

Thiruvananthapuram, CM's Flood Relief Fund, Aid

Aid pours in from all corners

Thiruvananthapuram: Opposition leader Ramesh Chennithala has condemned the social media campaign against the donations being given to the chief minister's disaster relief fund (CMDRF). He urged the people not to believe such false propaganda by a section of vested interest groups. He asked everyone to contribute to CMDRF to alleviate the sufferings of those staying in flood-hit regions.

"The state is witnessing one of its worst disaster. All sections should join hands to help victims. It is our duty," he said. The chief minister too issued a similar appeal. "It is a calamity for entire state and we should come together to help affected people," he said. Chennithala and devaswom minister contributed a month's salary to the fund.

Industrialist B R Shetty donated Rs 2 crore to relief fund, while DMK working president MK Stalin announced Rs 1 crore as flood relief.

YUSUFFALI DONATES ₹5 CR

Thiruvananthapuram: Individuals, too, are coming forward with contributions to the chief minister's disaster relief fund, even as the state has been reeling under unprecedented floods and landslides. The chairman and managing director of LuLu Group International, M A Yusuffali, on Sunday announced Rs 5 crore to the relief fund.



Earlier, actor-turned-politician Kamal Haasan announced Rs 25 lakh to the fund. Actors Suriya and Karthi announced Rs 25 lakh.

Mizoram governor Kummanam Rajasekharan donated Rs 1 lakh while MP Rajeev Chandrashekar

gave Rs 25 lakh. Tamil Nadu's Nadigar Sangam donated Rs 5 lakh, while Association of Malayalam Movie Artists donated Rs 10 lakh.

TEMPLES OFFER THEIR HELP

Temples in Ernakulam are opening their coffers to help flood-hit people of Kerala. The Keezhillam Kaniyasseri Maha Vishnu temple near Perumbavoor placed a separate hundi on its premises so that devotees could offer aid to CM's relief fund.

"People want to do their bit and it might be a small amount say Rs 5 or Rs 10. The trust which runs the temple took a decision to collect the donations for the relief purpose," said Anurag Parameswaran, secretary of the trust. The hundi will be kept for 15-20 days. Rebuffing criticism against the move, he said when religious establishments come forward to help it is expected to encourage others. Thiruvairanikkulam Mahadeva temple donated Rs 5 lakh to CM's fund. TNN