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IIT, MADRAS TO ASSESS THE OIL SPILLAGE IN ENNORE

The state government has roped in the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM), Chennai to rapidly assess the quantum of oil spillage and area affected in Ennore Creek area. The experts from the IITM have started the work. They will be using latest technology Like Drones etc for assessing this work. Their report is expected tomorrow. The mitigation work is in full swing in the Ennore creek area and affected villages. Oil boom has been installed to an extent of 1000 metre to contain the spread of oil. 5 number of gully suckers have been deployed to suck the oil from the water surface. In order to speed up the mitigation work, 103 boats and about 400 personnel have been pressed into service. These boats are involved in the suction of oil from the surface and transporting it safely to the shore. The work regarding the cleaning of oil-soaked debris from nearby villages is in full swing with 8 no of JCBs, one Poclain, 4 trucks and cranes for clearing of oil sludge mixed soil/sand in village areas. Around 100 people are pressed into service for cleaning and scrubbing around Nettu Kuppam and Ennore villages. CPCL has been directed to further ramp up the mitigation work by deployment of more number of oil boomers, skimmers and trained manpower. A team of specialised personnel from Paradeep (Odisha) is expected tomorrow. Till date around 40 metric ton of sludge has been removed and taken to the CPCL premises for safe disposal. Around 36,800 litres of oil mixed with water has been recovered. The Health department and the Animal Husbandry department are continuing with the special camps to take care of villagers and animals respectively. Teams from Forest Department, TNPCB and Department of Environment have been positioned on ground to monitor the works. 7 more IFS officers have been deployed especially for the monitoring of this work. All precautionary measures are being taken during the mitigation work to safeguard the health and safety of people engaged in the operation.

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