

TIMES OF INDIA

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Heavy rain, Flood hit, Flood victims, Water level rises, Camps open

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NATURE'S FURY

GREAT FLOOD OF '99'
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The deluge that claimed thousands of lives and caused severe damages to crops and property took place in the year 1099 of Malayalam calendar (July 1924). It is said that the rain continued for about three weeks submerging many places, including Thrissur, Ernakulam, Idukki, Kottayam and Alappuzha of present-day Kerala. Kundala valley railway, the first monorail system in India, was also completely destroyed.

AMBOORI LANDSLIDE (2001)

One of the most devastating landslides in the state occurred on 9 November, 2001 at Amboori in Thiruvananthapuram. The tragedy occurred when a hill collapsed onto a house where a family gathering was happening. It claimed around 40 lives.

OCKHI (2017)

Ockhi cyclone struck parts of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Lakshadweep claiming several lives and causing damage to properties and crops. The prime victims were hundreds of fishermen who had ventured out to the sea. The magnitude of destruction places Ockhi among the worst cyclones to have struck the Indian coastline in the last 50 years. The disaster also triggered a major controversy as no timely warning was issued. Questions were raised about the delay in forecasts and it exposed the lack of preparedness.