



9th National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-IX)

Recently, the 9th **National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-IX)** was conducted by the **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** off Vadinar, Gujarat.

- The NATPOLREX-IX accomplished its objective of testing the level of preparedness and coordination between various resource agencies to respond to a marine oil spill invoking provisions of the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOSDCP).
- The ICG deployed surface as well as air platforms including **Pollution Response Vessels (PRVs), Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs), indigenous Advanced Light Helicopter Mk-III, and Dornier Aircraft** configured for marine pollution response.
- The event also showcased India's industrial prowess in terms of the '**Make in India**' and vision of '**Aatmanirbhar Bharat**'.
- Apart from drawing up the NOSDCP, the Coast Guard has **established four Pollution Response Centers at Mumbai, Chennai, Port Blair and Vadinar.**

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