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Thiruvananthapuram, Monsoon Fury, Red Alert in Six Districts

Nature's *danse macabre* in hills, plains

A 48-MEMBER NDRF TEAM WILL SOON REACH KOZHIKODE, ONE OF THE WORST-AFFECTED DISTRICTS, SAYS CHIEF MINISTER

THE OFFICERS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WHICH DEAL WITH DISASTER MANAGEMENT HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO BE ALERT

FISHERMEN ARE ADVISED NOT TO VENTURE INTO SEA ALONG AND OFF THE KARNATAKA, KERALA, COASTS AND NEAR LAKSHADWEEP

ALL MODES OF TRAFFIC BETWEEN MAKKOOTTAM AND PERUMBADI ON THE THALASSERY-MYSURU HIGHWAY HAVE BEEN BANNED TILL JULY 12

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THE State Disaster Management Authority has issued red alert in six districts in the wake of heavy rain triggering land slips in many areas. The red alert has been issued in Kozhikode, Malappuram, Wayanad, Kannur, Kasargod and Palakkad districts. The police have been instructed to hold announcements in areas vulnerable to landslide and flash flood to take adequate precautions for people.

The officials of various departments which deal with disaster management have also been instructed to be alert. The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) has forecast heavy (7-11 cm in 24 hours) at a few places and very heavy rainfall at isolated places on Thursday, heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places on Friday and heavy rainfall at isolated places from Saturday to Monday.

Fishermen are advised not to venture into sea along and off the Karnataka, Kerala, coasts and near Lakshadweep as strong winds and high waves are likely along the coast. The condition of the sea is likely to be rough to very rough along these coasts and over East Central, West Central and South West Arabian Sea.

Further, orange alert has been issued in Idukki, Kottayam and Alappuzha districts where officials of various departments have been advised to stay alert. The Central Water Commission also warned that the water level in major rivers are likely to increase as a result of heavy rain, which trigger flash floods and landslide in vulnerable areas. An emergency response team is already in the area where rain triggered landslide in Kozhikode and another team from the National Disaster Response Force, Arakkonam, will be reaching here soon, said SDMA member secretary Sekhar Kuriakose.



Alert in Sabarimala

Pilgrims have been advised to avoid travelling to Sabarimala on motorbikes, three-wheelers, and open vehicles as part of the opening of the temple for monthly poojas which will be held between Thursday and Tuesday. In case of any eventuality, the control room at Pathanamthitta Collectorate (0468 - 2322515) has to be alerted.