishing and the gifting of an Indian Interceptor Boat C- 405 to the Seychelles Coast Guard on 21 January 2016.



DIG Rakesh Pal, Commanding Officer of ICGS Samarth pays a courtesy call on High Commissioner



The crew of ICGS Samarth visited Kenya Naval Base



ICGS Samarth



Visit to Ship by School Children



Official Reception on board ICGS Samarth



High Commissioner H.E. Ms. Suchitra Durai addresses the guests during Official Reception on board ICGS Samarth

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