

GEO BAG FILLING

Chellanam, a village and a suburb of Kochi city was badly hit by the ravaging sea, especially the high tides, making it impossible for them to live in their houses, so often flooded by sea water. Following the District Collector's orders, around 300 geo-bags filled with sand were laid along Maruvakkad, Bazaar and Velankanni areas where the seawall is broken completely. The students of St. Albert's College (Autonomous) visited Chellanam, badly hit by the fury of the sea. The students were able to actively assisted natives, the Police and other volunteers in filling geo-bags and setting up a sea wall to protect the communities from the inflow of sea water.

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Collector reviews geobag filling work at Chellanam

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Kochi: District collector S Suhas on Sunday visited Chellanam to view the progress of work to secure the coastal stretch from frequent sea erosion and put a stop to frequent flooding of homes.

Suhas visited the region to take stock of the progress of filling of geotextile bags ahead of the official review. The irrigation department, which is in charge of the project, said out of 4,450 geobags they had purchased as part of the project, 3,675 bags had been distributed. Rest of the bags numbering 775 have been kept at taluk office at Fort Kochi to meet emergency needs, they said. Suhas informed the coastal residents that the district administration would take all the necessary steps to expedite the work using geotextile tubes.

Suhas who visited Velankanny church in the locality also had lunch from the house of Martin Kuttappassery. The collector also lauded the students of St Albert's and St Teresa's College, who volunteered to fill geobags at Chellanam.

Bulk of the bags are being put up along the coast at areas like Companypady, Bazaar and Velankanni North at Chellanam panchayat, which had been experiencing severe sea erosion ever since the start of the monsoon. District collector was accompanied by Kochi tahsildar K V Ambros, irrigation department assistant engineer Santosh and members of panchayat.



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