

PRESS BRIEF – 19 JUL 2016

INDIAN COAST GUARD EVACUATED PATIENT FROM MID SEA FROM RESEARCH VESSEL SINDU SADHANA



The Indian Coast Guard Ship Varad undertook Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC) of a patient from Research Vessel Sindu Sadhana belonging to National Institute of Oceanography, Goa at about 290 NM from Chennai coast and transfer to local hospital at 0900 hrs on 19 Jul 16.

The Coast Guard MRCC (Chennai) received a medical distress from National Institute of Oceanographic research vessel RV Sindu Sadhana having a patient named Mr Rajeev Kumar, Age 31 reported to be suffering from severe low abdomen pain. The Indian research vessel has been undertaking oceanographic studies at about 550 NM from Chennai. Based on the information received from the vessel, the Coast Guard Regional Headquarters launched the MEDEVAC operation by deploying Indian Coast Guard Ship Varad from Chennai with medical team embarked.

The Indian Coast Guard Ship Varad, an Offshore Patrol Vessel, undertook the medical evacuation in the mid sea from the NIO vessel at about 1000 hrs on 18 Jul 16 and brought the patient safely to Chennai today at 0900 Hrs. The patient was managed by Coast Guard medical team during the passage. The patient on examination was diagnosed to be suffering from acute Tenthritis (Hernia) and Intestinal Infection. The patient on arrival at Chennai was safely transferred to local hospital for further medical management by National Institute of Oceanography. The Indian Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Vessel Varad commanded by Commandant Anwar Khan, executed the MEDEVAC operation in the extreme rough weather conditions in keeping with the chartered responsibilities of Coast Guard.

