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Chellanam, Heavy Rain, Flood, Houses were Damaged

Chellanam bears the brunt

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The coastal panchayat of Chellanam has borne the brunt of heavy rain over two days in the district. Several houses have been partially damaged in the rain even as some of the families have been shifted to the St. Mary's Higher Secondary School and Leo English Medium High School.

Maruvakkadu, Companyppady and Bazaar areas are the worst affected, said T.A. Dalphine, a Chellanam resident. Roy, another resident in Maruvakkadu, said that such flooding of roads and homes was witnessed during the Ockhi cyclone in the early part of 2018. He said that sand bunds and other protective arrangements had been breached.



Floodwater that entered the premises of a house at Chellanam. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Flooding was severe in the early afternoon hours, he added.

A press release from the Public Relations Department said that 229 families had been sheltered at the Leo English Medium School while 190 families had been

shifted to the St. Mary's Higher Secondary School. However, a local resident alleged that there was no proper arrangement to accommodate the affected people and many of them had shifted to their relatives' houses.