

OPV Sajag

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In news

National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval commissioned the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) Sajag recently

About Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) Sajag

- OPV Sajag has been constructed by Goa Shipyard Limited.
- It is the third in a series of five offshore patrol vessels indigenously designed in line with Make in India' vision.
- This indigenously-built ship is fitted with advanced technology equipment, weapons and sensors capable of carrying a twin engine helicopter and four high speed boats.
- Sajag will strengthen its concurrent multiple operations' capability towards ensuring safe, secure and clean seas as also responding promptly to maritime emergencies in the neighbourhood.

Indian Coast Guard (ICG)

- The concept of forming ICG came into being post 1971 war, when it was assessed that maritime borders are equally vital as land borders.
- The blueprint for a multidimensional Coast Guard was conceived by the visionary Rustamji Committee even as the United Nations Convention of the Laws of the Sea (UNCLOS) was being negotiated and India's assets off Mumbai high were growing.
- The ICG, which was created through an Act of Parliament in 1978, has traversed a long journey in the last four decades.
- ICG is a multifarious force, undertaking concurrent

operations and being the first responder for any developing situation at sea.

- ICG being the 4th largest in the world with almost 160 ships and 62 aircraft

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