



10th **National Level Pollution Response Exercise** (Exercise: NATPOLREX-X)

Event

**Exercise: 10th National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-X).
Linked With: 27th National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOSDCP)
Meeting.**

Dates: 05–06 Oct 2025.

Location: Off the coast of Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Host: Indian Coast Guard (ICG).

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Participation

National: Central ministries, coastal state govts, major ports, oil handling agencies, maritime orgs.

International: 40+ foreign observers from **32 countries**.

Delegates: ~100 national delegates.

Objectives

Evaluate **India's preparedness** for marine oil spill incidents.

Test **inter-agency coordination** under NOSDCP framework.

Strengthen **national & international cooperation** in pollution response.

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Demonstrations

Deployment of ICG pollution response ships & aircraft.

Drills to showcase multi-tiered response strategy.

Highlight India's capability, technology integration & best practices.

Significance

Reaffirms India's commitment to marine environmental protection.

Links to vision of sustainable development & ecological responsibility.

Promotes maritime environmental stewardship in line with SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region).

Q1. The 10th edition of NATPOLREX (2025) is being held off the coast of:

- (a) Goa
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Chennai ✓
- (d) Kochi

Q2. NATPOLREX-X is linked with which annual/periodic meeting?

- (a) MILAN
- (b) NOSDCP ✓
- (c) INDRA
- (d) VARUNA

Q3. What is the full form of NOSDCP?

- (a) National Oil Spill Defence Control Plan
- (b) National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan ✓
- (c) Naval Oil Spill Disaster Coordination Protocol
- (d) National Offshore Spill Disaster Control Programme

Q4. Which organisation is conducting NATPOLREX-X 2025?

- (a) Indian Navy
- (b) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- (c) Indian Coast Guard ✓
- (d) NDRF



Q5. NATPOLREX is held at what frequency?

- (a) Annual
- (b) Biennial ✓
- (c) Once every five years
- (d) Quarterly

Q6. Approximately how many foreign observers are attending NATPOLREX-X 2025?

- (a) 20
- (b) 30
- (c) 40+ ✓
- (d) 60



IMP Event:

- Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) **Akshar**, the second in a series of eight Adanya-class Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs), was commissioned at Karaikal, Puducherry on October 4, 2025.