



Event Name	Area Level Pollution Response Exercise
Event date	24 –25 September 2026
Event venue	Indian Coast Guard, Vizhinjam
Details of the event	Objective of the Exercise Enhancing the awareness among stakeholders about the level of preparedness to tackle marine pollution Day 1 -24.09.2026 The workshop commenced with a welcome address by Commandant Suresh Kumar, Station Commandant, Vizhinjam, who briefed the participants on the objectives and scope of the workshop. This was followed by the inaugural address by Dr. Sekhar L. Kuriakose, Member Secretary, Kerala State Disaster Management Authority. The first technical presentation was delivered by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) on its role in pollution response. The ICG highlighted its initiatives, response mechanisms and actions undertaken during various pollution incidents occurring within the Indian maritime zone. A presentation was subsequently made by Ms. Amrutha, HA on KSDMA response mechanism during the MSC ELSA 3 shipwreck incident. The presentation highlighted the coordination and response mechanisms adopted during the incident, along with the key lessons learned and areas requiring further strengthening in maritime disaster response. The Kerala State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) presented the current status of the Oil Spill Contingency Plan, including the existing preparedness and response arrangements. The M/s Adani team presented the pollution response equipment available with them, along with their existing contingency plans and response arrangements. This was followed by detailed discussions among the participating stakeholders on the existing preparedness,

	response mechanisms, coordination arrangements and challenges associated with marine pollution incidents. A Tabletop Exercise (TTX) was subsequently conducted. The scenario was presented by the ICG team, following which the participating stakeholders were requested to outline their respective actions, responsibilities and response measures in accordance with the scenario. The exercise facilitated discussion on inter-agency coordination, communication, resource mobilisation and operational response. Day 2 - 25.09.2026 Day 2 commenced with a demonstration of pollution response equipment at Adani Port. The Adani team demonstrated the deployment and operation of oil spill containment booms and aerial dispersal spraying equipment. The team also demonstrated the vessel-based pollution response operations, providing participants with practical exposure to the equipment, deployment procedures and operational aspects of marine pollution response.
Number of females	5
Number of males	20
Number of trans genders	Not disclosed
Number of children	Nil
Resource person/organizer/ Attendee from the side of SDMA/DDMA	Ms. Amrutha, Hazard Analyst
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