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Press Release

Goodwill Visit of Indian Coast Guard Ship ICGS Sarthak to Kuwait (9–13 December 2025)

Indian Coast Guard Ship ICGS Sarthak undertook a Goodwill Visit to Kuwait from 9–13 December 2025 in a demonstration of the strong ties that exist between India and Kuwait. The Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) which sailed from Porbandar Port located in the State of Gujarat is on its maiden overseas deployment, making Kuwait the first country that ICGS Sarthak has visited since being commissioned in 2021.

2. ICGS Sarthak under the leadership of DIG Mr. Thiam Newton was warmly received in Kuwait on 09 December 2025 by Kuwait Coast Guard, Kuwait Port Authorities, officials of the Embassy of India, and school children waving the Indian tricolour. Ambassador of India to Kuwait, HE Mrs. Paramita Tripathi, welcomed the Captain and crew of ICGS Sarthak to Kuwait and received a Guard of Honour onboard.

3. Ambassador Tripathi accompanied by the Commanding Officer of ICGS Sarthak DIG Mr. Thiam Newton, Deputy Chief of Mission Shri Sanjay Muluka, and Defence Attaché of the Embassy of India in Kuwait, Col Sarabjeet Singh, met the Commander of the Kuwait Navy, HE Major General Saif Alhamlan at the Mohammed Al-Ahmad Kuwait Naval Base on 10 December 2025. A meeting was also held with Director General of the Kuwait Coast Guard, HE Commodore Sheikh Mubarak Al Yousef Al Sabah, at the Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Kuwait Coast Guard Base.

4. As part of professional and cultural exchanges and engagement, a delegation from ICGS Sarthak visited training establishments of the Kuwait Navy, which helped build camaraderie and promote mutual understanding between the two sides.

5. A Yoga on Deck was held on ICGS Sarthak with the crew and members of the Indian community performing yoga together. The vessel welcomed distinguished visitors during the GoodwilVisit, including members of the Indian community and school children, who participated in guided tours of the OPV. A

reception was hosted onboard which was attended by senior officials from the Government of Kuwait, Kuwait Navy and Coast Guard, Ambassadors and Defence Attachés, and members of the Indian community.

6. ICGS Sarthak conducted a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with the Kuwait Navy (KNS GAROH) on 13 December 2025 which helped enhance operational interoperability and further strengthened maritime cooperation between India and Kuwait.

7. ICGS Sarthak, an Offshore Patrol Vessel designed in India and built by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), showcases India'indigenous maritime design and shipbuilding capabilities. The visit holds strategic significance, coinciding with one year since the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on India–Kuwait Defence Cooperation and underscores the enduring friendship and commitment of both nations to regional peace, security, and stability in the Gulf.

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