



THE CHENNAI DELUGE 2015

A PERSONAL PHOTO REPORT

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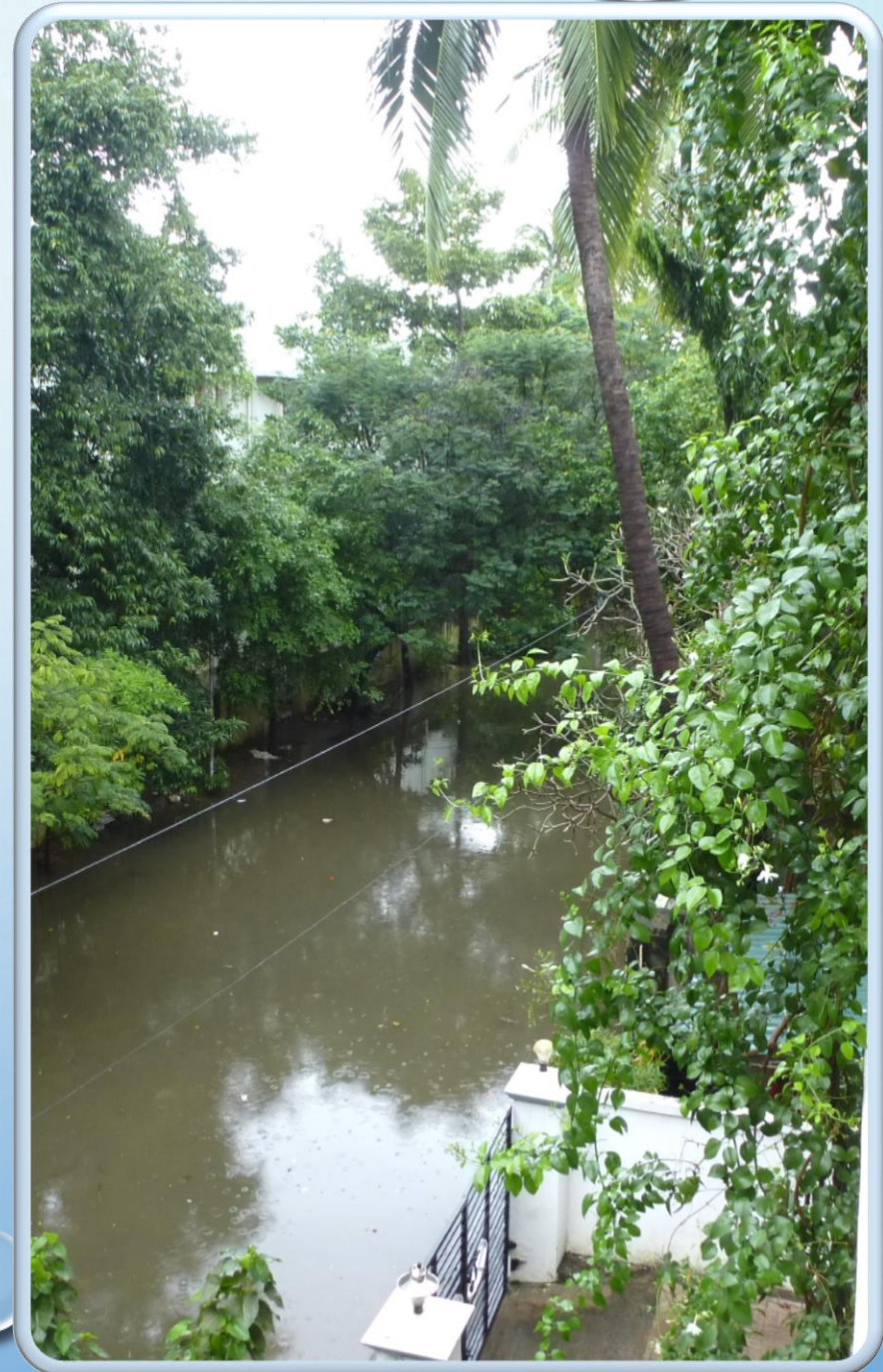
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THE MENACE SERIOUSLY BEGINS ON TUESDAY DEC 1, 2015

THE SITUATION IN MANY RESIDENTIAL AREAS. HERE IN INDIRA NAGAR, ADYAR

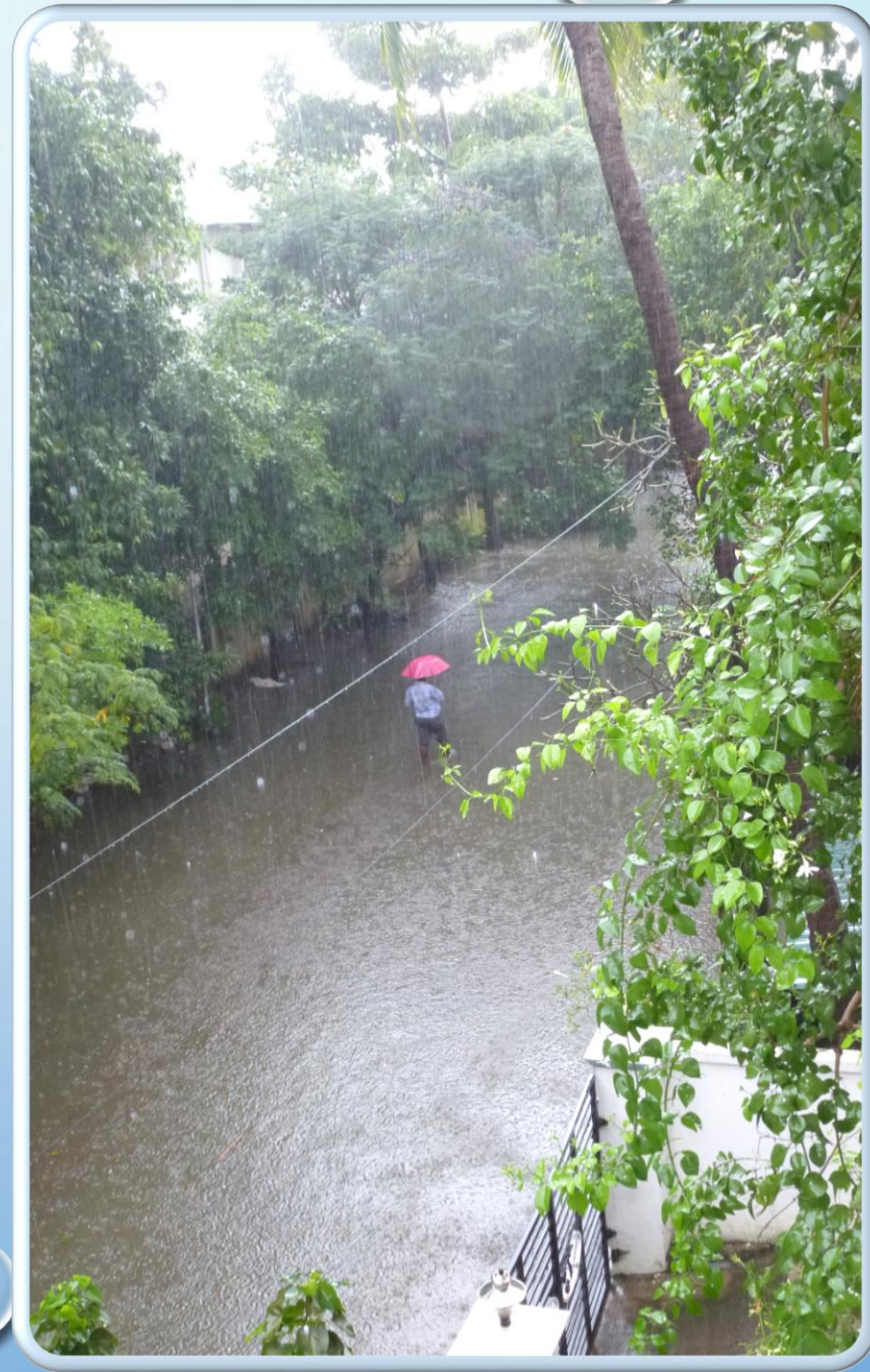
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RESIDENTIAL AREA IN ADYAR. BY TUESDAY EVENING THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WAS CLOSED DUE TO FLOODED AIRFIELD.

(RIGHT 2 DEC 2015; LEFT 3 DEC 2015)



ON THURSDAY I DECIDE
TO VENTURE OUT ON THE
CYCLE FOR THE FIRST
TIME AFTER TWO DAYS OF
HEAVY RAIN,
CONTINUOUS POWER
CUT, NO PHONE AND
INTERNET CONNECTIVITY.
MY DESTINATION IS THE
OFFICE ON THE IIT M
CAMPUS.

NEAR TIDEL PARK, WHERE
MANY IT COMPANIES
HAVE THEIR OFFICES

(3 DEC 2015)



ON THE WAY TO
THE IIT MADRAS
RESEARCH PARK
PASSING IT OFFICE
BUILDINGS (HIDING
BEHIND THE
TREES), SOME OF
THEM YET TO BE
COMPLETED

(3 DEC 2015)





THE RESEARCH PARK GATE INSIDE IIT M (3 DEC 2015)

COMING FROM
RESEARCH PARK GATE,
I HAD TO WADE
THROUGH THIS
ALMOST ONE METER
DEEP AND 150 METER
LONG STRETCH OF
LOW LYING ROAD TO
CONTINUE TO MY
OFFICE



FLOODED FOREST
AREA ON IIT M
CAMPUS
(3 DEC 2015)



WATER
DRAINAGE
ON IIT M
CAMPUS





THE ROAD CAVED IN DEEPLY
AT MADHYA KAILASH, ONE
OF THE MAJOR TRAFFIC
JUNCTIONS IN ADYAR, NEAR
IIT M MAIN GATE

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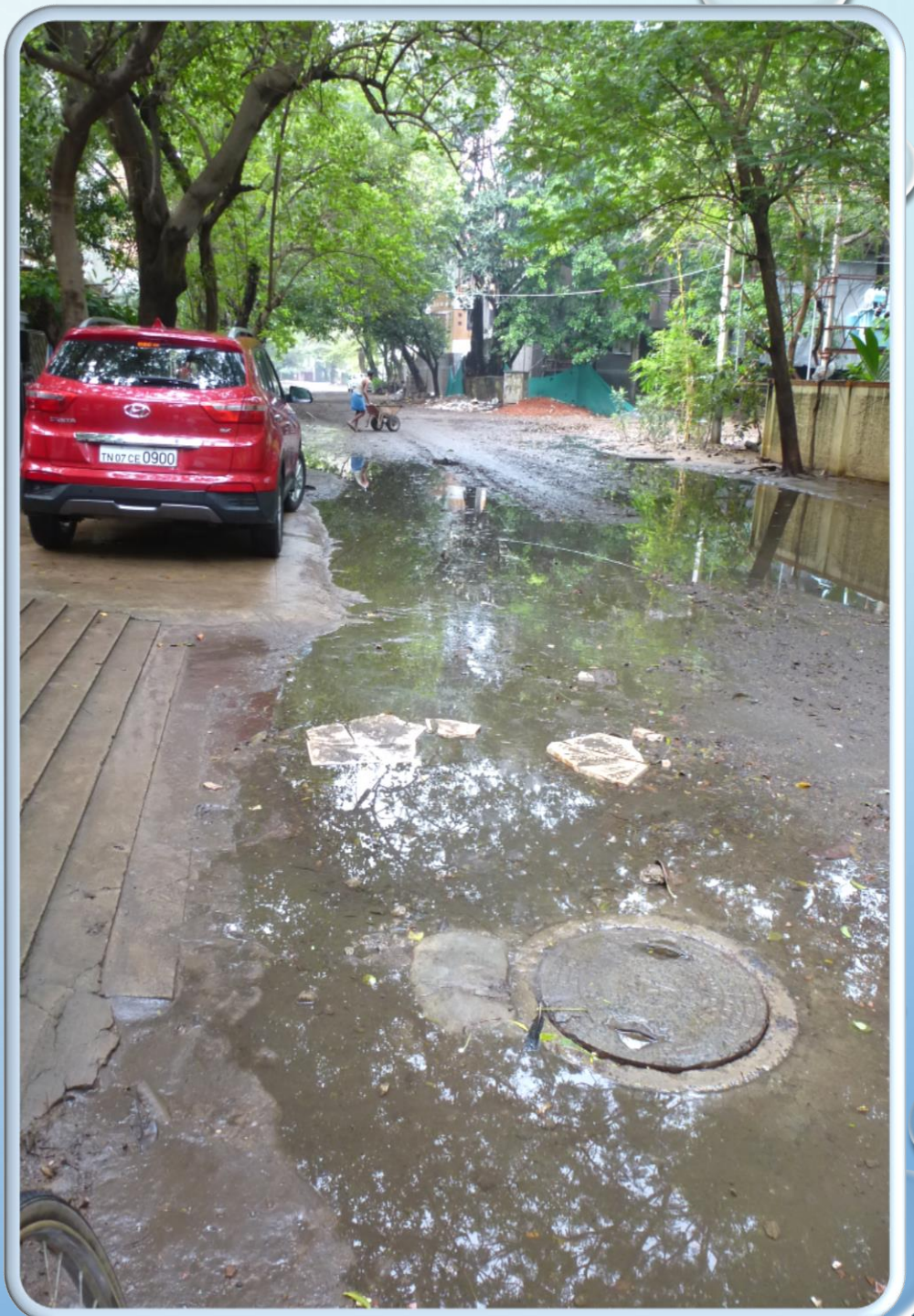
THE BUCKINGHAM
CANAL NEAR MADHYA
KAILASH JUNCTION,
ADYAR

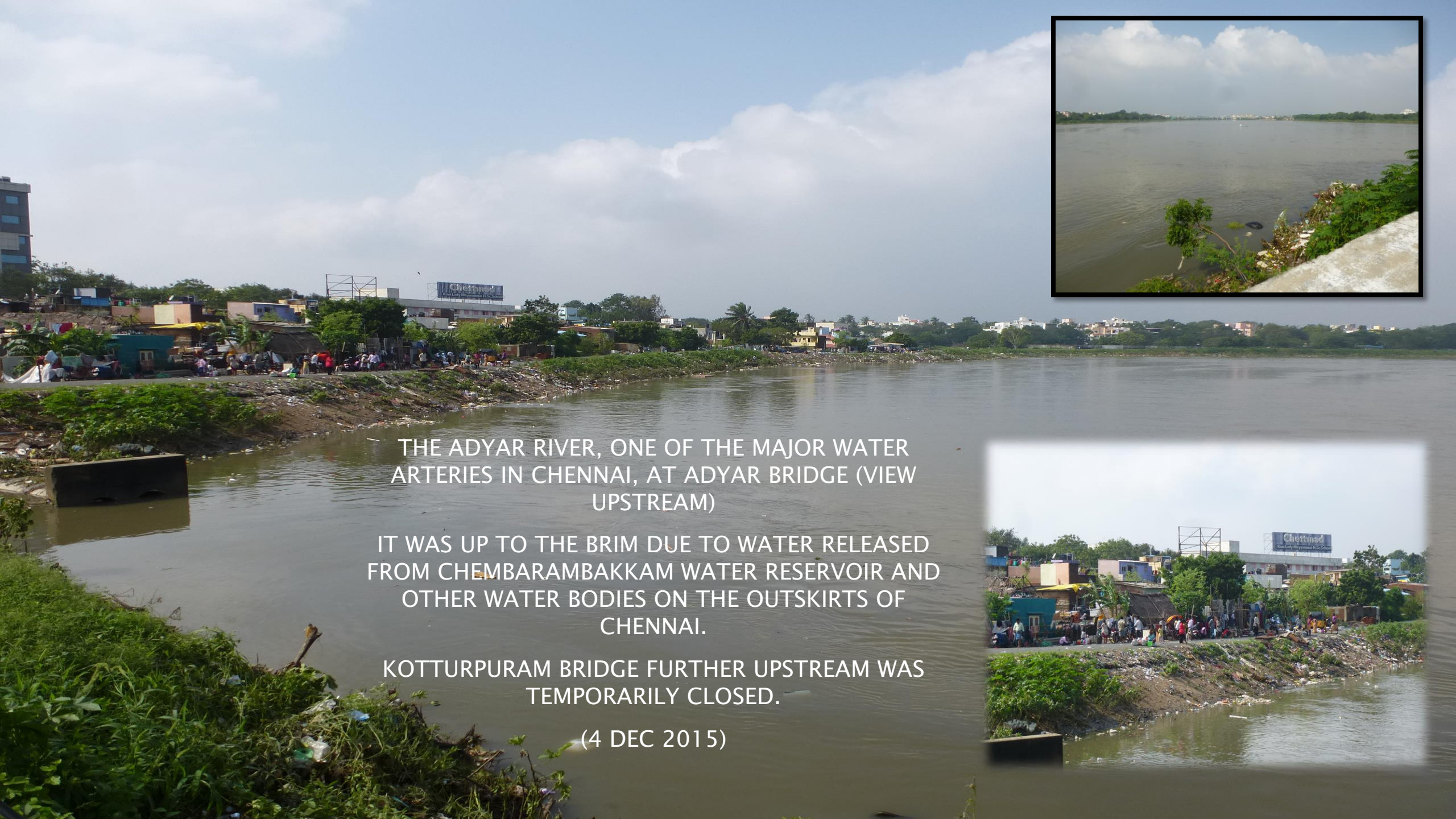
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WHEN THE RAIN STOPS, THE SLUDGE REMAINS.
MANY SUCH MANHOLES WERE OPENED BY RESIDENTS OR
THE LOCAL AUTHORITY IN THE HOPE TO HELP WATER
DRAIN OFF. YET OFTEN THE RESULT WAS
CONTAMINATION WITH SEWAGE WATER.

IN ADDITION, SUBMERGED UNDER WATER OPEN
MANHOLES ARE NOT VISIBLE CAUSING GREAT RISK FOR
PEDESTRIANS, CYCLISTS AND MOTORISTS.

(4 DEC 2015)





THE ADYAR RIVER, ONE OF THE MAJOR WATER
ARTERIES IN CHENNAI, AT ADYAR BRIDGE (VIEW
UPSTREAM)

IT WAS UP TO THE BRIM DUE TO WATER RELEASED
FROM CHEMBARAMBAKKAM WATER RESERVOIR AND
OTHER WATER BODIES ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF
CHENNAI.

KOTTURPURAM BRIDGE FURTHER UPSTREAM WAS
TEMPORARILY CLOSED.

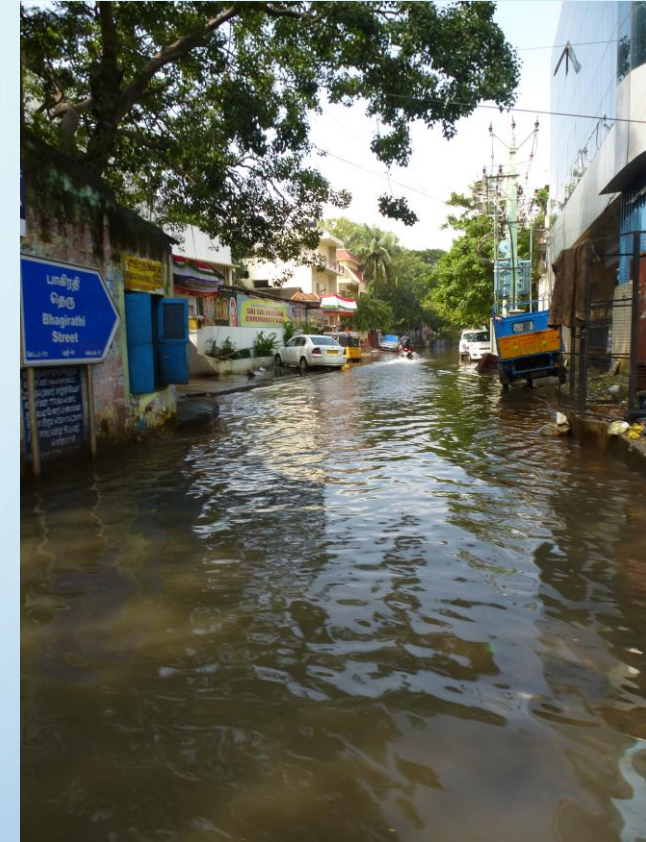
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IN CENTRAL CHENNAI, NEAR T.T.K. ROAD.

SMELL CANNOT BE SEEN IN THE PICTURES. YET THE COLOUR OF SEWAGE IS CLEARLY VISIBLE (PIC LEFT).

NARROW ROADS ARE A CHALLENGE FOR TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIANS ALIKE.



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WITH ONGOING
POWER OUTAGES
WATER HAS TO BE
BROUGHT IN WITH
TANKERS



THE DISASTER DOES NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN RICH AND POOR.

ALONG NUNGAMBAKKAM HIGH ROAD, ONE OF THE POSHEST AREAS IN CENTRAL CHENNAI.



IRONY?
THE BOARDS SUGGEST
NOT ONLY TO WEAR A
HELMET, BUT ALSO TO
SAVE RAINWATER!
BUT HOW? ONE MIGHT
WONDER.

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NEITHER IN NOR OUT

THOSE STRANDED AT FIVE STAR HOTELS WERE PROBABLY THE LUCKY ONES. BUT TENS OF THOUSANDS WERE STUCK AT THE AIRPORT, RAILWAY STATIONS AND IN THEIR HOMES. SURROUNDED OR EVEN FLOODED BY WATER.

(4 DEC 2015)

ON RESCUE MISSION
(4 DEC 2015)



AFTER A FEW DAYS THE CRUNCH
BEGINS – RUNNING OUT OF STOCK

LONG QUEUES AT PETROL STATIONS...

ATMS WERE NOT WORKING UNTIL
FRIDAY OR SATURDAY...

GROCERY SHOPS AND SUPERMARKETS
ACCEPT ONLY CASH, AND MOSTLY
THE EXACT AMOUNT BECAUSE THEY
HAD NO CHANGE.





...AND HEAPS OF WASTE AND RUBBLE ARE MOUNTING ON THE
STREETS IN THE CITY...BUT THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE WHO
BENEFITS...



WHERE SHOULD ALL THE
WATER GO?



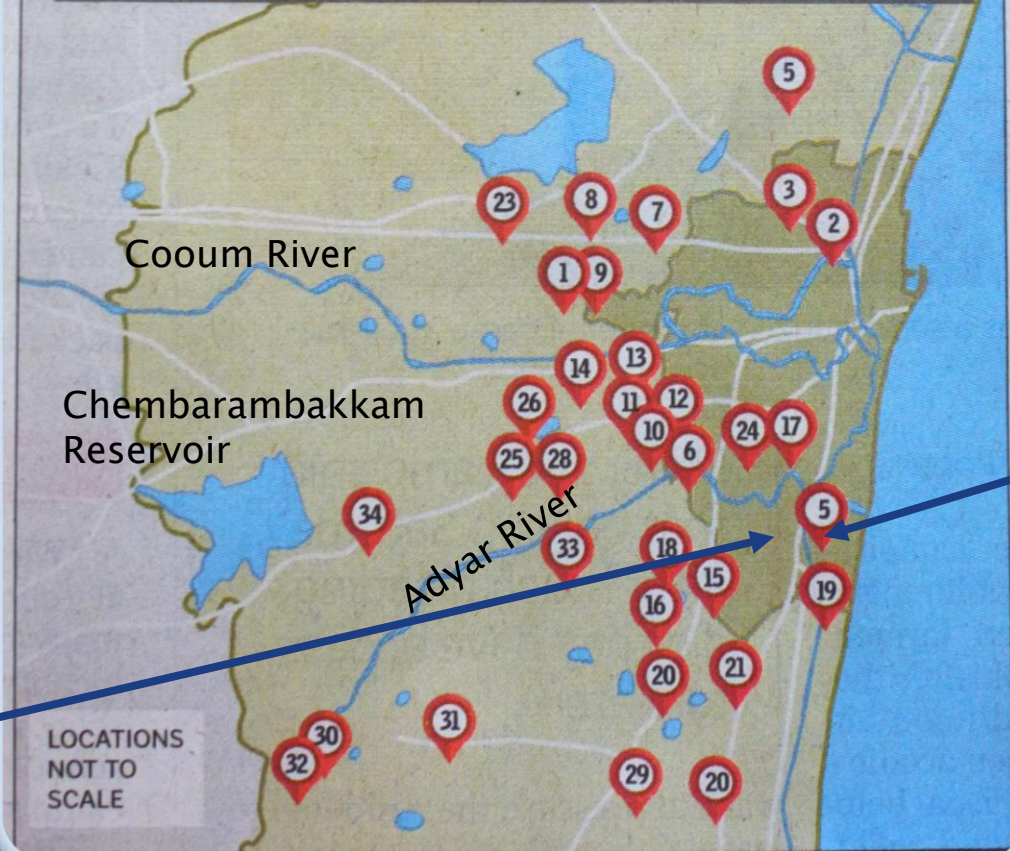
AN INITIAL ANALYSIS

(THE HINDU, 6 DEC 2015)

IN DEEP WATER

A list of areas which have reported heavy inundation to the Chennai Corporation as of 8 p.m. on Saturday

1. Dr. Radhakrishnan Nagar | 2. Basin Bridge | 3. Vysarpadi | 4. Manali | 5. Adyar
| 6. Saidapet | 7. Villivakkam | 8. Korattur | 9. Mogappair | 10. Jafferkhanpet | 11.
KK Nagar | 12. Ashok Nagar | 13. Saligramam | 14. Valasaravakkam | 15. Velachery
| 16. Madipakkam | 17. R.A. Puram | 18. Adambakkam | 19. Kottivakkam | 20.
Sholinganallur | 21. Okkium-Thoraipakkam | 22. Pallikaranai | 23. Ambattur | 24.
Nandanam | 25. Ramapuram | 26. Porur | 27. Manapakkam | 28. Mugaliavakkam
| 29. Perumbakkam | 30. Perungalathur | 31. Tambaram | 32. Mudichur | 33.
Meenambakkam | 34. Kundathur



Adyar/
Indira
Nagar

IIT M
Campus

