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“*Operation Sindoor* displayed seamless inter-service coordination within India's multi-layered maritime security system, and reaffirmed the role of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) as a frontline force,” said Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh as he graced the 50th Raising Day celebrations of ICG in New Delhi on February 01, 2026. He asserted that the operation was carried out during a time of heightened maritime sensitivity, and the ICG responded quickly & firmly, deployed strategic assets in advance, enhanced surveillance along the western coast, and maintained high alertness in coastal & creek areas. He described the ICG as a wall of trust on India's maritime border, stating that it demonstrated the true meaning of service to the nation.



Praising the ICG for fulfilling its responsibilities with utmost efficiency time-and-again, Raksha Mantri said: “From preventing terrorism, arms and human trafficking to controlling other illegal activities, ICG remains vigilant on every front. In an era of global instability and growing maritime threats, its responsibilities have increased even more. Its contribution in tackling challenges such as drug trafficking, piracy, illegal trade, and marine pollution is decisive. Saving over 11,800 lives at sea since its inception clearly demonstrates its courage, skill, and sense of duty. Be it cyclones, maritime accidents, or regional humanitarian missions like Operation Sagar Bandhu, it has demonstrated prompt response, compassion, and a professional approach. Multi-agency coordination, the role of first responders in disaster management, and the display of humanity, along with professionalism, strengthen national security,” he said.

Shri Rajnath Singh termed ICG as one of the strongest pillars of national security, which has been transformed into a massive, modern, and powerful force equipped with advanced ships, helicopters, modern aircraft & best technologies. “ICG’s service to the nation is one of the reasons India speaks about its maritime interests with confidence, and devises plans for the blue economy, maritime security, and coastal development with clarity. The nation is proud of the ICG,” he said.

Raksha Mantri exhorted the ICG to prepare a clear, well-targeted, and visionary roadmap for the next 25 years as the nation marches forward towards the goal of Viksit Bharat @ 2047 with determination. He emphasised that the roadmap should not only encompass manpower planning and capability development, but also define where the ICG sees itself as an organisation in 2047. He also urged the ICG to focus on organisational and structural reforms that will make it more agile, responsive & future oriented. “If this introspection and reforms are initiated today, then on 100 years of our independence, the ICG will not only become a strong guardian of maritime security, but also a shining symbol of Viksit Bharat’s maritime prowess,” he said.



Reiterating that national security will always be of paramount importance to the Government, Shri Rajnath Singh extended the Ministry of Defence’s full support to the ICG’s endeavours. He voiced the resolve of making the ICG even more capable, modern, and effective. “As we celebrate the golden jubilee year, let us all take a pledge to build a stronger, more capable, and more vigilant Indian Coast Guard. We will take our country's maritime security to greater heights. Technologically empowering the ICG, enhancing its operational capabilities, and preparing it for future challenges are among the Government's priorities. Only

when the ICG is strong will India's maritime security be strengthened. And when our maritime borders are secure, India will be able to play its role with greater confidence not only at the regional level but also on the global stage,” he added.

On the occasion, Raksha Mantri unveiled the Swarnim Jayanti Logo, symbolising ICG's 50 years of unwavering vigilance, maritime security, and humanitarian service. He also released the 50-year Commemorative Stamp, paying tribute to the ICG's rich legacy and vital role in safeguarding India's maritime interests. A specially curated film highlighted the organisation's evolution, operational excellence, and steadfast commitment to national security, maritime safety, and environmental protection.



Shri Rajnath Singh also interacted with dignitaries, serving officers, and veterans during a High Tea, acknowledging their dedication & contributions. The event was attended by Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth, Minister of State for Rural Development and Communications Dr Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr Samir V Kamat and DG, ICG Director General Paramesh Sivamani.

As part of the celebrations, a solemn wreath laying ceremony was held at the National War Memorial, New Delhi to honour the brave personnel who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of the nation. Led by DG, ICG, the ceremony included a moment of silence, reflecting the nation's deep respect and gratitude.

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