

Operation Thiruvallur

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In news : Southern Command of the Indian Army, Pune has launched 'Operation Thiruvallur' in Tamil Nadu

A brief note on Operation Thiruvallur

- It has been launched by the Indian Army for the safe disposal of at least 10 tonnes of unexploded ordnance collected from the industrial sector in Thiruvallur district, Tamil Nadu
- **The aim of the operation** is to ensure a safe environment for all citizens in and around Gummidipoondi
- It **involves meticulous and high risk segregation of unexploded ordnance and controlled destruction**, which has been undertaken by a formation of the Southern Command that has expertise in handling bombs and explosive devices
- The activity will go on for three to five days.
- The **operation is being undertaken under the aegis of 'Aid to Civil Authorities,'** involving the safe disposal of nearly 10 tonnes of unexploded ordnance which had possibly been collected inadvertently by some factories over a number of years located in the general area of SIPCOT Industrial Estate in Gummidipoondi in Thiruvallur
- The operation is a **classic demonstration of joint coordination and planning between the Army and Tamil Nadu state government**, on whose request the operation has been specifically approved by the Ministry of Defence.
- The operation involves segregation and disposal of unexploded ordnance from a metal scrap dump, now covered with undergrowth.
- The dump had been left unattended after a violent blast and consequent death of a factory worker a few years ago.

Southern Command of Indian Army

- The Southern Command officially came into existence on 01 Apr 1895
- HQ:Pune
- The Southern Command comprises two Corps with their Headquarters, located at Jodhpur and Bhopal.
- Amongst the static formations are the Maharashtra, Gujarat and Goa Area, with its HQ at Mumbai and the Dakshin Bharat Area with its HQ at Chennai.
- It encompasses eleven States and four Union Territories covering nearly 41 percent of the country's landmass.
- Its formations, establishments and units are spread over 19 cantonments and 36 military stations.