

## **PRESS BRIEF**

### **INDIAN COAST GUARD SUCCESSFULLY EVACUATES CRITICAL PATIENT FROM MOTOR TANKER ZEAL**

**New Delhi, 21 Jul 24:** The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) successfully evacuated a critically ill patient from the Motor Tanker Zeal, flagged under the Gabon Republic, located off the Mangrol coast in Gujarat. The mission was carried out amidst severe weather conditions, showcasing the exceptional skill and bravery of the ICG personnel.

The patient, an Indian national crew member, was experiencing a very low pulse and lower body numbness, necessitating immediate medical evacuation. The operation was launched at first light on 21 Jul 2024, with an Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) dispatched from Coast Guard Air Enclave, Porbandar.

Despite high-intensity winds, heavy rainfall, and inclement weather, the ICG aircraft ALH crew expertly navigated to the Motor Tanker Zeal, which was positioned approximately 20 kilometers from Porbandar. Precise positioning of the helicopter was maintained over the Motor Tanker, allowing for the successful deployment of a rescue basket.

The patient was safely evacuated and transported to Porbandar for further medical care. This successful evacuation underscores the Indian Coast Guard's unwavering commitment to maritime safety and its readiness to respond to emergencies even under the most adverse conditions.

