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Thiruvananthapuram, Flood Relief, Heavy Rain, Flood Victims

State in a spate of bother; Cabinet allots ₹113 cr

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deaths have occurred in Kerala in monsoon-related incidents since May

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National Disaster Response Force teams are currently deployed in Kottayam and Alappuzha

The Met has issued a warning of heavy to very heavy rainfall in the state between Thursday and Sunday



Fire and Rescue personnel rescue an old woman from a marooned place at Nattassery near Kottayam on Wednesday | VISHNU PRATHAP

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HEAVY rain continues to throw life out of gear in Kerala, with nearly 30,000 people being relocated to relief camps. The Met department has warned downpour is likely to continue till Sunday. Seven more deaths were reported in the past 24 hours.

Though central Kerala got a breather in the past two days, the low-lying western regions of Kottayam have not got any respite. Increase in water level in Meenachil river has forced the Railways to cancel several trains services through the region.

The Cabinet on Wednesday reviewed monsoon calamities and sanctioned ₹113.19 crore for relief works. Kerala sought Centre's sup-

port and urged it to send a delegation to take stock of the situation.

On Wednesday, till evening, 12 houses were fully damaged while 434 houses got partially damaged. Huge crop loss has been reported, with an area of 1,150 ha in Kuttanad going under water. In Alappuzha alone a loss of about ₹8 crore has been calculated, said Agriculture Minister V S Sunil Kumar. Landslides have been reported from more than 40 regions.

With many transport services affected, the KSRTC is incurring an average ₹20-₹25 lakh loss during the past 10 days. Transport Minister A K Saseendran said the corporation is taking every effort to avoid any region getting isolated.

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