



SITUATION REPORT- 2

Wayanad Landslide

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SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

- Massive landslides struck Kerala's Wayanad district in the early hours of July 30, burying a large area under debris, killing at least 107 people, and leaving many injured. The death toll is expected to rise as many people are still missing.
- Huge boulders rolled down the hills, hindering the rescue workers' path. Despite heavy rains, rescue workers continued shifting the dead and injured into ambulances.
- Several hilly regions in Wayanad district, including Mundakkai, Chooralmala, Attamala, and Noolpuzha villages, have been affected by a series of landslides, with the most significant impact observed in Mundakai and Chooralmala.
- Chooralmala, which is not typically vulnerable to landslides and is 6 km away from the landslide epicenter, experienced 578mm of rainfall in the 48 hours preceding the landslide, significantly more than predicted.
- To date, 93 bodies have been found, and 128 people have been hospitalized due to injuries. Out of the 93 bodies, 34 have been identified, and 18 have been handed over to their families after post-mortem examinations.
- Sixteen bodies were found in Pothungal from the Chaliyar River.
- The Iravahinji River is now flowing in two directions from its original course and Vellarmalla GVHSS is fully buried under clay and soil after the incident.
- Red alert has been issued for Idukki, Thrissur, Palakkad, Malappuram, Kozhikode, Wayanad, Kannur, and Kasaragod.
- Kerala Electricity Minister has directed the restoration of power connections in the landslide-affected areas of Chooralmala and Mundakkai as soon as possible. The Minister has instructed that power restoration efforts be focused on all areas except for seven transformers in the disaster-affected region, which serve about 1,400 consumers.
- Three kilometers of high-tension lines and eight kilometers of low-tension lines were damaged, with two transformers washed away and three transformers damaged. Currently, 350 families are without power in the area.
- Rescued individuals from disaster-affected areas will be shifted to the nearest relief camps. Local self-government bodies have been instructed to provide clean drinking water, food, and other facilities to those in the camps and those isolated.
- 250 people have been rescued so far and were shifted to temporary shelters

Statistical Analysis



Worst Affected Areas:
Mundakkai, Chooralmala, Attamala, and Noolpuzha villages



Number of Casualties:
107



Hospitalised people:
128



No. of Relief Camps:
45



Inmates in Relief Camp :
3069



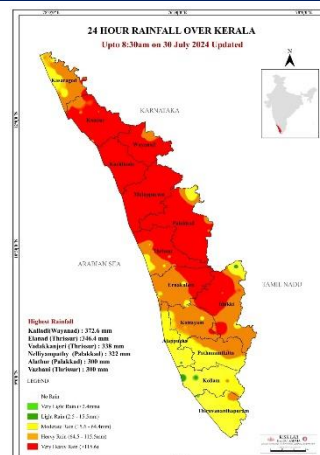
Rescued people:
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Electricity damage: 03KM
High tension line, 08 KM low tension line



Houses Washed away:
More than 150





GOVERNMENT RESPONSES

- The Kerala government has declared a state of mourning on July 30 and 31 due to the loss of life and property in Wayanad.
- Five ministers are camping in Wayanad focusing on coordinating the rescue operations in the affected areas.
- Forty-five relief camps have been set up in the Wayanad district, housing 3,069 people. In total, 118 relief camps have been established across Kerala, with 5,531 inmates.
- The Chief Minister has suggested all humanitarian agencies to coordinate with the district collector's office for humanitarian responses.
- With the heavy rainfall continuing, the IMD has scaled up the weather alert for the day in Kerala, placing half the state on red alert and warning of extremely heavy rainfall in eight districts, with four other districts on orange alert forecasting very heavy rainfall.
- The Food and Civil Supplies Department has launched steps to supply food grains and other essential supplies to relief camps for those displaced by the devastating landslides in Wayanad.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced an ex-gratia of ₹2 lakh for the next of kin of the deceased in the landslides.
- The Navy and Army have been deployed in the district for rescue operations.
- Tamil Nadu is sending a team of medical personnel and disaster response personnel to Kerala to aid in rescue and relief operations in Wayanad.
- A total of 329 fire and rescue officers, including 35 water rescue trainers and 85 Aapta Mitra personnel, have been deployed.
- Five teams of the NDRF are also in the district, with two teams from Bengaluru and one from the Kollam district.
- Helicopters have reached Calicut for rescue operations, but they have not been able to participate due to bad weather.
- The public can provide information to the 24-hour control room at the phone numbers 9497900402 and 0471 2721566. The control room operates under the direct supervision of the State police chief
- Drone team has been deployed from neighboring districts, and police dogs are also in the field to support search and rescue efforts. Additionally, specially trained army dogs have been requested to assist in the search and rescue operations.
- Additional forensic doctors from Calicut Medical College have been deployed to Wayanad for genetic examination of unidentified bodies.
- Food supplies are available in the affected areas, with ration shops and supply centers fully functional.
- The water authority has started delivering clean drinking water to the region, with two tankers carrying 2,000 liters.
- The NHM state mission director has been deployed in the district to coordinate local health activities. Temporary clinics have been set up in mosques and madrassas in Chooralmala, and a temporary hospital has been established in a polytechnic college.
- Doctors from various specialties, including surgery, orthopedics, and forensic departments, have been deployed from Kozhikode, Kannur, and Thrissur districts. A team of private hospital doctors is also on-site.
- Mortuary facilities will be increased, and mobile mortuary units will be utilized.
- Medicines and equipment are being delivered to hospitals in the district, and ambulances and rapid response units are being moved to the disaster-affected region.



Source of Information

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