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New Delhi: With firefighting operations on Container send MV X-Press Pearl, off Colombo, operating into the fourth day, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has stated that fireside seems to have lowered within the entrance and mid area of the send, whilst the blaze continues within the rear (Aft).

In line with an aerial survey performed via the ICG's Dornier plane on Thursday, it's stated that there's no oil spill.

Amid opposed climate and tough seas, ICG vessels Vaibhav and Vajra had been preventing the blaze with Sri Lankan vessels via spraying sea water and Aqueous Movie Forming foam (Hearth suppressant), in sustained day-night efforts.

The blaze has resulted in the massive container send having a look mangled on maximum aspects, tilting in opposition to its proper and the burnt boxes face the chance of falling overboard.

Beneath those stipulations, the ICG vessels had been maneuvering as shut as 40-50 meters of the casualty send for efficient firefighting.

To reinforce the firefighting operations, ICG vessel Vajra passed over 4500 liters of AFFF compound and 450kg Dry Chemical Powder to Sri Lankan government on Wednesday, 26th Might.

The ablaze send was once sporting 1486 boxes and about 25 heaps of hazardous nitric acid and different chemical compounds. Previous, the 25 team on board the send, together with 5 Indians had been evacuated.

It was once on 20th Might, Thursday {that a} hearth first broke out at the stated send, following which it was once introduced below keep an eye on via Sri Lankan Port government via tomorrow.

On the other hand, on Tuesday morning(25th Might), owing to tough climate just about 10 boxes are stated to have fallen overboard after the explosion and resultant hearth.

The 325 metric heaps of fuels held within the massive container vessels tanks are feared to pose a risk of oil spill within the area.

But even so the 2 ICG vessels headed for the website of fireside, their formations at Kochi, Chennai and Tuticorin are standby for fast help in opposition to Air pollution Reaction.

ICG is in steady coordination and communicate with Srilankan government for the operation. ICG plane also are being delivered to Tuticorin from Chennai and Koch for aerial surveillance and air pollution reaction.

Over the past two weeks, the Indian Coast guard and Indian Military had been engaged in tracking, seek and rescue operations throughout India's West Coast, that was once struck via an overly critical cyclone 'Tauktae'.

The consequences of this cyclone had been felt in Lakshadweep islands, Kerala, South Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Goa, and in Gujarat the place it made landfall.

This week, the ICG belongings had been additionally deployed for seek and rescue, for the have an effect on of Cyclone Yaas on India's East Coast between Odisha and West Bengal.

In September 2020, a significant hearth had damaged onboard MT New Diamond, that was once sporting about 2.7 lakh metric ton oil and located off the jap coast of Sri lankan.

Mammoth efforts via the Indian Coast guard in coordination with different companies, ensured that the blaze was once introduced below keep an eye on, with none circumstances of oil spill.

The ICG has stated that, as an energetic member of South Asia Co-operative Surroundings Programme (SACEP), it stays dedicated to its tasks of safeguarding the sea setting within the area.

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