

GSL-Made Fast Patrol Vessel ICGS Akshar Commissioned into Indian Coast Guard

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Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Akshar, the second in a series of eight Adamya-class Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs), was commissioned at Karaikal, Puducherry on October 4, 2025. The 51-metre-long vessel has been designed and built indigenously by Goa Shipyard Limited, embodying the spirit of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. With over 60% indigenous content, ICGS Akshar stands as a testament to India's growing maritime capabilities under the Government's 'Make in India' initiative.

The ship displaces approx. 320 tons and is propelled by two 3,000 KW diesel engines, enabling a maximum speed of 27 Knots. It has an endurance of 1,500 nautical miles at an economical speed. ICGS Akshar is fitted with indigenously developed two Controllable Pitch Propellers (CPP) and gearboxes, offering superior maneuverability, operational flexibility and enhanced performance at sea. Its weaponry includes a 30 mm CRN 91 gun and two 12.7 mm Stabilized Remote-Controlled Guns (SRCG), integrated with fire-control systems. The vessel also features an Integrated Bridge System (IBS), Integrated Platform Management System (IPMS), and Automated Power Management System (APMS), augmenting operational efficiency and automation.

The ship will be based at Karaikal, Puducherry, under the administrative and operational control of Commander Coast Guard Region (East) through the Commander, Coast Guard District Headquarters No. 13. The vessel will be deployed for surveillance of maritime zones and undertaking other duties as enshrined in the Coast Guard charter.

ICGS Akshar was commissioned by Smt. Dipti Mohil Chawla, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Defence in the presence of Additional Director General Donny Michael, Coast Guard Commander, Eastern Seaboard along with senior dignitaries of the central and state government. The name 'Akshar' meaning 'imperishable', symbolises the ICG's steadfast resolve and commitment to ensuring safe, secure, and clean seas.

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