



Situation Report

Flood in Tamil Nadu

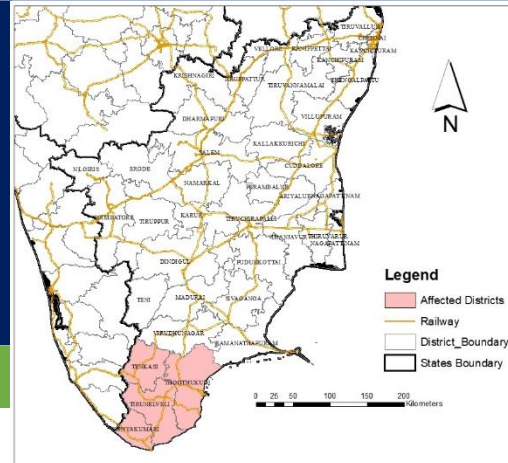
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SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

Over the past 48 hours, Tamil Nadu has witnessed relentless and intense rainfall, significantly impacting Tirunelveli district and three southern districts—Kanyakumari, Thoothukudi, and Tenkasi. The downpour has inundated vast areas, forcing authorities to take swift action.

- At least four fatalities have been reported in rain-related incidents on Monday and over 7,500 people stranded in residential areas, mainly in Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi, have been relocated to 82 relief camps.
- Unprecedented rainfall has been recorded in several locations, with Kayalpattinam in Thoothukudi registering a staggering 96 cm in the 24 hours ending at 8:30 am on Monday.
- Extensive damage to crops on thousands of acres, and properties was reported in the four districts. Hundreds of vehicles were washed away by strong currents. The Thamirabaran river is in spate.
- Around 1,000 passengers on an express train have been stranded at Srivaikuntam railway station in Thoothukudi due to flooded tracks and cracks.
- 23 train services have been canceled in Tamil Nadu due to waterlogging on the railway tracks.
- Mullaperiyar dam shutters to be raised for releasing 10,000 cusecs in a phased manner. on Tuesday as the water level reaches 138.1 ft.



Statistical Overview



Human Lives Lost - 04



Population affected - 7500



Major Affected districts - Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, and Tenkasi



Houses Damaged - 100 (approx.)



No. of Relief Camps - 82



No. of Inmates - 7500 (approx.)



Aerial picture of flood hit areas : TN
Source: Media

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

- To assess and address the crisis, the Chief Minister is meeting the Prime Minister and the governor has convened a meeting with senior officials from central agencies and armed forces
- The state government has declared a four-day holiday for schools and colleges.
- The IMD has classified the rainfall, with 39 locations in the four districts experiencing extremely heavy rain.
- The NDRF and SDRF have deployed 17 teams comprising 425 personnel to conduct rescue operations in low-lying areas, utilizing boats.
- The State Health Department has deputed 190 Mobile Medical Units (MMU) to take up post-flood disease prevention/control activities.
- Local CSOs are actively supporting rescue operations and providing immediate relief like food and water.

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Source of Information

Media, and Social Media

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