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Caste-based discrimination alleged at relief camp

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THE police have started an investigation after a group of people belonging to Dalit community alleged caste-based discrimination at a flood relief camp in Pallippad panchayat, near here. The police registered a case under various sections of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act against 20 people on Monday.

The Kayamkulam DySP will conduct an inquiry into the incident. The members of the Dalit community registered a complaint with Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and District Collector S Suhas, alleging that members of the Christian community had humiliated them at a relief camp at Anjilimoodu LP School. The District Collector has ordered a probe into the complaint.

Minister flays relief camp inmate

Alappuzha: Public Works Minister G Sudhakaran on Tuesday slammed an inmate of a relief camp who made remarks on 'caste preference' in relief distribution in camps. While the minister was returning from a relief camp at Thalavadi in Upper Kuttanad, an inmate asked whether relief distribution and visit to relief camps was based on caste. An irate Sudhakaran said camps were not functioning based on caste. He also threatened action against the inmate if he made such remarks.

