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Kochi: Heavy rain lashed central Kerala on Wednesday morning after southwest monsoon became active once again. Idukki and Wayanad received very heavy rainfall with Idukki, Peer-made and Thodupuzha receiving 11-14cm each. Nilambur (Malappuram) received the highest rainfall (15cm), followed by Vythiri (14cm) and Mananthavady (12cm). IMD said that there would be heavy (7-11cm) to very heavy (12-20cm) rainfall in many places across the state over the next 24 hours.

The state recorded an excess rainfall of 15% from June 1 to August 8. Interestingly, it was 17% at the end of July and it came down to 12% on Tuesday. It rose by 3% in just 24 hours. Idukki received the highest rainfall (at 41% excess) while Kottayam

received 35% and Ernakulam got 33% excess rainfall this season.

Weather department officials said that a well-marked low-pressure area over north Chhattisgarh and its neighbourhood has reactivated southwest monsoon. "The hilly regions of Idukki, Wayanad and Pathanamthitta will receive heavy rain for the next couple of days," said IMD director K Santosh.

Meanwhile, the IMD has issued a warning that strong winds (from westerly direction) reaching a speed of 35-55km/hr is likely along Kerala coast and Lakshadweep. Sea condition is likely to be rough in southwest and central Arabian Sea. Fishermen are advised not to venture into the sea. Private weather-caster Skymet said that further along the west coast, the intensity of rainfall has already increased in Kerala. It is likely to continue for a few days.

HOW IT RAINED?

- Peermade- (Idukki) & Mananthavady (Wayanad): **12cm**
- Vellanikkara & Vadakkancherry (Thrissur), Thodupuzha (Idukki): **11cm**
- Kunnamkulam (Thrissur) & Irikkur (Kannur): **9cm**
- Konni (Pathanamthitta), Chengannur (Alappuzha), Ambalavayal & Kuppady (Wayanad): **8cm**
- Punalur (Kollam), Mavelikkara (Alappuzha), Piravom (Ernakulam), Chalakudy & Irinjalakuda (Thrissur) and Ponnani (Malappuram): **7cm**

