



Raising Day of ICG

The [Indian Coast Guard \(ICG\)](#) celebrated its 48th Raising Day on 1st February 2024.

- The interim **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** came into being on **1st February 1977**. The ICG in its present shape was **formally inaugurated on 18th August 1978 as an independent armed force** of the Union government with the enactment of the Coast Guard Act 1978, to prevent the [sea-borne smuggling](#) of goods that hampered the economy.
 - The ICG is India's maritime security force, the responsibilities of the ICG include offshore security, marine safety, and coastal security as well as **safeguarding India's [Exclusive Economic Zone \(EEZ\)](#)**.
- The force maintains order in international shipping lanes and India's vast seas.
- According to the [Comptroller and Auditor General of India](#), ICG department is ranked as the **fourth largest Coast Guard in the world**.

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