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## Kalpakkam power station unaffected

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The Madras Atomic Power Station at Kalpakkam was in no way affected by the earthquake that took places off Indonesia on Wednesday.

According to a release from the Kalpakkam station, as soon as the authorities came to know of the earthq about 2 p.m., contacts were made for checking the impact on Andaman and Nicobar as to whether there level changes in the sea.

Simultaneously, an emergency procedure available for tsunami was organised.

"As a precautionary measure, the reactor power was lowered." Subsequently, it was ascertained that thereffect on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and according to the Indian National Centre for Ocean Inform Service (INCOIS) the warning system has given only an alert.

The checklist for preventing flooding essential equipment area was carried out and also the availability of emergency services was ensured.

Again, at 4.30 p.m. the authorities got a message of the earthquake, whose magnitude was 8.2 on the wes Sumatra. Subsequent to this, continuous contacts were established with the Andaman and Nicobar Islan-Hyderabad.

"We were preparing to shut down our reactors if we get any significant information on tsunami at Nicobathe information didn't indicate any tsunami effect, we kept the reactor in operation."

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