

Indian Coast Guard organises Seminar on Coastal Security

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Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Headquarters (Eastern Seaboard) conducted a seminar on '*Strengthening Coastal Security through Surveillance, Technology, and Inter Agency Coordination*' from 31 July to 01 August 25 at Visakhapatnam. The objectives of the seminar include holistic assessment of the coastal security mechanism, identification of issues encountered by coastal states and stakeholders, and a brainstorming to derive measures to address existing shortcomings.

It may be noted that the coastal security construct has evolved considerably over the past decade, with an ever increasing need for collaborative efforts by all stakeholders to ensure the nation's coastal security. The seminar sought to achieve synergy in the efforts of these stakeholders.

The seminar was organised *under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Rajendra Kumar, Secretary (Border Management), Ministry of Home Affairs*. Apart from ICG representatives, senior dignitaries and representatives from the Intelligence Bureau, Customs, Narcotics Control Bureau, Coastal Security Police of various states, Ports, Fisheries departments, and other relevant agencies also participated.

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