



Launch of Samudra Pratap

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Recently, the first indigenously built Pollution Control Vessel [Samudra Pratap](#) was launched in Goa.

- The Ship has been built by **Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)** for the [Indian Coast Guard \(ICG\)](#).
- It is for the **first time** that these vessels are being **designed and constructed indigenously**. The vessel will help to check the [oil spillage](#) in the country's sea coast.
- **Oilspill:**
 - An oil spill is the **release** of a liquid [petroleum hydrocarbon](#) into the environment, especially **marine areas**, due to human activity.
 - Oil spills may be caused by releases of crude oil from **tankers, offshore platforms, drilling rigs or wells**.
 - Oil on ocean surfaces harms aquatic life by **blocking sunlight** and **reducing [dissolved oxygen levels](#)**.
 - The **Deepwater Horizon oil spill (2010)** in the [Gulf of Mexico](#) is considered the largest and most famous oil spill in history.
 - [Oilzapping](#) is the new technique of using bacteria to **get rid of oil spills**.

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