

Centre for Maritime Security Studies
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3-day Orientation Course on Maritime and Coastal Security

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Concept Note

India's rich geographical and topographical diversity provides it both a unique strategic advantage as well as presents complex challenges to both continental and maritime security. Lying adjacent to one of the most vital sea-lanes of the world stretching from the Suez Canal and the Persian Gulf to the Straits of Malacca, India has a critical location along major commercial routes and energy lifelines. The Indian Ocean Region which extends up to the Western Pacific, Eastern Mediterranean, Central and Southern Indian Ocean is crucial to India's maritime interests and economic development. The importance of Indo Pacific as a prime geostrategic space, presents India with huge challenges, opportunities and responsibilities. India therefore has renewed its focus on cooperating and collaborating with like-minded countries in the region. India's vast coastline presents varied nature of security concerns that include possible landing of arms and explosives at isolated spots on the coast, infiltration of terrorists, use of the sea and the islands for criminal activities and smuggling of consumer and intermediate goods through the sea route. The absence of physical barriers on the coast and the presence of vital industrial and defence installations near the coast also enhance their vulnerability. Maritime and coastal security concerns have assumed greater significance in the aftermath of the terror attacks in Mumbai in November 2008. Since then, the Indian Government has taken several measures to strengthen coastal, offshore and maritime security including capacity augmentation of maritime security agencies for surveillance and patrol of the country's maritime zones; enhanced technical surveillance of coastal and offshore areas; establishment of mechanisms for inter-agency coordination; increased regulation of activities in the maritime zones; as also integration of the fishing and coastal communities.

Course Structure and Objectives

The 3-day orientation course will be structured around a combination of seminar format with substantive presentations by subject experts and interactive discussion. The course will enable participants to:

- gain an in-depth understanding of maritime and coastal security challenges and threats
- develop knowledge and skills necessary to effectively promote and achieve maritime security and good maritime governance
- examine and understand the domestic and international legal and policy requirements to achieve maritime security and governance goals

Target audience

The course is targeted to train around 30 participants comprising officials from the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, BSF, university, college faculty and PhD scholars engaged in research on maritime and coastal security, officials from concerned government agencies and other relevant stakeholders and actors such as from the port, shipping industry etc.

Resource persons from Naval War College	Themes to be covered
Capt. (Dr.) Gurpreet Khurana	UNCLOS, Geopolitics of Indo-Pacific
Capt. Himadri Das	Coastal Security
Capt. Raghvendra Mishra	India's Naval Strategy and Doctrine

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