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Thiruvananthapuram, Heavy Rain, Alert, Kabani Reservoir, Shutter Opened

Heavy rain in north, authorities on alert

Active monsoon conditions for the next five to six days

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With the southwest monsoon remaining active over Kerala, the northern districts received heavy rain on Tuesday, keeping the administration on alert.

The weather office has forecast active monsoon conditions over the south peninsula for the next five to six days. As many as 14 relief camps were opened at various locations in Wayanad to relocate families whose houses were flooded by storm waters following torrential rain.

Shutters opened

The shutters of the Kabani reservoir across the Kabani river at Beechanahalli in Karnataka were opened on Tuesday noon to prevent floodwaters from rising. The district received an average of 113.33 mm rainfall on Tuesday. The rain affected close to 4,800 farmers in the district. Crops, especially plantain, cultivated on 338.78 hectares were destroyed in the rain. A total loss of ₹13.32 crore was incurred in rain-related calamities so far, Agriculture Department sources said.

Worst hit

One of the worst affected districts, Idukki, witnessed widespread incidents of landslips and crop loss. The Collector requested people in the high ranges to avoid night journeys. The water le-



Vehicles moving on the Kazhachaparambu-Kannadi road in Palakkad that was flooded in heavy rain on Tuesday. Three days of torrential rain flooded roads and inundated farmlands in many parts of the State. *K.K.MUSTAFAH

vel in the Idukki dam rose to 2,354 feet on Tuesday against 2,315 feet on the same day last year, officials said. Incidents of landslide, flooding and damage of properties were reported in the high ranges of Kozhikode. People were stranded in interior areas and efforts were on shift them to relief camps.

Rough sea

Heavy rain affected traffic movement in Kochi and damaged houses in other parts of Ernakulam district.

Sea conditions are very likely to remain very rough over major parts of the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal during next five days. The met office here has advised fishermen not to venture out to sea.

The India Met Department has forecast widespread rain in Kerala till July 14. A weather outlook issued on Tuesday has warned of heavy rainfall (7 to 11cm in 24 hrs) at some places till July 14 with very heavy rainfall (12 to 20cm in 24hrs) likely on Wednesday.