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Four south-central districts of Kerala had a harrowing time last week with the skies opening up incessantly for nearly three days. With the water level rising, major rivers in the region breached their banks, roads sank under the impact of water rushing down from the higher reaches and large tracts of paddy went under water in Kuttanad, Kerala's rice bowl spread across Alappuzha, Pathanamthitta and Kottayam districts. Thousands had to take refuge in relief camps as floodwaters moved into homes.

Monsoon rains are a part of Kerala's life and culture, but the situation the State witnessed over the past one week was of a kind that should raise serious thoughts about the ominous messages that the rain clouds may have delivered.



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Heavy downpour and flooding engulfed the entire Pala region, submerging houses, roads and paddy fields.

