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Ennore Creek Oil Spill Recovery Amplified: Two additional Sea Cleaning agencies join efforts with expanded machinery fleet

A high-level coordination meeting was convened at the Oil Spill Management Coordination Centre by Additional Chief Secretary, Dept. of Environment, Climate Change & Forests, Tmt. Supriya Sahu, to review the ongoing oil mitigation works.

The meeting brought together key officials from TNPCB, Department of Environment, Fisheries, Revenue, Forest, Police, Greater Chennai Corporation & CPCL, and representatives from affected villages and local fishermen. The primary focus was on accelerating the oil recovery process and comprehensively cover the impacted area under the mitigation plan.

The impacted area has now been categorised into 4 stretches for the purpose of intensive review and mitigation. Each stretch will be taken care of by a dedicated team with the objective to complete the process of mitigation by 18th-19th December, 2023.

To intensify the ongoing recovery operations, Sea Care services & Viraj Sea cleaning agencies from Mumbai, have been joined by Vens Hydra lifts Pvt. Ltd. and Neowin India Ltd.

A total of 110 boats along with a workforce of 615 individuals were on site involved in the oil mitigation work.

The machinery employed for oil extraction from the sea has been reinforced. The current fleet includes 5 gully suckers, 11 JCBs, 13 tippers, 5 poclains, 1 hydra crane, 4 skimmers, 2 tractor trailers & 4 pick-up trucks. Moreover, to enhance effectiveness, 4 jet washers, 2 flushing pumps, and 2 hydro jets have been integrated into the recovery operations as of today.

Further, oil recovery measures, soil & shore clean-up was carried out in the villages of Mugathuvara kuppam, Ennore kuppam, Nettukuppam & Kattukuppam.

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