

Ennore Creek oil spillage Mangroves Habitat restoration work to begin soon

An exhaustive review of the on-going oil spillage mitigation work was held at Ennore today by the Additional Chief Secretary, Supriya Sahu, Environment Climate Change and Forest Department. The team also took a comprehensive assessment of the oil spill impact on Mangroves in the Ennore Creek area. The Department is in the process of preparing a plan for restoration in those areas with the support of specialised agencies like, Centre for Environmental Studies, Anna University and M. S. Swaminathan Foundation

The four specialised cleaning agencies engaged in the mitigation works viz. Sea Care & Viraj from Mumbai and Vens Hydralift Pvt. Ltd & Neowin India Ltd., have almost completed the removal of floating oil and have started clearing oil deposits from shores, boulders, and oil laden debris.

Beach cleaning work came to a completion in 3 villages of Nettukuppam, Ennore Kuppam and Mugathuvaram Kuppam. About 700 people, 110 boats, 3 skimmers, 2 hydrojets, 5 gully suckers, 1 tractor, 11 tippers, 5 poclains and 7 JCB's continued to work to achieve the object of completion of cleaning operations.

A high-level coordination meeting was again held with all stake holders on site by the Additional Chief Secretary to coordinate efforts of various agencies including Coast Guard, CPCL, Health Department, Revenue, Fire and Rescue, Fisheries, TNPCB, Department of Environment and Forest Department.

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