

PRESS BRIEF

SIGNIFICANT FIRE BREAKS OUT ON CONTAINER CARGO VESSEL INDIAN COAST GUARD RESPONDS PROMPTLY

New Delhi, 19 Jul 24: A major fire has erupted on a container cargo merchant vessel located approximately 102 nautical miles southwest of Goa. The vessel was en route from Mundra to Colombo, Sri Lanka, when it reported the emergency.

Upon receiving the distress signal, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) swiftly mobilized resources. An ICG ship was dispatched at maximum speed to the scene, and a Dornier aircraft was launched for aerial assessment. The vessel is known to be carrying International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) cargo, and explosions have been reported in the forward section.

Despite rough sea conditions and adverse weather, the ICG ship has arrived and is actively engaged in firefighting operations. The crew, initially distressed, have been reassured of their safety by ICG personnel on site.

In addition to the initial response, two further ICG ships have been dispatched from Goa to support the firefighting efforts. The Indian Coast Guard is committed to ensuring the safety of the vessel's crew and mitigating the fire as swiftly as possible.

The situation is being closely monitored, and updates will be provided as new information becomes available.

