

Press Brief

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The team sailed from Puducherry till Thopputhurai via Cuddalore, Parangipettai, Pazhayar, Poompuhar and Nagapattinam. The expedition was led by the Naval Officers **Commander Dhinakaran** and **Lieutenant Commander Shiv Shankar**. The team sailed till Thopputhurai and returned Puducherry after 12 days covering a distance of around 456 Kms. The expedition team also carried out various social services activities enroute such as Beach Cleaning Drive, Tree Plantation, Save environment rally, Visit to Old Age Home etc. during their halt at various locations.

A warm welcome was given to Ocean Sailing Expedition team at Puducherry by the **Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. V Narayanasamy. Colonel K Jayachandran**, Group Commander, NCC Group Headquarters, Puducherry, NCC officers and various other civil dignitaries were present at the welcome ceremony.

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Superintendent of Police, Cuddalore will be flagging off the Ocean sailing expedition from Cuddalore Port at 0700 hrs on 21 Jul 18. A warm welcome will be given to Ocean Sailing Expedition team at Puducherry by the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Thiru. V Narayanasamy**. **Colonel K Jayachandran**, Group Commander, NCC Group Headquarters, Puducherry, NCC officers and various other civil dignitaries were present at the welcome ceremony.

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