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A person being lifted from the turbulent sea by the Indian Coast Guard chopper, while the TN's Coastal Security Group is seen in the background during a mock drill held at Marina each on Friday.

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MOCK SAFETY DRILL AT MARINA BEACH

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It was all panic in the world's second longest beach — Marina — as personnel from the Indian Navy, Coast Guard and the state's coastal security group were seen running helter-skelter to save several people hit by a 'tsunami.' After an hour, the whole

drama turned out to be a mock exercise demonstrated by Survival Instincts, a safety training organisation, along with coastal security personnel.

Coastal security group ADGP C. Sylendra Babu said the joint drill was organised to commemorate World Safety Day, observed on April 28. "The drill was held to prepare the stake-

holders to act in a proper way so that the toll can be reduced during catastrophes such as cyclones and tsunamis in the future," he said. Smirking, fisherman V. Anand (58) from Nadukuppam said, "We have never seen any standby rescue teams on Chennai coast. It is always we, the fishermen, who act immediately during a crisis."