

Kochi, Techies, Fund- Raising Initiative,  
Flood Victims, Flood Relief

# Techies raise funds to help flood victims

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**Kochi:** The Kochi unit of Progressive Techies, a social welfare organization for employees working in the field of Information Technology in Kerala has started a fund-raising initiative to provide financial assistance to people living in flood affected areas. They distributed flood relief kits to more than 150 families in Chellanam on Thursday.

The kits contain non-perishable food items, cooking utensils, bed linens, sleeping mats and essential medicines, including first aid boxes. Last week, the forum in association with KPMG Global Services distributed flood relief kits to more than 130 families.

"Chellanam is one of the areas worst affected by severe flooding and intense sea erosion following incessant rains. When we reached Chellanam we saw many people living in dire straits and not much was being done for the well-being of the coastal residents. As human beings, we all have responsibility towards our soci-



Members of Progressive Techies, a social welfare organization, distributing flood relief kits to flood-affected families in Chellanam on Thursday

ety. We as members of Progressive Techies are always trying to build space to do the same. KPMG Global Services also played a crucial role in the flood relief activities carried out in Chellanam and their valuable contribution has helped us in this endeavour," said Anish Panthalani, secretary of Progressive Techies.

The fund-raising programme to provide financial assistance to people living in flood affected areas was launched by the Thiruvananthapuram

unit of Progressive Techies. "The initiative is being carried out in all IT parks in Kerala," said Panthalani.

Chellanam is slowly recovering from the flood and rain-related miseries. However, people are struggling to meet their daily needs including food and clothes and medicines. Compared to last week the situation here is now better.

The residents are furious as their demand for reconstruction of sea walls and breakwaters are yet to be met.

Meanwhile, as part of a campaign titled 'Do for Kuttanad' launched by Ernakulam district administration in association with volunteers of Anbodukochi, an NGO based in Kochi, more than 22 tonnes of items including food and medicine were collected. The campaign offers assistance to people living in flood-affected areas of Kuttanad. As part of the campaign, a collection center was opened at Regional Sports Centre, Kadavanthara. The items were handed over to Alappuzha district administration on Wednesday.