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Kerala, Monsoon Impact

Woman electrocuted

Alappuzha: A woman was electrocuted after she came into contact with a fallen power line at a waterlogged area near Thycattusserry on Sunday. The deceased was identified as Subhadra, 62, of Fishermen Colony. The police said the incident happened on Sunday morning. The Fire and Rescue Service personnel from Cherthala shifted her to hospital but her life could not be saved. The body was handed over to relatives after postmortem, the police said.

Jeep washed away, passengers swim to safety

Palakkad: A jeep plying from Padagiri to the Pullala estate in Palakkad was washed away on Sunday in the incessant rains lashing the district. However, the passengers of the jeep - block panchayat member Sheela Shaji, driver Ponnurmani and two others, Pushparaj and Mani - swam to safety in the incident which occurred at 6.30 pm.

Ban on tourist inflow

Palakkad: Since the District Collector had banned tourists from visiting Nelliampathy till Sunday due to the heavy rains and inclement weather, there were no stranded travellers. However, the people say the ban should be in force for one more week on account of the continuing bad weather.

Holiday for select schools in Kozhikode and Wayanad

Kozhikode: District Collectors declared a holiday for schools where rehabilitation camps are functioning in Kozhikode and Wayanad districts on Monday. While these schools will remain closed, all other educational institutions will function.

Houses damaged at Marayur

Idukki: Five houses were completely destroyed and 30 others were partially damaged in the heavy wind that blew across Marayur on Saturday. The place has been experiencing blackout for the past two days as most of the electric poles were toppled in the storm. Farmers here incurred crop loss worth lakhs of rupees because of inundation.

Flooded rail tracks disrupt train services

Kochi: Passengers had a harrowing time on Sunday when trains were delayed due to the heavy rain. According to Railway PRO Shebi, with tracks being flooded, the signal had to be manually operated. "Preference was being given to express trains," he said. Passengers, especially those who depend on passenger trains, were the most affected. With the passenger service disrupted, it was a long wait until the line cleared for travellers to Chengannur or Kollam. "There was a disruption in communication between Tripunithura railway station and Ernakulam South. Hence, the authorities at Ernakulam South had to contact the control room to coordinate train movement between the stations," said the PRO.

Dam shutters likely to be opened

Kozhikode: Following the continuing heavy rainfall and the rise in the water level in the reservoir, the shutters of Banasura dam in Wayanad and Kakkayam dam in Kozhikode may be opened at any time. People living in its catchment areas should keep vigil, informed authorities.