

PRESS BRIEF

MEDICAL EVACUATION OF CRITICALLY ILL PATIENT FROM AGATTI ISLAND, LAKSHADWEEP

New Delhi, 14 Nov 24:- In the evening of 13 Nov 2024, the Coast Guard District Headquarters at Lakshadweep received a request from UTL Administration for the medical evacuation of 68-year-old Shri Pawan, diagnosed with acute exacerbation of COPD and type 2 respiratory failure. The deterioration in health of patient mandated immediate evacuation of the patient from Agatti to Kochi for enhanced medical support.

In response, ICG Regional Headquarters conducted a swift night medical evacuation via an ICG Dornier aircraft, coordinating closely with the UTL authorities. ICG District Headquarters at Kochi launched the Dornier aircraft in medical support configuration swiftly to facilitate the evacuation.

At 2030 hours, the aircraft landed at Agatti and took off with the patient and medical escort for Kochi for further specialized treatment. The aircraft landed at Kochi airport at 2223 h and Shri Pawan was transferred to the General Hospital Ernakulam.

The swift and successful medical evacuation is part of the consistent support extended by the Indian Coast Guard to UTL administration and the Islanders towards ensuring safety of life and sustained connectivity with the mainland, upholding the ICG motto, "Vayam Rakshamah" — We Protect.