

## **Modi reiterates support for Palestine**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Palestine said support for the Palestinian cause is a continuing thread in India's foreign policy and hoped for an early realisation of a "sovereign, independent Palestine living in a peaceful environment".

After bilateral talks, the two sides signed six agreements worth around \$50 million, including one for setting up a \$30 million super speciality hospital in Beit Sahur. Agreements were also signed to build schools, a diplomatic training institute and a woman's empowerment and training centre.

## **STATE-AP**

### **Centre to give boats, fuel for coastal security**

The 973-km coastline in Andhra Pradesh will soon have better mechanism to ensure coastal security.

The Central government has come forward to give special assistance to aid the infrastructure in the State so that the coastal security is better ensured.

AP coast will have sufficient boats now as the Centre has agreed to send some. The fuel cost will also be borne by the Centre.

As of now, the State has over 20 boats, which are meant for security and surveillance.

### **Coastal Security Scheme**

Post the 26/11 attacks in Mumbai, the Centre has come up with a comprehensive Coastal Security Scheme (CSS) to firm up security infrastructure along the coastline of the country.

Under the scheme, 183 Coastal Police Stations (CPS) have been operationalised and the security is periodically reviewed by the National Committee for Strengthening Maritime and Coastal Security (NCSMCS).

### **Marine police stations**

A.P. has six such marine police stations in Dugarajapatnam, Suryalanka, Rushikonda, Vakalapudi, Kalingapatnam, and Gilakaladindi in Nellore, Guntur, Visakhapatnam, East Godavari, Srikakulam, and Krishna districts.

The police will be in a better position now in handling coastal security.