



• A Corporation worker cleaning the garbage mixed with rain water at Vijay Nagar in Velachery in Chennai. Photo: M.Moorthy



• The Chennai airport's runway is finally dry. Sources said the airport authorities are planning to open the airport on Saturday.



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O.P. Singh, Director General, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) inspecting the flood affected area at Kotturpuram in Chennai on Saturday . Photo. M. Moorthy



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A flooded petrol bunk at Basin bridge in Chennai. Photo: B. Jothi Ramalingam



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A view of a partially submerged power sub-station is seen in a flood-affected area in Chennai.



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Sources at Avin said the supply of milk would be normalised by Saturday. Photo: K.V. Srinivasan



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Vehicles on a waterlogged road in Teynampet. Photo: M. Moorthy

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Chennai airport to reopen tomorrow; SR cancels five trains, announces special train from Sengottai to Chennai Egmore.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday night [announced](#) Rs. 2 lakh each for the next of kin of those who died in Tamil Nadu floods.

“PM announced an ex-gratia relief of Rs. 2 lakhs each from PMNRF (Prime Minister’s National Relief Fund) for next of kin of those who lost their lives in the floods in Tamil Nadu,” said the PMO in a Twitter post. - PTI

Five trains cancelled

The Southern Railways has announced cancellation of five trains on Sunday. Train No. 17313 Chennai-Hubli(Weekly Express, Train No. 12028 Bangalore - Chennai Shatabdi Express, Train No. 12027 Chennai-Bangalore Shatabdi Express, Train No. 12244 Coimbatore - Chennai Shatabdi Express, Train No. 12662 Sengottai - Chennai Egmore Pothigai Express have been cancelled on Sunday. One special train from Sengottai to Chennai Egmore will leave Sengottai at 6.35 p.m. on Sunday. This train will stop all the stoppages of Train No 12662 Pothigai Express.

Chennai airport to reopen

Days after being flooded and nearly seeing aircraft down, the Chennai airport's airport runway is finally dry. The airport will start operations from 6 am tomorrow. Only limited domestic operations will happen for the time being.

Airport director Deepak Shastri said the Directorate General of Civil Aviation had given clearance for day operations for departures alone. “This is only for clearing the 22 stranded flights, but the terminal is not yet ready,” he added. It may take quite sometime to resume fullfledged operations. [Read more](#)

NDRF team rescues 400 people

Nearly 400 people, including university students, were taken to safety today by a team of defence and NDRF personnel as operations continued in full swing to rescue and distribute relief to those stranded in the aftermath of the torrential rains. Defence aircraft as also a couple of civilian ones ferried people to Delhi and Hyderabad since morning even as IAF flew sorties to bring more people to the naval base here that has played a critical role in the overall operations.

IAF comes to rescue of stranded students

Indian Air Force has come to the rescue of stranded students of educational institutions in Chennai and passengers at the airport following the devastating floods. The IAF has put in 13 helicopters, C17s and C130s for relief and rescue operations in Chennai following the flooding, Indian Air Force, Southern Air Command, Senior Air Staff Officer, Air Marshal P. N Pradhan said.

“A total of 13 helicopters, advanced helicopters, strategic aircraft C17s and C130s were pressed into action to provide relief material,” he said.

Special trains from Chennai to various places in TN

In order to clear the passengers stranded in Chennai due to heavy rains and flooding, Southern Railways is operating special trains from Chennai to Madurai, Tiruchirappalli, Tiruchendur, Karaikal and Tirunelveli on Saturday. [Read more](#)



ICICI bank on EMI payments

In view of floods, ICICI Bank on Saturday said it has decided not to impose any penalty on its Chennai customers for delay in EMI payments for November. Besides, the bank will also waive off charges for cheque bounce for the same period, ICICI Bank spokesperson said. [Read more](#)

Indian cricket team members offer help

Their own families caught in the devastating Chennai floods, Indian cricket team members R. Ashwin and Murali Vijay said they have been pained by the loss of life in the disaster and will try to help the affected after the series against South Africa. [Read more](#)

Relief material

Relief material worth Rs 3.50 crore, which include bedsheets, bedspreads, mats, carpets, biscuits, rice and water packets given by people here have been despatched to flood affected Tiruvallur district. [Read more](#)

AIADMK vows to take action against partymen harassing volunteers

Facing flak from the public, especially on social media, for partymen hindering and harassing volunteers' flood relief operations, the ruling AIADMK on Saturday said it would initiate action against cadre intimidating and threatening volunteers. [Read more](#)

Milk supply to get restored by Sunday: Aavin

In a huge relief to flood hit residents of the city, state-run AAVIN on Saturday said adequate measures are being taken to step up milk supply and that it would reach full capacity by Sunday. [Read more](#)



Rasta roko near the Rangarajapuram flyover

Four aircrafts leave Chennai

Hundreds of people have been calling Chennai airport asking if routine operations have started. But AAI officials said that only stranded flights had left the airport. So far, four stranded aircraft had left Chennai airport. Limited passenger operations may start on Sunday at Chennai airport if power supply is restored, officials said. [Read more](#)

No shortage of fuel

There is no shortage of fuel in Chennai or its suburbs, where petrol pumps were closed for safety following floods, nation's largest oil marketing firm IOC has said. [Read more](#)



Railways cancels many trains to Chennai on Dec.5, 6, 7

The Railways has fully cancelled and partially cancelled several trains due to heavy rains and water overflowing above danger level at Railway Bridges in the Chennai-Gudur Section. [Read more](#)

AIADMK to take action against partymen harassing volunteers

The AIADMK on Saturday said it would initiate action against partymen who were blocking volunteers' relief materials from reaching the rain-and flood-affected people and forcing volunteers to paste pictures of Chief Minister Jayalalithaa on relief material.

An AIADMK official told The Hindu that volunteers who were either being harassed, blocked by party cadre or were being asked to paste stickers of the Chief Minister on relief material brought in by them can lodge their complaints at 044-28130787, 044-28132266, 044-28133510. [Read more](#)

Weather forecast

"One or two places in coastal districts and in South India districts may receive heavy rainfall. As far as Chennai city is concerned, it will be cloudy with few spells of rain," MeT Dept says. **ANI**



(A view of a partially submerged power sub-station is seen in a flood-affected area in Chennai. Photo: Reuters)

No fuel shortage in city: Indian Oil

Officials from the Indian Oil on Saturday said that there is no fuel or LPG shortage in the city. Sabitha Natraj, Chief CC Manager told that "due to water logging in our supply points efforts have been taken to source products from Trichy, Sankari, Chittoor, Bangalore etc".

"Indian Oil is committed towards serving Chennai and its citizens. All efforts are being made to effectively dispense fuels wherever it is feasible", Ms. Sabitha added in a [press release](#).

Waters yet to recede

Waterlogging continued in many parts such as Kotturpuram, suburban Mudichur and Pallikaranai even as hapless residents who had taken refuge on higher floors of buildings were seen pleading for essentials like milk and water which remain in short supply.

There were serpentine queues outside the few ATMs and petrol stations that were operating. Tamil Nadu government has said that the fuel situation will ease in the next couple of days. Banks in the state will remain open tomorrow, though it is a Sunday.

Trains services resume

In its bid to link the southern parts of Chennai with the main city, Southern Railway announced operating services on the busy Egmore-Tamabaram stretch bringing much needed relief to the residents.

Although services are generally operated between Chennai beach and Tamabaram, trains are now being **operated only between Egmore and Tamabaram** and that too only on the main line, southern railway officials said.

Supply of milk continued to remain erratic although state-run Aavin had taken steps to ensure adequate supply of the essential commodity.



(Milk being distributed at an Aavin outlet in Perambur on Saturday. Photo: V. Ganesan)

Meanwhile, several areas in the city, particularly south Chennai, have gone without power for the past two days. [Read more](#)

With the flooding of oil companies terminals in north Chennai, many fuel outlets in the city went dry. [Read more](#)



On Friday residents went on a buying frenzy, triggered by fears of another deluge that could lead to unavailability of essential items. [Read more](#)

Area	Time	Updates
Adambakkam	18:40	SBI colony has power and net connectivity. No water logging.
Vijayanagar	18:15	Vijayanagar bus stand is clear; one side of the road has been closed. Water logging towards Velacherry station but vehicles are moving.
Porur	17:10	Keen deep water and slight traffic at Porur signal.
Pazhavanthangal and Adampakkam	16:40	All three subways close to Pazhavanthangal and Adampakkam are now open.
West Mambalam	16:30	Postal colony streets (2nd and 1st) are water logged. One can use Mahadevan street or Murthy street to get out of the other side.
Nanganallur	13:30	Power supply and broadband connections up after four days in Nanganallur.
Perambur	13.15	Perambur roads leading to Tondiarpet, Korukkupet via Basin Bridge blocked. Relief teams carrying out operations on both sides.

Area	Time	Updates
Mudichur	20:18	Water has drained. Power is back too and BSNL network is working in Mudichur and Varadharajapuram.
Mambalam	20:10	Vodafone signal is back in West Mambalam
Kamarajar Salai	19:35	Beach road is functional.
OMR	19:15	Kandanchavadi to Taramani to Thoraipakkam, all the areas are navigable. However, electricity down and only Airtel numbers are reachable in some areas.
Villivakkam	18:17	Almost no water logging on the roads, except at the bus depot. Normal traffic right now.
Padur	18:07	Roads towards Thiruporur not motorable for small cars due to some damage near Thayyur.
Sholinganallur	17:18	No power in DLF Gardens area.
Valasaravakkam	16:26	Water receding in Valasaravakkam, some parts of the area have power and phone network.
Velacherry	15:11	Rescue operations at Ram Nagar in Velacherry are taken by NDRF team. Almost all are evacuated from here.
Adyar	14:50	Water has gone down in many areas - Mylapore, Nesapakkam, Alwarpet, Adyar, Kotturpuram, Jafferkhanpet.
Anna Nagar	13.30	Road route: Annanagar 6th Avenue to 1st avenue in Chintamani to Kilpauk Garden Road are all dry.
Alwarpet	12.00	Sithammal colony has no power. no network. bsnl landlines working. Knee deep water.
Ashok Nagar	11.50 am	Areas around Pillar, Jawahar Vidyalaya, McDonald's etc. are all dry. Area near Hot Chips has ankle level water. Hip or chest high water on 9th, 11th, 12th, 18th and 19th Avenues. Knee high on 4th Avenue. 10th Avenue is dry.
Cathedra Road/RK Salai	12.30 pm	Roads are dry and clear
Egmore	12.40 pm	Roads are dry
KK Nagar	12.00	Not much water in most places. People queuing up to buy milk. Bharadhasan colony is absolutely dry. But no power.
Mandaveli	10.45 am	Save a few puddles Music Academy to Mandaveli bus depot, road is dry.

Area	Time	Updates
Madipakkam	11.40 a.m.	Boats being sent from Kaiveli to inside streets at Bagirathi Nagar. More boats required.
Medavakkam	11.30 am	Main road from Medvakkam all the way past Kilkattalai toward Velachery Radial Road is open on both sides.
Mylapore	8.50 am	Mobile network working. Milk, grocery available. Shops are open. Power is back. Roads are clear too.
Nungambakkam	12.30 pm	Most of the main roads are dry.
Thiruvanmiyur	11.45 am	North and South Mada streets are dry and shops open. Thiruvanmiyur flower market is open.
West Mambalam	11 am	Arya Gowda Road: water has receded; shops open; power network down. Duraiswamy Subway cordoned off from Brindavan Street. Rangarajapuram flyover is open. Rangarajapuram street and Rathnammal street still water logged.
Vadapalani	11.53 am	Avoid using 100 feet road via Vadapalani/Koyambedu/Arumbakam. Route blocked on one side and thigh deep water on other. Shell Petrol station functioning.
Velachery	12.42 pm	Ganga Nagar evacuated and secured.

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