

Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery

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The Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against ships in Asia

Recently Indian Coast Guard (ICG) co-hosted 12th Capacity Building workshop with Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) Information Sharing Centre (ISC)

Capacity building workshop is organised annually by the ISC and is co-hosted by one of the contracting parties.

Aim and objective of the workshop

- The main objective of this workshop is to share updated situation of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia and best practices of Asian countries.
- The workshop also aims to deepen the knowledge of participants on various issues related with piracy and armed robbery such as international laws, prosecution process, forensics and emerging threats.

About ReCAAP

- The ReCAAP is the **first regional Government-to-Government agreement** to deal with piracy and armed robbery at sea in Asia.
- The ReCAAP Agreement was launched in November 2006 with 14 Asian Contracting Parties including North, Southeast, and South Asian countries. It has 20 Contracting Parties today, including Europe (Norway, the Netherlands, Denmark, and the United Kingdom),

Australia, and the United States.

- Presently 20 countries are members of ReCAAP.
- India played an active role in the setting up and functioning of ReCAAPIISC along with Japan and Singapore.
- Union Government has designated Indian Coastal Guard(ICG) as the focal point within India for ReCAAP.

Three pillars of Co-operation under ReCAAP

Information sharing, capacity building and mutual legal assistance are the three pillars of co-operation under the ReCAAP agreement.

An **ISC has been established at Singapore** to collate and disseminate the information among the contracting parties and the maritime community