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‘Rescue operation by SCI Ship Urja at Arabian Sea’

SCI Urja, the Offshore Supply Vessel of the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd has rescued 18 fishermen at Arabian Sea alongwith the Indian Navy vessel, INS Teg on 26th Oct 2019.

The incident took place in Arabian Sea at around 0924hrs on 26.10.2019, when SCI Urja was carrying out production duty under Armada sterling-1(FPSO). The SCI vessel was instructed to proceed to D-1D platform for assisting distressed trawler (fishing boat) titled "Vaishnav devi mata". Our vessel SCI Urja reached the location at around 1030hrs and found the fishing boat half flooded with sea water and 18 nos fishermen desperately awaiting assistance for their survival.

As the severe tropical storm "KYARR" was passing by, all vessels were experiencing gale force wind and very high/rough seas. One of the fisherman succeeded in climbing onto the platform D-1D with the help of scramble net but others (17 nos) stayed back on the boat, awaiting for assistance from SCI Urja. SCI Urja towed the distressed craft along with 17 fishermen to safe location outside the oilfield and handed it over to Indian Navy vessel "INS Teg".

Due to quick and effective assistance rendered by SCI Urja in such challenging circumstances, life of all 18 fishermen could be saved and that too without any reported major injury.

Mrs. H K Joshi, CMD of SCI appreciated the Master of SCI Urja & other ship staff on board the vessel for carrying out such rescue operation effectively, In the past also, SCI has rendered its services for the rescue operations in Nation's interest.

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