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## Kochi: Heavy rain, Flood hit , Drinking water

### Residents of Aluva fear repeat of 2013 flood

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**Kochi:** Memories of 2013 flood still haunt many Aluva residents as they recollect water remaining inside their houses, over seven feet high, for two days.

"Last time, water in the house was above the level of our windows," recollects Baburaj, a resident at Chengamanad.

"There was no proper warning and many of our appliances were damaged in those floods. However, that time so many dams were not open and water had receded quite quickly. At present, I doubt whether it would be the same this time around," said Babu.

A leader of Karshaka Congress at Chengamanad, Rajan remembers a pregnant woman getting stranded in the 2013 flood.

"The woman was alone at her house and she woke up to find water all around in her room. The scared woman had then raised an alarm after which neighbours went to rescue her. This time, we had ample time to prepare for a flood," said Rajan.

P V Suresh, whose house is located right on the banks of Periyar, said that last time he



Flooded Chengamanad area in 2013

suffered heavy loss due to inundation.

"I clearly remember going to sleep just like another normal day and waking up to find my mini-van completely submerged. The vehicle was severely damaged after water entered the engine. This time, water has already reached the floors of the house and if rain continues, it would be a repeat of 2013," said Suresh. Many bridges were inundated in the 2013 flood at Aluva as well.