

# Heavy rain lashes Kerala, seawater enters houses in many parts of State

Reinvigorated monsoon hits normal life in State with several houses partially destroyed and trees uprooted; mother and child injured in collapse of roof in Alappuzha; situation under control but heavy rain to continue for 48 hours, says Minister

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**A** reinvigorated monsoon lashed the State on Wednesday with parts of north and central Kerala experiencing heavy rain, bringing life to a halt in many places.

A 15-year-old youth went missing in Kuthirappuzha, near Chokkad, in Malappuram.

A mother and child sustained injuries when the roof of their house collapsed in the heavy rain near Amabalappuzha in Alappuzha.

Scores of houses were partially destroyed in many places across the State due to mudslips, uprooted trees, and broken branches falling on houses, as per initial reports. The shutters of the Poringalkuthu, Kallarkutty, Pambala and Ma-



**Caught in downpour:** Commuters during heavy rain in Thiruvananthapuram on Wednesday. The rain, triggered by an offshore trough, also caused rough seas in many places in Kerala. PTI

lankara dams were opened following heavy rain in the catchment areas.

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Chavakkad in Thirur, Ponnani in Malappuram, and Kannamali in Ernakulam.

A makeshift causeway constructed as part of a bridge work across the Bharathapuzha was dam-

aged in the heavy rain near Alathur in Palakkad.

Seawater entered the houses along the coast at Kannamali and Njarakkal in Ernakulam, Veliancode and Palapetti in Ponnani,

parts of Punnapra in Alappuzha, and Kadappuram and Anjangadi near Chavakkad in Thrissur. A relief camp was opened at Kananayannur in Ernakulam accommodating 20 people from seven families.

However, the situation is under control, said State Revenue Minister K. Rajan. Speaking to the media, the Minister said nine teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) had already been deployed in various parts of the State.

Heavy rain is likely to continue for the next 48 hours, the Minister added.

The IMD has issued an orange alert warning of very heavy rainfall in Wayanad and Kannur and a yellow alert for seven districts from Ernakulam to Kasargod, forecasting heavy rain in the range of 64.5 mm to 115.6 mm in 24 hours.