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

Primarily based on an aerial survey carried out by the ICG's Dornier plane on Thursday, it's mentioned that there isn't a oil spill.

Amid adversarial climate and tough seas, ICG vessels Vaibhav and Vajra have been combating the blaze with Sri Lankan vessels by spraying sea water and Aqueous Movie Forming foam (Fireplace suppressant), in sustained day-night efforts.

The blaze has led to the massive container ship trying mangled on most sides, tilting in the direction of its proper and the burnt containers face the chance of falling overboard.

Below these situations, the ICG vessels have been maneuvering as shut as 40-50 meters of the casualty ship for efficient firefighting.

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

The ablaze ship was carrying 1486 containers and about 25 tons of hazardous nitric acid and different chemical substances. Earlier, the 25 crew on board the ship, together with 5 Indians have been evacuated.

It was on 20th Might, Thursday {that a} hearth first broke out on the mentioned ship, following which it was introduced beneath management by Sri Lankan Port authorities by the following day.

Nonetheless, on Tuesday morning(25th Might), owing to tough climate almost 10 containers are mentioned to have fallen overboard after the explosion and resultant hearth.

The 325 metric tons of fuels held within the giant container vessels tanks are feared to pose a menace of oil spill within the area.

Moreover the 2 ICG vessels headed for the location of fireside, their formations at Kochi, Chennai and Tuticorin are standby for quick help in the direction of Air pollution Response.

ICG is in steady coordination and communication with Srilankan authorities for the operation. ICG plane are additionally being delivered to Tuticorin from Chennai and Koch for aerial surveillance and air pollution response.

Over the past two weeks, the Indian Coast guard and Indian Navy have been engaged in monitoring, search and rescue operations throughout India's West Coast, that was struck by a really extreme cyclone 'Tauktae'.

The results 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 search and rescue, for the influence of Cyclone Yaas on India's East Coast between Odisha and West Bengal.

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

Mammoth efforts by the Indian Coast guard in coordination with different companies, ensured that the blaze was introduced beneath management, with none situations of oil spill.

The ICG has mentioned that, as an lively member of South Asia Co-operative Surroundings Programme (SACEP), it stays dedicated to its obligations of safeguarding the ocean atmosphere within the area.

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