Coast Guard ship ICGS Ajit commissioned; to be based at Okha, Gujarat

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News

ICGS Ajit, an 'Adamya'-class fast patrol vessel built indigenously by Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL), was commissioned into the Indian Coast Guard at Goa on 9 Oct 2026, with Dr Sirish Choudhary, Principal Integrated Financial Adviser (Coast Guard), presiding. Its home base is Okha, Gujarat (North-West region). It is 51.43 m long, does over 27 knots, has controllable-pitch propellers and over 60% indigenous content.

Key facts

Ship	ICGS Ajit – Adamya-class fast patrol vessel (one of 8)
Commissioning	9 Oct 2026, Goa Shipyard, Goa – home base Okha, Gujarat
Specs	51.43 m long; about 320 t; 27+ knots; 1,500 nm range
Armament	One 30 mm gun, two 12.7 mm guns
Roles	EEZ surveillance, search and rescue, anti-smuggling, fisheries protection, pollution response

Background

- Indian Coast Guard: raised 1 Feb 1977 (1 Feb is Coast Guard Day); Coast Guard Act 1978; under the Ministry of Defence; HQ New Delhi; motto 'Vayam Rakshamah' (We Protect).
- 5 regions: West (Mumbai), East (Chennai), North-East (Kolkata), Andaman & Nicobar (Port Blair), North-West (Gandhinagar) – Okha falls under North-West.
- Adamya class: a ₹473 crore contract with GSL for 8 ships in March 2022; the first, ICGS Adamya (Sept 2025, Paradip). Geography: Okha sits at the mouth of the Gulf of Kutch, Devbhumi Dwarka district.

Tamil Nadu link: the Coast Guard's Eastern Region HQ is in Chennai, with stations at Thoothukudi and Mandapam. Sister ship ICGS Akshar is based at Karaikal (Puducherry).

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