

PRESS BRIEF

INDIAN COAST GUARD CONDUCTED MEDICAL EVACUATION OF FISHERMAN WITH SEVERE BURN INJURIES

New Delhi, 07 Aug 24: In a swiftly conducted Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC) operation at midnight on 07 Aug 24, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) ship evacuated a 21 year-old Indian fisherman (Mr. Thiru. Cheeranjeevi) from IFB Sengalamman (Tamil Nadu Registered) who had sustained thirty percent second degree burn on left arm and left leg in position 183 km East of Kakinada.

At 1400 hrs on 06 Aug 24, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Chennai informed Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Chennai regarding medical emergency onboard IFB Sengalamman which had set out from Chennai for fishing with 12 crew onboard. On receipt of information, ICG Ship Samudra Paheredar which was on patrol was immediately diverted for assistance. Meanwhile, ICG Station Kakinada was alerted to arrange necessary medical assistance to the patient on arrival at Kakinada.

At 2230 hrs on 06 Aug 24, ICG Ship Samudra Paheredar arrived on scene and evacuated the patient along with 02 attendants from the IFB. Medical Officer onboard ICG Ship Samudra Paheredar provided initial medical treatment to the patient. After stabilizing the patient, the ICG Ship Samudra Paheredar transferred patient and the attendants to the ICG Ship C-430 for onward passage to Kakinada. The Ship entered Kakinada at 0800 hrs on the same day and patient was transferred to Government Hospital Kakinada for further medical care.

Timely medical evacuation underscores ICG's commitment for assistance to fishermen in distress, aligning with its motto 'Vayam Rakshamah,' meaning 'WE PROTECT.'

