



Humanitarian Response

Government Preparedness and Response

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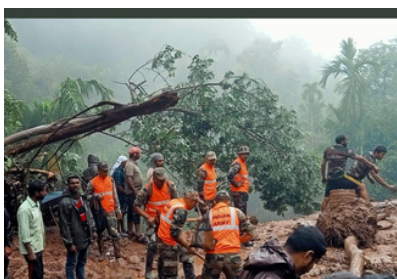
IMD has issued a warning of Fairly widespread/widespread rainfall with isolated heavy falls and thunderstorm/lightning in Tamil Nadu and Kerala during 02nd -06th August. According to the weather bulletin issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on August 2, red alert has been declared in Ernakulam, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Idukki, Thrissur, Palakkad, Malappuram, Kozhikode, Wayanad, Kannur, Coimbatore, Thiruppur, Theni, Dindigul districts .

As per IMD Press Release dated 2nd August, Isolated extremely heavy rainfall has predicted over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karaikal during 02nd-04th; Kerala & Mahe during 02nd-05th has predicted. Alert for water level rise may be kept in Meenachil, Manimala, Pamba, Thodupuzha, Muvattupuzha, Periyar, Achankovil, Kallada, Vamanapuram, Cauvery, Parambikulam, Aliyar, Vaigai, Vaippar, Thamirabharani and their tributaries and other small rivers of above said districts. Increased inflow is expected into Idukki and Edamalaray dams.

In view of the rain, the IMD has issued a warning to fishermen in Tamil Nadu to not venture into the sea for fishing until August 5. Wind speed up to 40-50 kmph is likely to prevail over the Comorin area, Gulf of Mannar, South Tamil Nadu coast, and the adjoining southwest Bay of Bengal.

Response:

- District Disaster Management Authority in Kerala has opened control rooms at all taluk headquarters, which will function round the clock.
- Revenue Minister's Office begins control cell in Kerala; its number is 8078548538
- A blanket ban on all quarrying and mining activities has been imposed
- The state Tamil Nadu government on Monday said four National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams have been rushed to Kanyakumari and the Nilgiris district to assist the district administrations.
- 9 teams of National Disaster Response Force and 2 units of Defense Security Corps have been deployed in Kerala.
- 09 teams of NDRF are deployed in Kerala and 05 teams of NDRF are deployed in Tamil Nadu assisting in rescue and relief operations.
- Separate police control room will be started in every district in Kerala
- The Government of Kerala appointed ADGP MR Ajith Kumar as Nodal Officer in charge of Police Deployment and ADGP Vijay Sakhar as Nodal Officer for Disaster Management Operations.
- The Department of Agriculture in Kerala has opened state and district level control rooms for crop damage reporting and disaster mitigation



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Response:

- Inter Agency Group - Kerala and Tamil nadu is observing the situation and preparing for the responses in coordination with the member NGOs.
- Kannur district IAG is planning to visit Kanichyar, where the landslide occurred yesterday
- Alappuzha district IAG is currently monitoring the situation in their district. They are alerting people through a community radio broadcaster in Alappuzha



Source of Information:

- IMD, MHA, CWC
- The Indian Express, Times of India, The Hindu, Mathrubhoomi, Deshabhimani



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