

## Hon. E. Rameshwar Reddy, Raksha Mantri Commissions 51<sup>st</sup> L&T-built Warship

- x ICGS Varaha the 4<sup>th</sup> Offshore Patrol Vessel commissioned into Indian Coast Guard
- x All four OPVs built & designed in-house by L&T are delivered ahead of schedule
- x Fifth OPV will soon be ready for sea-trials

Chennai, Sep 25, 2019: L&T-built 51<sup>st</sup> defence vessel ICGS Varaha was commissioned into the service of Indian Coast Guard today at the hands of Shri Rajnath Singh, Raksha Mantri at Chennai. Demonstrating the unique track record once again and reemphasizing commitment to Make-in-India and to Maritime security, ICGS Varaha, the fourth of the series of seven Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs), is indigenously designed and built by L&T.

Alike the earlier three OPVs, ICGS Vikram (April 2018), ICGS Vijaya (August 2018) and ICGS Veera (February 2019), the fourth OPV ICGS Varaha (launched in Nov 2018) was also delivered ahead of schedule, within 17 months of delivering and commissioning of the lead warships. The fifth OPV named ICGS Varad, recently launched at the hands of Smt. Gargi Kaul, Secretary (Defence Finance) in August 2019 is getting finishing touches to ready for sea trials over coming weeks.

L&T was mandated by Ministry of Defence for design and construction of seven OPVs in 2014. L&T became the first company in India's private sector to deliver an in-house designed & built OPV to the Indian Coast Guard. The first OPV, ICGS Vikram had taken just 25 months from keel laying to completion - the shortest for any OPV in India, and in line with global benchmarks. Excellence in Design, Engineering & Modular Construction, coupled with meticulous planning and Industry 4.0 practices led to delivery of all vessels ahead of schedule.

The OPV is approx. 97m long, 15m wide, has 3.6m draught, 2140 T displacement and has a range of 5000 NM. She can attain maximum speed of up to 26 knots. The entire design and construction process has been certified by American Bureau of Shipping and Indian

Four Offshore Patrol Vessels to the Indian Coast Guard and one mega sized Floating Dock to the Indian Navy.

Commenting on the launch, Mr. S.N. Subrahmanyam, CEO & Managing Director , Larsen & Toubro, V D L G