## **Press Release**

## Oil spillage mitigation works in the Ennore Creek Area

In the wake of oil spillage that has happened in the Ennore Creek area, Government has started mitigation work by deployment of essential men and machinery. Three gully sucker machines have been deployed in the Ennore Creek area to remove the floating oil which will be safely disposed at the designated location at Gummudipoondi which is licensed for storing hazardous waste. Some more gully sucker machines are being deployed to fasten the process. Oil controlling booms have also been deployed to contain the floating oil at some locations. Specialized oil cleaning agencies have been mobilized with necessary equipments to remove oil debris from affected areas. A coordination centre has been set up by the ECCF Department at Nattukuppam village to coordinate mitigation activities. ECCF Department has also done a rapid assessment of Biodiversity loss in the region. Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Environment, Climate Change & Forest, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Revenue and Disaster Management and Health Departments have stationed their officials on the sites to monitor the mitigation works.

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