

Division 131

Number of streets

Streets with storm water drain

Division 138

133 199

below 30

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TRACKING THE TROUBLE SPOTS

■ It's here on Ashok Pillar Road that the storm water drain starts. Instead of the drain taking a short diversion to the right and connecting to the MGR canal which flows into the Adyar river, it is taking a roundabout way to the left via Jawaharlal Nehru Road, encountering several bottlenecks



■ Here on Ramasamy Road, there was a building encroaching the canal. Even after the building was demolished, the civic body failed to remove the basement portion of the building that continues to block storm water sewer from draining into the MGR Canal

■ Udayam Theatre Junction is a perennial waterlogging area as the water from ward 131 flows to this area. And since it lacks the capacity to handle the situation, whenever there is a decent rain Kamarajar Salai, Rajamannar Road, Ramaswamy Road and RK Shanmugam Road in division 131 get flooded

■ This spot near KK Nagar bus depot has a temple encroaching the storm water drain. But instead of clearing the encroachment, the Corporation has conveniently stopped showing the storm water drain passing through this area on its map. There are manholes near to the area and water, though in small amounts, passes underneath temple premises



■ From this area under Kasi Theatre Bridge to the Adyar river, there is a natural slope of 20 feet. However, the engineering flaws in the construction of the storm water drain has resulted in the water taking a reverse gradient and causing waterlogging in division 131



2,058 km

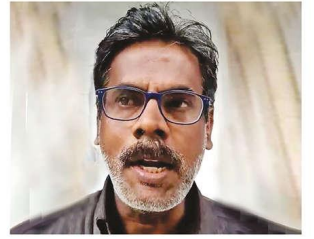
Chennai's storm water drain network extends to just 2,058 km though it has 33,374 interior roads stretching over 5,525 km and 471 bus route roads extending to over 387 km. 1,000 km stretch of stormwater drains in the city came up in the past five years

Below 50%

Even if the to-be-constructed Kosasthalaiyar basin project is added, the entire drains network in the Greater Chennai Corporation limits will come to only 2,500 km which is less than half of its road network

8 lakh

Of the 15 lakh houses in the city, only eight lakh have sewage connections. The rest of the city households are letting sewage into storm water drains. The GCC does not have a drain network map, but only measurements of a drain along a particular street



There is already a storm water drain along Ramasamy Road, but the shops have encroached on the space above them. Instead of removing the encroachments, the civic body has built another drain adjacent to the old drain
— V Gopalakrishnan, activist



Politicians and officials should take action to resolve the issue. After we complained to the MLA, the water was pumped out yesterday (Thursday). But the area got flooded again after it rained today (Friday) morning
— Kumar, auto driver & resident



Our locality has been encountering this flooding problem for over 40 years. Authorities are taking some measures to solve the issue but the problem persists. They should identify the shortcomings and find a permanent solution
— Vijayakannan, resident of Rajamannar Road

