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SEISMOLOGISTS TO VISIT QUAKE-PRONE AREAS

A team of seismologists from the National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) will be visiting quake-prone areas in the upland mandals of Nellore district here on Tuesday in the wake of continuing low intensity tremors in the past three months.

The scientists have already clarified that the people of the affected areas need not worry much considering the fact that the micro tremors were recording very low intensities of 1.7 to 2.5 on the Richter scale and that there would be no threat or damage because of this.

Already, three seismographs were installed in the upland areas of Varikuntapadu, Udayagiri, Duttaluru, Vinjamur, Sitarampuram, and Marripadu areas to continuously monitor the quake occurrences.

Based on the observations recorded in these seismographs, it was found that the micro tremors were mostly taking place below 5 km the Earth's surface and lasting for a few seconds.

The officials said that in the wake of widespread concerns being expressed by the general public over the continuing tremors, the seismologists were paying a second visit to provide their latest feedback to the people here. A few months ago, the scientists visited these areas and installed seismographs considering the frequency of quake occurrences though they were of very low intensity nature.

Meanwhile, people's representatives, including Udayagiri MLA Bollineni Rama Rao, visited the affected areas in the past few days. Maharashtra have meant a decline of 5%-10% in the supply of cow hide, Dr. Chandrasekaran added.



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