

## **BIO Data - DIG Pankaj Verma, TM**



*DIG Pankaj Verma, is 1996 batch Indian Coast Guard officer, presently appointed as Principal Director (Operations) at Coast Guard Headquarters, Delhi. During twenty nine years of service in Indian Coast Guard, the officer has done various headquarters and sea appointments, which include COMDIS-8(West Bengal), Chief Staff Officer (Operations) at Regional HQ(A&N), Director(CS&SAR) at Coast Guard Headquarters, Officer-in-Charge CGWT(East), COMDIS-14 (South Andaman), Command of ICG Ships Shaunak, Varad, Jijabai and Rajshree and Regional Operations Officer at Regional Headquarters Mumbai and Port Blair.*

*His academic qualification includes MSc Nautical Science from CUSAT and BSc Electronics from Kurukshetra University. His professional qualification includes Long Navigation & Direction course from Indian Naval ND School, Kochi and Naval Staff College course from US Naval War College, Newport.*

*In his previous appointments at headquarters, the officer coordinated various Coastal Security, SAR, Anti-poaching and Pollution Response operations & exercises and administered various policy initiatives. The officer was also in-charge of secretariat of National Maritime SAR Coordinating Authority and was actively involved in various maritime search and rescue operations. As Oi/c CG Work-up Team, he has trained more than 17 ships and ACVs squadrons. As Commander West Bengal and Commander South Andaman, the officer administered entire ICG operations and assets, including ships and stations in the state of West Bengal and South Andaman District.*

*The officer has sailing experience of fifteen years, wherein he has participated in variety of ICG operations ranging from Tsunami rescue & relief, SAR, anti-terror ops, oil pollution response etc. The officer has navigation experience of sailing across Asian and African regions and entering several foreign ports. The officer has also participated in various exchange programs and bilateral exercises with Coast Guards and Navies of Asian countries. On personal front, his hobbies and interests include electronics, current affairs, golf, cricket and football.*

*The officer is recipient of prestigious Tatrakshak Medal awarded by Hon'ble President of India and Director General Coast Guard Commendation.*