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Thiruvananthapuram, Flood, Financial Aid

**State needs
financial
aid: Pinarayi**

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Thiruvananthapuram: Chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan said that more than relief material, government requires financial support. Cautioning against excess supply of unwanted materials, he asked NGOs to coordinate relief measures with district collectors to ensure smooth supply of basic items.

While appreciating the help received from people within and outside the state, Vijayan said that those staying at relief centres have to go home one day. "Many things are simply collected and passed onto relief camps without considering what is necessary," he added.

Meanwhile, TVS Motors donated Rs 1 crore to the chief minister's disaster relief fund (CMDRF), CPI donated Rs 10 lakh and United Nurses Association announced Rs 11 lakh. Actor Mohanlal will hand over Rs 25 lakh to the CM on Tuesday. Mammooty and Dulquer Salman together donated Rs 25 lakh to Ernakulam collector. Ministers KK Shailaja and K Ramachandran donated a month's salary. KPCC president MM Hasan donated Rs 25,000.

Muthoot group chairman MG George Muthoot handed over Rs 1.5 crore to the fund.

CM THANKS RAJNATH

The chief minister thanked Union home minister Rajnath Singh and expressed 'sincere gratitude on behalf of the entire state' for his timely visit to the flood-hit region, which Vijayan described as 'a great solace'.

"Even before your visit, on hearing the calamity that had befallen Kerala, the Prime Minister rang me up and assured all possible assistance. A few weeks ago, following severe rain and floods in central Kerala, the Union minister of state for home affairs visited affected areas. We are grateful for the special care and consideration being given by the Centre in these difficult times," said Vijayan in his letter.