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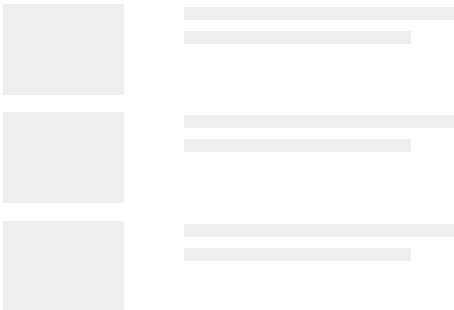
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## Chennaiites sign up for rescue training

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CHENNAI: With the recent floods having hit the city hard, several Chennai residents are now approaching disaster and emergency response groups for training on handling flood situations.

Anoop Madhavan of Survival Instincts, a city-based safety services provider, for instance, says that he already has four workshops lined up across various companies in the city for the first week of December, on how to respond to flood threats in the city. "It was meant to be just a general emergency response training workshop, but after the floods, company heads have asked us to factor in a separate module on how to act in cases of flood and drowning," says Madhavan, who will be conducting the workshops at the British Deputy High Commission and Hotel Crowne Plaza.

Showkath Jamal of Bay of Life Surf School, who was involved in rescue operations in the Mudichur Mookambikai Nagar area near Tambaram, has announced free rescue training for people from this weekend. "Those who sign up will be trained on search and rescue and basic first aid. We have roped in Wilderness First Responders and certified lifeguards to teach the class," says Jamal, who rescued around 40 people using stand-up paddled boards.

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Utkarsh Singhania, a resident of Pallikaranai, who is among the first to sign up for the Bay of Life course, said that though he and his friends used his jeep to help rescue people, adequate training could have helped him save people faster.

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