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Indian Coast Guard Ship Sachet Makes Port Call at Mombasa

As part of its deployment to three African countries, Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Sachet will make a port call at Mombasa, Kenya from 17 to 21 September 2025.

2. The visit of ICGS Sachet to Mombasa reflects the close and cordial ties between India and Kenya as maritime neighbours. During the port call, personnel from both Coast Guards will engage in a series of professional interactions, ship visits, and friendly sports exchanges, all aimed at enhancing mutual cooperation and understanding.

3. ICGS Sachet is the first in the series of five 105-metre Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) built by M/s Goa Shipyard Limited. It was commissioned into service on 15 May 2020 by Shri Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Defence Minister of India. The ship, whose name means 'Conscious,' embodies the Indian Coast Guard's motto – "To Serve and Protect" – and its commitment to safeguarding the nation's maritime interests. ICGS Sachet is presently commanded by Deputy Inspector General Kamal Bharadwaj, who assumed command on 22 April 2025.

4. The vessel is equipped with advanced systems and machinery, including facilities for operating Advanced Light Helicopters, Pollution Response equipment, and the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System. These capabilities make it an ideal platform for executing the wide range of missions entrusted to the Indian Coast Guard in India's Search and Rescue Region.

5. As part of its stay in Mombasa, a deck reception will be hosted tomorrow onboard ICGS Sachet, with Rear Admiral Bruno L. Shioso, Director General, Kenya Coast Guard Service, as the Chief Guest. Further, the ship will be open to the people of Mombasa for visits on 21 September 2025, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

6. Following its stay in Kenya, the ship will continue its onward deployment to Cape Town, South Africa. On 21 September 2025, ICGS Sachet will also join Kenya Coast Guard Service Ship MV Doria in a Passage Exercise, further strengthening maritime cooperation between the two nations.

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