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# Tamil Nadu battles massive floods, thousands rescued in Chennai; Modi announces Rs 1,000 crore relief fund

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**Chennai:** Rescue operations in rain battered Chennai and its adjoining districts were on war footing as large parts of the areas continue to remain under water prompting the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take stock of the situation personally on Thursday.

Modi held talks with Chief Minister J Jayalithaa and Governor K Rosaiah and expressed his concern over the situation after having an aerial survey.



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PM said, "I have seen the damage and misery caused by the extremely heavy rainfall. I have directed that Rs 1,000 crore be released immediately by the government of India to Tamil Nadu for immediate relief".



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"This is over and above Rs 940 crore which was released earlier", Modi said adding that the centre stands by the people of Tamil Nadu.



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Before heading for Chennai, Modi held a meeting with urban development minister Venkaiah Naidu and defence minister Manohar Parrikar to review the ground situation.

Despite little rain, water level in many areas is rising, mounting fresh fears among the residents, as the death toll reached the 269 mark so far. Nearly 7,400 people have been rescued till Thursday and tons of relief materials were air dropped in last couple of days.

Since, the Met department issued a warning of more rains for the next one week, various agencies including Army, Navy and NDRF intensified their rescue and relief operations across the city.

"There will be no respite from rain but the intensity will decrease after 48 hours," Laxman Singh Rathore of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said.

Tamil Nadu CM further requested for additional rescue operations troops to be sent for evacuation processes. "Considering the magnitude of the devastation, we have requested that at least 10 more columns of the army and another 20 teams of National Disaster Management Force (NDRF) with necessary rescue equipment may be immediately sent, especially in view of the fact that more rains have been forecast by the met department," CM Jayalalithaa said.

Thousands still remain marooned across the state capital forcing private companies and other establishments to shut their offices. Flight operations were completely paralysed and more than 1,200 passengers are stuck in Chennai.

Minister of State for Civil Aviation Mahesh Sharma echoed the sentiments of the harrowed passengers. He said, "We managed to evacuate nearly 1,000 passengers so far".

Angry passengers as well the residents expressed their ire against the state government for complete failure in dealing with the crises.


Panicked residents and those who are having serious health issues sent SOS messages and took help of media to get immediate assistance from the rescue agencies. A middle aged woman suffering from kidney ailments was personally rescued under the supervision of DG, NDRF, O P Singh.

More than 9,200 students were taken on board sorties to other cities from Tambaram Air Force station in Chennai. The rescue operations were also based out of the Rajali naval base in Arakonam.


Several teams from the Indian Army, IAF, Coast Guard, NDRF and state police were pressed into action with mechanised inflated boats to ferry millions of people marooned by floods, which is claimed to be one of the worst in a century.

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The teams are having trained deep divers, swimmers and are equipped with Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) netra, Satellite phones, State-of-the-art satellite antenna, deep diving sets, cutters, life jackets, lifebuoys, rope, medicines, food packets, drinking water etc to deal with the disaster.

To ensure normal financial services, the state government issued a directive asking banks to ensure ATMs services through mobile ATMs in affected areas. "It is also directed that all Public Sector General Insurance Companies and LIC may take immediate action and nominate a senior level officer as nodal officer in the state for coordinating and expediting the settlement of claims that are reported in the state", the statement reads.

Earlier in the day, INS Airavat (Navy's amphibious carrier), deployed from Vizag with diving teams and boats, had reached Chennai to join rescue efforts. People were seen raising their hands screaming for help from roof tops during air dropping of food, medicines and water pouches by the government agencies.

In many areas, water level reached up to the second storey and as per a statement issued by the Army nearly 18,000 people were evacuated from their respective rooftops.

Meanwhile, RN Choubey, Secretary, Civil Aviation said that Air India's flight from Hyderabad pressed in service for evacuation purpose. "There will six commercial flight services from Friday, which will be operational from Rajali naval air station," he added.

"Chennai airport is completely safe and after water recedes, they will inspect the runway and full efforts will be given to resume the flight services at the earliest", he said.

Health Secretary of Tamil Nadu Radhakrishnan told CNN-IBN that waterborne diseases are the major fear now. "However, we are fully geared up for that and already more than 2,000 medical camps are already set up", he added.

Power supply is yet to restored in many areas.

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Saikat Sanyal · 5 days ago

It is good gesture that PM came over to chennai and directed all forces to rescue.

Good to see only BSNL WORKING that too free of cost,.

and already 6000 rescued. 1900 cr is secondary but much needed. My brother is in chennai and I know what is going on there.

Sheetalappakkam area one of my friend informed that one good person called Sathish P venkatachal served food to many, way to go.

Bharat Mata ki jai. Thanks, PM.

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krish → Saikat Sanyal · 5 days ago

Just b'coz of coming elections, 1900 cr announced. It shows the real attitude of Narendra Modi. Please do note I am not against announcing the fund/relief/help. The same yardstick/help should apply pre and post elections.

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Mubarak alm → Saikat Sanyal · 5 days ago

Tamilis are fool unlike biharis. Kick out the modi , the bahri. Lalu could have done much better for tamilians .

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Gopi → Mubarak alm · 5 days ago

Sarcasm noted.

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Revan → Mubarak alm · 5 days ago

Ur the bahri as a Paki. Modiji is the duly ELECTED PM of the worlds largest democracy of which tamil nadu is a part of , how is he bahri ? .Hate mongering mullahs can go back to attacking schools in Pak as usual

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stealthera · 5 days ago

Some facts: Mr. Modi did a whirl wind tour after hud hud and announced 1000 cr as an immediate relief package. Guess how much AP got in the end out of the estimated 24k cr damage? A meagre 400cr. He

seems to have a fixation with the figure 1000cr. Chennaites dont pin your hopes on him. Hez is not a saviour, this is just political tokenism.

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**krish** → stealthera · 5 days ago

Tamilians are not fools like Apities, They will have a good unity and supporting nature unlike apities and believe blindly central govt. Even if they have bad some elements, the bad elements also itself will not allow to take the situation under central control. Tamilians knows very well how to deal with centre and extract money. Apities internal fighting and self interests more than the state interests.

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**Mubarak alm** → stealthera · 5 days ago

I request all Cristian missionaries and muslim organization to only help minorities in chennai. And kick modi out

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**ranajilononwal** → Mubarak alm · 5 days ago

Not sure if You are a paki muslim or An Indian muslim but You are a dirty creature  
People are helping humans in distrss not muslims christians or Hindu  
This is why You muslims are a challenge to humanity

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**krish** → ranajilononwal · 5 days ago

each other helping over thr.

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**Aravindan Sekar** → Mubarak alm · 5 days ago

There he comes !! please go to the other side of the border so that you need not spend time in searching for muslims to help! they really need your help ! Take as many as if possible all with you.

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**Anti-SCAMPS** · 5 days ago

Hope the TN people remember this for a long time and demand focus on their own welfare ahead of Tamil language and Sri lankan Tamil Plight when next time our leaders make speeches....

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**Aravindan Sekar** → Anti-SCAMPS · 5 days ago

What is wrong in taking pride of ones own language?? We believe in one nation,multi culture, multi language theory. Two states only stood for their language.

First of all what language pride and climatic change has connection ?? Delhi which is polluting the nation and it may be also be a one of reason for monsoon change. will you stop speaking hindi for that??

It shows vengeance of many to connect irrelevant things to make their looooooonggggggggg time reserved childish comments which are irrelevant to this situation.

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**Anti-SCAMPS** → Aravindan Sekar · 5 days ago

I wish you will read others comment correctly before making a relevant response. All i am saying is next time a local thalaivar pitches hard for Tamil language pride and ilangai Tamiz makkal sufferings please make it a point to shut him up and ask him to solve your bigger problem first, like water conservation, Waste management etc..

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**krish** → Anti-SCAMPS · 5 days ago

rightly said, but people memory is very short and well our politicians knows how to use people memory

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**ramboguy** · 5 days ago

hello friends, the situation is worst than reported. over 10 lac people running out of food ,drinking water..rescue effort by govt is not sufficient ..

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**Anti-SCAMPS** → ramboguy · 5 days ago

Is it really such a big issue than intolerance faced by an Actor and his family ? Scamgress Sickulars and Presstitutes are more worried about Beef Ban and notional intolerance by the tolerant. Also the fact that people in Tamil Nadu cut across religious faith have been helping each other in perfect harmony is not an interesting news.....

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**ramboguy** · 5 days ago

**ramveguy** · 5 days ago

over 10 lac people running out of food and drinking water....situation is worst ever

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**ssc** · 5 days ago

If Chennai is developed city , all these water would go into storage and would be distributed for 5 years  
TN CM is single women and facing corruption changes . Opposition leader is old & unhealthy man and still struggling for power. .. Unfortunate that we have uneducated, corrupted & unworthy politicians.

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**Gopi** → **ssc** · 5 days ago

Storing the rain water for 5 years? The govt will have to build a sea, not a lake or dam.

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**ssc** → **Gopi** · 5 days ago

well I said 5 years because of the amount of rain that fell in Chennai was too huge ..  
Either it is 6 months or 5 years storage , if we could have proper storage system like Dams and more lakes collecting the rain water then how many year we could use that water is different debate. And storage system should be such if water is over flown it should pass into sea instead of city. All I am saying is this flood could have avoided if city is properly developed. Got it ?

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**Gopi** → **ssc** · 5 days ago

I am with you on proper planning to ensure rain water is routed appropriately to water bodies and to the sea. However, I don't believe build a 5 year capacity doesn't look feasible for a city like Chennai that is bursting to it seems. Besides if one of those lakes go dry, people will encroach it in no time, like how it happened now. I think some of the blame should rest with the public as well for their careless attitude towards natural resources.

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**krish** → **Gopi** · 5 days ago

Have you heard buckingham canal in chennai. This canal encroached and not bothered by even govt, This canal could have saved half of the chennai.

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**Kal Gandikota** · 5 days ago

Vanakkam! Namasthe! SalamAlaykum! Sat Sri Aka! It is a relief to hear the Center and the State are working together to solve this calamity ASAP. I also admire the brave locals voluntarily performing rescue operations. To make the impossible possible is the challenge for brave leaders, officials, scientists, planners, NGOs and not timid ones! Thanks to news media covering this news as one of their highest priorities. I admire and commend them all for presenting facts frankly before India (world).

I request every ordinary Indian Citizen (and every Indian news media) to pay attention to this calamity for the next few weeks/months like they do in developed nations of the world. Also let us all pray together and beg all Government officials, city leaders, panchayats, engineers, planners, NGO leaders(including religious missionaries), Tribal leaders etc. to plan ahead and not fall behind the requirements of any region (that floods or droughts). Hope they are not satisfied just providing for the needs (food, clothing, shelter) of their people. Depending on their will-power/health permitting, for one year, one month, one week or at least one day, hope they live like middle class or a poor person so they realize that even a single life is not just a number in census. It's insatiable and only natural for people to jump from needs to comforts to luxuries. Preaching otherwise results in inaction and disasters like these which are also a threat (internal/external) to national economy, development, indigenous technologies, integrity & security. Resultant poverty and sickness due to these disasters strain (put pressure on) other state and central government ministries and their corresponding departments.

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**bahari** · 5 days ago

why modi looks at chennai from air?

he should go and learn to swim.

a swimming modi would know how flood water tastes.

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**Mubarak alm** → **bahari** · 5 days ago

Modi is moti, can't swemm.

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**Gopi** → **Mubarak alm** · 5 days ago

Perhaps he is better than you.. You don't even know the s spelling for swimming. And, shut your everything and get out here. Your intolerance is not needed when the city is in crisis.



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**bahari** → Gopi · 5 days ago

what crisis? that city needed a wash long overdue gopi babu. and those chennai wallahs must learn swimming anna...

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**ranajilonwal** → bahari · 5 days ago

Hello Mo,ron Katua Todays headline on New York post

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