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**Swell Surge (Kallakadal) Warning to Kerala, South Tamil Nadu and
Lakshadweep Islands for 26–28 September 2026**

INCOIS has issued Swell Surge (Kallakadal) Warning to Kerala, South Tamil Nadu and Lakshadweep for 26-28 September 2026, due to high energy swell waves that are approaching the Indian coast from distant southern Indian Ocean. The event started at approximately 10,000 km away from Indian coast on 20 September 2026 in the southern Indian Ocean (around 45°S and 60°E) and slowly moving towards northern Indian Ocean. This has caused the high energy swell propagation (~23 seconds of peak wave period) towards the Indian coastal regions which was expected to hit southern tip of India in the early hours of 26 September 2026.

As predicted by INCOIS, the high period swells (20 - 25 seconds) from the southern Indian Ocean had reached the northern Indian ocean, Arabian sea and south Tamil Nadu coasts and have started interacting with the coastal regions on 26th and 27th September 2026. This had been confirmed through multiple real-time observation platforms such as drifting buoy and wave rider buoys deployed by INCOIS in the northern Indian ocean, Arabian sea and off Kanyakumari, Tuticorin and Kozhikode.

As per the feedback received from KSDMA and news agencies, the swell surge associated with the Kallakkadal event caused seawater inundation in several coastal locations across Kerala and Kanyakumari districts. In Kanyakumari district, seawater entered residential areas in the coastal villages of Pillaitthoppu and Matrikkal near Nagercoil. In Thiruvananthapuram district, a fishing boat encountered strong waves and capsized while returning from a fishing trip from Kurishadi, Anchuthengu. One person died in the incident, while the other four persons on board were rescued with injuries.

In the Sarkara and Chirayinkeezhu limits, seawater entered roads, properties, and houses in the Munjamoodu Palam, Tharishuparambu, and Puthoor areas due to the Kallakadal. Minor damage was reported to household belongings of a few houses. In Alappuzha district, coastal flooding was observed at Arattupuzha and Valiyazheekkal. At Arattupuzha, Perumpally, the coastal road was inundated with seawater and mud, resulting in damage to road infrastructure. In Kasaragod district, severe rough sea conditions were observed at Valiyaparambu.

The warnings are effective until 10:30 AM of 28 September 2026, and these swells may continue to cause rough seas and coastal flooding in low-lying areas of coastal Kerala, South Tamil Nadu districts, and the Lakshadweep Islands until then. We are presently monitoring the situation, and the updates will appear on the INCOIS website. The public is advised to check the INCOIS website at <https://incois.gov.in/site/services/hwa.jsp> for further information and updates on the event.

The incident and damage images and news channel reporting cuts are given in annexure 1.

Annexure-1:







Sources:

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