

ALAPPUZHA BATTLES FLOODS, SEA EROSION

Two Columns Of ETF From Pune Moved To Ernakulam And Thiruvalla, While One Column Moved To Thrissur

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Alappuzha: Chengannur and Kuttanad taluks in the district have been isolated in the heavy rains and floods, and efforts were on to evacuate the stranded people.

It was, however, not known how many people have been stranded.

Water level has been increasing after the shutters of Kakki, Anathodu and Kochu Pampa reservoirs in Pathanathitta district were opened. Heavy, incessant rains have made situation worse.

On Thursday, a 63-year-old man, Hariharan of Muhamma, died while fishing in Cherthala.

Hundreds of people remained stranded in various parts of Chengannur. Though all of them have sought the help, heavy rains and strong currents were preventing rescue workers from reaching them.

As many as 20 fishing boats have joined the rescue work along with 25 boats of the disaster management committee.

Chengannur, Pandanadu, Edanadu, Thiruvandoor, Vazhar, Mangalam, Veeyapuram, Cheruthana, Pathiyoor, Pallippad Mangalam, Edanad, Puthankavu, Pandanad, Kallisserry have been flooded.

The water level in Vembanadu Lake, too, has been rising. The sea erosion has also become severe. The collector has urged those in low-lying areas and near to waterbodies to move to safer places.

WATER RECEDES IN RANNI

Kottayam: Rescue workers are focusing on Kozhenchery and Aranmula in Pathanathitta district as the water level started receding in flood-hit Ranni taluk on Thursday.

Around 400 stranded people were rescued from Kozhenchery and Aranmula areas. The attempt is to rescue another 200 using choppers by Thursday evening.

District collector P B Nooh reassured the public that there is no need for panic and will rescue all those who are stranded in the floods.



1. View of flood from a Navy helicopter in Kochi
2. A scene from Manjumal
3. Rescuers wades through the water in an inundated area at Aluva ashram
4. Residents use a makeshift raft in a waterlogged area in Thiruvalla