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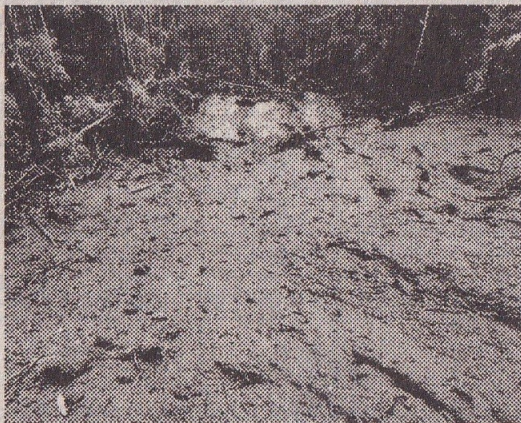
Idukki, Heavy Rain, Vattavada, Landslide

Heavy rain continues to batter Idukki; landslide at Vattavada

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INTERMITTENT spells of downpour continued to batter the district on Thursday even as the authorities said the intensity of rainfall had dropped considerably. Peerumade, where the highest amount of rainfall was received on Thursday witnessed a downfall of only 66.0 mm which was 118.0 mm on Wednesday.

However, Idukki taluk received the highest rainfall which was recorded at



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67.6 mm. While Thodupuzha and Munnar received 45.8 mm and 64.8 mm rainfall respectively, it was 78.3 mm and 102.8 mm on Wednesday.

A major landslide was reported from Vattavada near Munnar. The landslip occurred on Thursday morning near the water tank put up by the panchayat authorities to supply potable water to the residents. The pipe lines which supply water to the households burst as tonnes of earth and boulders fell upon it.

The office building and the mandapam (temple porch) of the Subramanya Swami temple at Murickassery near Kattappana were completely destroyed in the heavy rain that lashed the district on Wednesday. Since nobody was inside the building premises, no human casualties occurred. However, the authorities have estimated a loss of Rs 4 lakh.

Though the intensity of the rain at various places had dropped, the district administration issued a warning to people residing on both sides of Thodupuzha and Muvattupuzha Rivers to be alert, since all the four shutters of the Malankara dam had been opened. Alert was sounded to people living on the downstream of Irattayar and Kallar dams as the shutters would be opened any time.