

PRESS RELEASE

SHORE LINE CLEANUP COORDINATED BY ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION AND INDIAN COAST GUARD(ICG)



The Port Management Board, in collaboration with the Indian Coast Guard, organised a mock drill on Shoreline Cleanup Campaign at the Phoenix Bay Wharf shore area on 12.09.2024. The cleanup campaign started at 10:30 AM and concluded at 12:30 PM. The motto of mock drill was conducted for removal of oil spillage from the sea shore line. During the course of exercise, the departments like PBMC, PMB, Police, Forest joined hands together.

Approximately 500 participants from various organizations, including the PMB, Andaman Labour Force, Indian Coast Guard, CISF, PBMC, and students from Pondicherry University, took part in the event. Participants witnessed demonstration on oil pollution response techniques and enhancing overall preparedness.



At the end, the entire team moved to the shore line and collected biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste of approx 2 tonnes which consist of plastic, glass bottles, cloth, wooden log and plank and the degradable waste. 120 dedicated PBMC staff under the guidance of their Nodal officer (Disaster) segregated the entire garbage and placed it in the separate waste bags and transported it for its safe disposal in an scientifically and organized manner.

The Deputy Inspector General, P. B. Mandal, TM, Commander, Coast Guard District Headquarters, South & Little Andaman, CGDHQ-14 addressed the gathering and created awareness on the effective management of oil pollution, particularly mitigating oil spills reaching the shoreline. The preventive measures adopted to contain and respond to such oil spills was emphasised. He also stressed the importance of collaboration among all stakeholders/volunteers as part of the Crisis Management Group (CMG).

During the event, the ICG Officials also demonstrated various equipments to be deployed during the oil spills reaching the shoreline and requirements for enhancing over all preparedness.

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