

## PRESS RELEASE

### COAST GUARD RESCUES SEVEN CREW FROM A FLOODING BARGE



In a swift and well calibrated operation, Indian Coast Guard rescues all seven crew from the flooding barge Ellysia off Mumbai.

At about 1500 hrs on 29 Sep, a call was received at Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Mumbai from VTS Mumbai regarding heavy flooding onboard an Indian barge Ellysia 05 nm North-west off Colaba (Mumbai). The vessel was on passage from Mumbai to Bhavnagar.

Immediately, Indian Coast Guard Ship C-154 was diverted from patrol area to render assistance and by 1530 hrs, all the seven crew of the barge were safely evacuated. Coast Guard team commenced the de-flooding of sea water through two de-flooding pumps. Another Coast Guard Ship Sankalp has also arrived in area to assist in de-flooding. Coast Guard has also mobilised Emergency Towing Vessel from Mumbai Port for salvage operation. Till the last report came in, all out efforts are in progress by Indian Coast Guard to de-flood the barge Ellysia.

