

## **INDIA: Parallel 110-foot hole being dug to rescue boy stuck in Trichy borewell**

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### ***Operation underway to rescue 2-yr-old Sujith Wilson (ANI Photo)***

**Tamil Nadu:** Efforts to rescue a two-year-old boy who fell into a 600-foot abandoned borewell in Nadukattupatti in Tamil Nadu's Tiruchirappalli district entered its third day Sunday after it was delayed for a few hours.

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A parallel borewell is being dug. Efforts are on. We have a technical team at the spot comprising officials from L&T, ONGC, Neyveli Lignite Corporation. The Chief Minister has issued orders to ensure that rescue efforts were carried out without any hindrance. J Radhakrishnan, who is monitoring the rescue operation, was quoted as saying by news agency PTI.

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Meanwhile, special prayers were held across the Tamil Nadu for the safe return of the child.

Oxygen is being continuously supplied to the boy, who has been trapped since 5.30 pm on Friday. The child, who fell into the 600 ft borewell while playing near his house at Nadukattupatti on Friday evening, was initially stuck at a depth of 35 feet but drifted further to 100 feet.

***Operation still underway to rescue the 2-year-old Sujith Wilson who fell into a 25-foot deep borewell in Nadukattupatti, Tiruchirappalli district on 25th October.***

According to officials, six teams were involved in the rescue operations. "We could hear the child weeping.. for a long time.. but now we cannot hear. But we feel the child is safe and breathing," PTI reported quoting officials.

Authorities said they were unable to assess the boy's condition because of the layers of wet mud around him. Specialised teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and state Disaster Response Force (SDRF) have joined the rescue operations.

- (Inputs from PTI)