

Press Release

It has been decided to organise Civil Defence Exercise and rehearsal in certain vital installations as instructed by the Union Home Ministry. In Tamil Nadu, it is proposed to conduct this civil defence exercise at the Madras Atomic Power Station, Kalpakkam in Chengalpattu District and in Chennai Port Trust tomorrow (07.05.2025) at 1600 hrs. During this mock drill, activities will be undertaken in these two vital installations to handle an incoming air raid. The conditions will be simulated to check the preparedness of the systems to handle any kind of emergency.

The State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC) in Tamil Nadu has been activated and will function from the premises of the State Disaster Management Authority at Ezhilagam. During the mock drill in the two installations, the District Disaster Management Authority headed by the District Collector, Civil Defence officials (Home Guards), Fire Department officials and other connected departments will be involved. The mock drill will take place from 1600 hrs to 1630 hrs on 07.05.2025 in these two installations.

In this connection, a meeting was convened under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary with all concerned State and Central Agencies today

(06.05.2025). The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Home Prohibition and Excise Department, Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, State Relief Commissioner and Commissioner for Revenue Administration, Director General of Police, Additional Director General of Police (Operations), Project Director, Madras Atomic Power Station, Kalpakkam, Chairman, Chennai Port Trust, District Collector, Chengalpattu, IG (Home Guards), IG (General) and Dakshin Bharat Area official.

The above civil defence exercise is only a mock drill to check the preparedness in the selected vital installations. All other functions in other places will go on normally. There is no need for any panic or apprehension among the public about this exercise.

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