

PRESS BRIEF

INDIAN COAST GUARD RESCUES SIX FISHERMEN IN CHALLENGING OVERNIGHT OPERATION OFF MANGALURU

New Delhi, 30 Jun 26:- Demonstrating exceptional courage, professionalism, and operational readiness, the Indian Coast Guard successfully rescued six fishermen from the distressed Indian Fishing Boat (IFB) Manju Matha in a challenging Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR) operation off the coast of Mangaluru on the evening of 29 Jun, 2026. At approximately 1600 hrs, Indian Coast Guard Ship Sachet, intercepted a VHF RT distress call from a fishing boat located about 33 nautical miles off Suratkal coast, reporting severe flooding and hull damage due to rough sea conditions, placing the lives of all six crew members at imminent risk.

Responding without delay, ICG immediately diverted ship to render assistance, effecting a rendezvous with the distressed vessel within 90 minutes. The rescue operation was carried out under extreme weather conditions. Rough seas, strong winds, poor visibility and approaching darkness significantly complicated the mission, demanding exceptional seamanship, precision, and coordination from the rescue team. Despite these formidable challenges, the crew of ICGS Sachet executed the operation with remarkable efficiency.

Driven by unwavering determination and backed by advanced rescue technology, the team deployed remote-operated lifebuoys specifically designed for use in inclement sea conditions to safely reach and recover the stranded fishermen. By 1800 hrs, the seamless coordination of the highly skilled personnel ensured that all six crew members were rescued safely and without injury. Following the successful recovery, ICGS Sachet is currently entering New Mangalore for the safe disembarkation of the rescued crew and the completion of further formalities.

The operation stands as a testament to the Indian Coast Guard's unwavering commitment to safeguarding life at sea. It highlights the effective integration of modern technology with the courage, training, and professionalism of Coast Guard personnel in overcoming the most demanding maritime emergencies. The Indian Coast Guard remains steadfast in its motto, "Vayam Rakshamah" (We Protect), continuing to maintain constant vigil over India's maritime domain and ensuring timely assistance to those in distress at sea.

Vessel Particulars for Reference:

- Boat Name: IFB Manju Matha
- Registration No: IND KA 02 MO 5268
- Place of Registration: Udupi
- Crew Onboard: 6
- Dimensions: Length - 10.97m | Beam - 3.05m | Draft - 1.45m
- Hull Material: Fiber Glass
- Year of Make: 2019

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