

14 FISHERMEN SAVED AT SEA BY INDIAN COAST GUARD OFF NAGAPATTINAM

Chennai 07 Aug 20: The Indian Coast Guard undertook a Search and Rescue (SAR) mission, approximately 88 nautical miles east of Nagapattinam saving 14 precious lives at sea. An Indian Fishing Boat *GN Sabari Vasan* sailed from Tuticorin with 14 crew and was drifting at sea since 04 Aug 20 due to machinery breakdown. A merchant ship *MV Gas Ionian* passing by sighted the stranded vessel and relayed the information to Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre, Chennai. Upon receipt of information, Indian Coast Guard Ship Shaurya in area was diverted to provide necessary assistance to the vessel. The fishing vessel which was observed to have machinery breakdown and damaged propeller was dangerously drifting in view of the rough weather due to South West monsoon. The crew sensed a sigh of relief upon sighting the Coast Guard ship. The fishing vessel was towed by the Coast Guard Ship to the nearest fishing harbour, Nagapattinam for repairs on 05 Aug 20.

Indian Coast Guard issued regular advisories to undertake fishing in groups adhering to safe practices at Sea and carry adequate lifesaving appliances and communication equipment onboard.

During this rescue mission, the Coast Guard officials were in constant communication with the boat owner and fisheries authorities.



Chief Public Relations Officer
Coast Guard Region (East)
Tel: 044- 23460406 /407
Email id: cproeast@gmail.com