

PRESS RELEASE

Evacuation of Patient from Mid Sea by Indian Coast Guard

Living up to its motto, Vayam Rakshamah (We Protect), Indian Coast Guard successfully undertook medical evacuation of sick Indian Crew from Merchant ship Panamax-4 from approx 50 Kms into bay of Bengal, while the ship was Enroute to Paradip.

The Maritime Rescue Sub Centre of Indian Coast Guard, Vizag received the request to evacuate 26 years old Ailing Crew Mr Ishitiyak Ahmed, who required urgent medical help as his condition was deteriorating fast. ICG Ship Arnvesh on routine mission was diverted to R/V the Vessel. Simultaneously Coast Guard Chetak helicopter was launched from Vizag. Despite the prevailing visibility being very low, CG helicopter piloted by Commandant R Ramesh took calculated risk and skillfully landed the Chetak onboard the Merchant Vessel.

The patient was safely evacuated to Vizag and admitted in Seven Hills Hospital by the Local Agent. His condition is reported to be Stable.

It may be noted that the Indian Coast Guard is the Nodal Agency for undertaking Maritime Search and Rescue Operations in Indian EEZ. The service which will be completing 40 Years on 01 Feb 2017 has been highly instrumental in executing its mandated charter. The Indian Coast Guard since inception to its credit has saved more than 4696 lives & 238 medical evacuations.

