

**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**FLAGGING OFF OF THE FIRST BATCH OF TUNA LONG LINER CUM GILLNET FISHING VESSELS FROM COCHIN SHIPYARD**

The First batch of Four (4 Nos.) Tuna Long Liner Cum Gillnetter Fishing Vessels designed and built by Cochin Shipyard Limited, for fishermen beneficiaries of Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamilnadu was flagged off today by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu, Thiru Edappadi K Palaniswamy. In this respect a ceremony was conducted in Cochin Shipyard Ltd attended by Shri Johny Tom IAS, Additional Director, Tamil Nadu Fisheries, Shri. K.S. Srinivas IAS, Chairman MPEDA, and Senior Officials of various other organizations connected with Fishing Industry in the presence of Shri. Madhu.S.Nair, Chairman – Cochin Shipyard and employees of Cochin Shipyard.

Cochin Shipyard is building a total of 16 Nos. Tuna Long Lining and Gillnetting fishing vessels under the diversification scheme of trawling fishing boats into deep sea fishing boats under Govt. of India Blue Revolution scheme with financial assistance from Government of India and Government of Tamilnadu. These vessels are designed and built as 'state of the art' high quality fishing vessels with modern navigation and communication equipment and advanced net hauling and liner winches. Other facilities include galleys, bio-toilet, refrigerated seawater system and stainless steel clad PUF insulated Fish Hold to preserve the fish catch. These boats are a great boon to Indian Fishing Community to migrate to more sustainable Deep Sea Fishing.

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