



Press Release

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INS Talwar reaches NMPT carrying 40 metric tonnes of Liquid Medical Oxygen.

As the country is battling the second wave of COVID-19 and facing excessive requirement of oxygen due to the outbreak of pandemic, NMPT handled first Navy vessel “INS TALWAR” carrying 40 Metric Tonnes Liquid Medical Oxygen filled in ISO tank containers under the Samudra Setu-II operation launched by the Indian Navy. On arrival the vessel was given highest priority berthing in the Port at Berth No. 07. The above medical oxygen is donated by the Govt. of Kingdom of Bahrain to Indian Red Cross Society as a token of goodwill to overcome the current pandemic situation in the Country. The liquid medical oxygen is transported by the Indian Navy under its “Operation Samudra Setu-II” which is launched to meet the oxygen requirement in the country. Under the Samudra Setu-II operation Indian Navy has deployed seven naval vessels for shipping the liquid medical oxygen filled containers and associated medical equipments from various countries. INS Talwar is the first vessel under the operation which embarked from Bahrain and headed back to India to reach New Mangalore Port Trust on 05.05.2021 at 1330hrs. Hon’ble Minister of State for Muzrai & Backward Classes & District in-charge Shri Kota Srinivas Poojary, Member of Parliament Shri Nalin Kumar Kateel, Dr. A. V. Ramana, Chairman, NMPT, MLA Dr. Bharath Shetty, MLA Shri Vedavyas Kamath, Dr. Rajendra K. V, IAS, Dy, Commissioner, Dakshina Kannada, Shri S. B. Venkatesh, DIG, Coastguard, Shri Premanand Shetty, Mayor Mangalore City, Shri Nithin Kumar, KFDC, Dy. Commissioner Customs, Senior Officers from NMPT, Navy & Officials from District Administration were present at the juncture. The liquid medical oxygen containers will be transported to the destinations decided by the State Government. The Port extended all its resources for berthing of above vessel and handling of two oxygen containers on free of cost basis as per the directives of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways.

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