



L&T-built Offshore Patrol Vessel ICGS Varad was commissioned into the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) by Shri. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Shipping (Independent Charge) and Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertiliser Chemicals and II-B000321003000446005100475004430059004C3005C400443000F00

ICGS Varad set a record in Indian shipbuilding industry by becoming the first major defence ship to clear all Sea Acceptance Trials (SATs) in a single sea sortie, underlining the high quality of design and construction of these ships. The vessel is fifth in the series of seven Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) contracted by Ministry of Defence on L&T in March 2015.

Commissioning of ICGS Varad comes on the heels of launch of the sixth OPV ICGS Vajra a day before at the hands of Smt. Geeta M Mandaviya, wife of Shri Mansukh Mandaviya. Both ceremonies were held in the august presence of Director General K Natarajan, PTM, TM, Chief of Indian Coast Guard and other dignitaries.

Taking L&T's impeccable track record of early deliveries forward, ICGS Varad was also delivered ahead of contractual schedule like previous four OPVs. Further, the ICGS Varad was built and handed over after trials within 19.5 months from its keel-laying in Jul 18, which is a record in Defence shipbuilding in India.

The OPVs are about 97m long, 15m wide, have 3.6m draught, 2140 Tons displacement and have a range of 5000 Nautical Miles. They can attain a maximum speed of up to 26 knots. The entire design and construction process has been certified by American Bureau of Shipping and Indian Registrar of Shipping and overseen by the Indian Coast Guard's resident team at Kattupalli.

Within a decade from receipt of first defence shipbuilding order in Mar-2010, L&T has in-house designed, constructed and delivered 56 defence vessels so far in the true spirit of 'Make in India'. These include five Offshore Patrol Vessels, a Floating Dock and 50 Interceptor Boats with the remarkable achievement of delivering most of these vessels either ahead or on schedule – a new benchmark in the Indian shipbuilding industry.

Commenting on the commissioning, Larsen & Toubro, said: "I am delighted

Acceptance Trials in a single sea sortie. Such achievements, besides consistently ahead of scheduled deliveries, bears testimony to L&T's shipbuilding prowess that can be benchmarked against the global best."

"L&T offers a unique value proposition that includes world-class infrastructure, matured shipbuilding processes, stringent quality norms, complex project management capabilities,

robust financials for large value projects, and through-life support,” added Mr Subrahmanyam.

said: “Such accomplishments by ICGS Varad is a culmination of L&T’s excellence in every aspect of shipbuilding. We have delivered all 56 defence vessels so far with complete in-house design and construction, which is a shining example of ‘Make in India’. For over three decades, L&T has remained at the forefront of developing indigenous defence technologies. We are committed to significantly enhance our contribution to the Indian defence sector of ‘Make