

Indian Coast Guard Ship VISHWAST under the command of Deputy Inspector General T Sashi Kumar, Tatrakshak Medal is stationed at Port Klang, Malaysia on a goodwill visit from 04 to 07 Feb 2015. The visit commemorates the long friendship and maritime cooperation between the two nations.

India and Malaysia share many areas of common interest and concerns including defense and economic co-operation, science and technology etc. The Indian Coast Guard and Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency both share common perceptions on measures to fight Piracy at Sea, Search and Rescue Operations, Law Enforcement Measures, Pollution Control Measures, Protection of Oil and Energy Resources and Maritime Patrolling.

ICG Ships have been visiting Malaysian ports over the past several years. On each occasion, mutual interactions were held with the law enforcement agencies in Malaysia, including the MMEA, for enhancement of bilateral cooperation in maritime issues of mutual concern. Malaysian officials have also visited India on a number of occasions like the International Maritime Search and Rescue Conference and Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting. Interactions between ICG and MMEA have contributed towards enhancement of maritime relations between India and Malaysia.



ICGS Vishwast is the first of its class of Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) and has been designed and built indigenously by M/s Goa Shipyard Limited, India. The ship was commissioned by Shri AK Antony, the then Defense Minister of India on 17 Mar 2010. 'Vishwast' meaning "Trustworthy" is a projection of Indian Coast Guard will and motivation to "Strive for Excellence". The ship, which is equipped with the most advanced and sophisticated navigational and communication sensors and equipment, is capable of embarking the indigenously produced Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH). The special features of the ship include an Integrated Bridge System (IBS), Integrated

Machinery Control System (IMCS), high power External Fire Fighting System and indigenously built Gun Mount. The ship is 94 meters long with GRT of 2400 tons and is propelled by 9100KW twin diesel engines to a maximum speed of 26 knots. It has an endurance of 4500 nautical miles and is an ideal platform for extended deployments at sea without any replenishment.

The ship is undertaking extensive patrolling off the Oilfield Development Area (ODA) and Island territories for the EEZ surveillance, Search and Rescue missions, Coordinated Pollution Response missions and such other duties as enshrined in Coast Guard Charter.

The officers of the Ship will call on senior officials of MMEA and civil and military dignitaries during the Ship's stay at Port Klang. A number of social interactions between the Indian Coast Guard and Malaysian Maritime Agency including sports fixtures have also been planned. The Ship will be kept open to visitors from 10.30 AM to 12.30 PM on 06 February 2015.