

'Kerala submitted estimate for Wayanad disaster only on Nov 13'

Centre further tells HC that the state's proposal seeking ₹2,219.033 crore for recovery is currently being evaluated

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THE Centre has informed the Kerala High Court that, following the landslide disaster in Wayanad, the state government conducted a Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) exercise, estimating a requirement of ₹2,219.033 crore for recovery and reconstruction.

The state's report was submitted to the Centre only on November 13. The Kerala government's proposal is currently being evaluated in accordance with the Guidelines for the Constitution and Administration of the Recovery and Reconstruction Funding Window under the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) and the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF).

STATE'S DEMANDS

As per the state government, the following demands are pending before the Union government

- Notification of Meppadi landslide as a disaster of 'severe nature'
In exercise of Section 13 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the NDMA may consider writing off the personal loans, motor vehicle loans, housing loans, and other loans of the affected families
Providing immediate additional relief assistance

calamity. It also approved air bills for air-dropping of essential supplies and rescue, as per actual, based on the bills raised by the IAF and the assistance for the clearance of debris, subject to actual utilisation of heavy equipment/machinery for clearing debris from the affected areas within the vicinity of Meppadi grama panchayat.

financial assistance from NDRF, an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) was constituted on August 2 itself and the IMCT, in consultation with the state government, visited the affected areas for on-the-spot assessment of damages from August 8 to 10. However, the state government submitted its memorandum on August 19 seeking additional assistance of ₹214.68 crore from the Central government, for providing temporary relief assistance of an immediate nature.

The state government submitted that the Post Disaster Needs Assessment is a recently introduced statutory requirement for sourcing funds from the Recovery and Reconstruction Window of National Disaster Response Fund. The PDNA is a multi-sectoral exercise that contains estimates of the damages, losses, recovery costs, and reconstruction costs with a build-back-better perspective in mind.

LDF to hold statewide protest over Centre's 'neglect' on Dec 5

T'Puram: The ruling Left front will hold a statewide protest accusing the Union government of deliberate inaction in providing assistance to Wayanad landslide victims, on December 5. The LDF will take out a protest march to the Raj Bhavan at the state capital while protest meetings will be held at district headquarters in other districts. About 25,000 people are expected to attend the protest march to be taken out to Raj Bhavan from 10.30am to 1pm. The LDF workers will lay siege to the Central government offices at district headquarters. About 10,000 people are expected to assemble at each protest venue, LDF convener T P Ramakrishnan told media on Friday. Responding to the questions over HC's criticism, Ramakrishnan said the LDF called for hartal as part of a general sentiment in Wayanad.

HC slams LDF, UDF for Wayanad hartal

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THE Kerala High Court on Friday lambasted the LDF and the Opposition UDF for calling dawn-to-dusk hartals in Wayanad on November 19 to protest the delay in central assistance for the victims of the July 30 landslides.

"What kind of irresponsible behaviour is that? How can it be justified? Such a flash hartal is anti-people. The LDF, which is in governance, resorts to the same thing, and for what? It is a pathetic conduct. Now, we are wondering which is the biggest disaster, the natural disaster or this?" said the court.

The court observed that while the political outfits cannot "feign ignorance of the directions" issued by the court, prohibiting the calling of flash hartals, it is not entirely clear what the outfits sought to gain from the whole exercise other than mounting "more misery upon an already beleaguered section of our people".

The HC asked the government pleader to inform the state government that the court will not tolerate such actions. "You are claiming that the Union government has not provided funds, but how is this hartal going to secure more funds? Normally, the opposition cries foul. However, in this case, the opposition is also siding with the LDF. This is very distressing and disturbing," remarked the court.

The court further directed the state government to periodically file timely updates on the progress of the carrying capacity study conducted in the hill stations in the state.

Nursing student death: Three classmates remanded, cops claim proof for torture

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THREE classmates of deceased nursing student Ammu Sajeev, who were arrested by the Pathanamthitta police under charges of abetment of suicide, were produced before a court and remanded.

Ammu, 22, a resident of Ayrooppara in Thiruvananthapuram, was a student at the Government Nursing College, Chuttippara here. She fell off the college hostel building on November 15. Ammu, who sustained critical injuries from the fall, was rushed to Pathanamthitta General Hospital by her teachers and classmates. After informing her family, she was transferred to Thiruvananthapuram Medical College in an ICU ambulance, where she succumbed to injuries.

Following the incident, the Pathanamthitta police had registered a case and started an investigation. A team of scientific investigation team, fingerprint experts and police photographers conducted a detailed examination of the spot and collected evidence.

The hard disk of the hostel's CCTV was seized for scientific examination, police said. They also recovered a notebook and mobile phone from Ammu's room.

According to police, they got proof that Ammu was mentally and physically harassed by her classmates. The cops found that the harassment and other bad experiences were detailed in her book.

They also found the complaint sent by Ammu's father to the college principal against the accused classmates and the records of the action taken by the college authorities.

The police had collected the memo received by the accused, their replies, and the statement signed by Ammu to the college authorities. In it, Ammu mentioned the mental torture and attempts to physically assault her, police said.

Arrest after interrogation

The trio were taken into custody after it was found that the mental torture perpetrated by them led to Ammu's death.

On Thursday, Ammu's brother had given statement against the accused persons. Speaking to reporters after giving his statement, Akhil alleged foul play behind his sister's death. He vehemently rejected the possibility of suicide, accusing both the college authorities and three of Ammu's classmates of being involved in the incident.

Terming it a murder, Akhil stated that the family would file a formal complaint with Health Minister Veena George. He also expressed satisfaction with the progress of the police investigation.

The arrested classmates-- Aleena Dileep, 22, of Pathanamthitta, Kollam, A T Ashita, 22, of Vazhappalli, Kottayam and Anjana Madhu, 22, of Ayarkunnam, Kottayam, were taken into custody on Thursday night.

They confessed to the crime during detailed interrogation. Evidence has been found that there was mental torture that led to suicide, police said.

They will be remanded to Kottarakkara Sub Jail till December 5.

Outrage over offensive post on Army chiefs, FIR filed

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A surge of indignation has swept across retired and serving defence personnel and Co-org community members, following an offensive social media post about two of India's most respected Army chiefs, Field Marshal KM Cariappa, who served as Commander-in-

Chief, and General K S Thimayya, who served as India's Army Chief.

The accused, Srivatsa B, allegedly shared the offensive comments on social media. In a formal complaint, the Kodava community lodged an FIR with Bengaluru police at RT Nagar and RR Nagar

police stations. The FIR was filed under Section 192 and 352 of Bharatiya Nyaya Samhita for fabricating evidence and provocation, and criminal force against a person.

"It is unacceptable," Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar said, and

urged police to use the force of law to deal with the issue.

He said Field Marshal Cariappa and General Thimayya are national heroes and we need to respect our war veterans. Anger and outrage was also expressed by Kodagu MLAs AS Ponnanna and Manthar Gowda, and MLC Suja Kushalappa.

Woman kills 2 kids, attempts suicide in B'luru

Bengaluru: A woman allegedly strangled her two children to death and later attempted suicide by slitting her throat at Muniswamy Naidu Layout in Subramanyapura police limits in Bengaluru on Thursday night. The deceased are Shambhu Sahu, 7, and Shiya Sahu, 3. Their mother Mamata Sahu, a homemaker, is being treated in the KIMS Hospital. Her husband Sunil Sahu is an autorickshaw driver. It is said that Mamata suspected her husband of having an illicit relationship with a woman. This is suspected to be the reason for the incident, the police said.

Alappuzha-based trust to modernise farming practices in S India, Maha

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ALAPPUZHA-headquartered Sree Hariharaputhra Dharmaparijalana Sabha Trust will soon launch an initiative to revitalise and modernise farming practices across 1 lakh acres in south India as well as Maharashtra, by providing free support to farmers.

In collaboration with FuseLag Innovations, a drone technology startup in Ernakulam, the trust will use advanced technology to address agricultural challenges in Kerala and other states. Through the part-

nership, the trust will provide fully-funded technical support, including modern equipment, innovative agricultural techniques, fertilisers, and maintenance assistance, to eligible farmers free of cost.

"The initiative, focused on Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Maharashtra, aims to benefit farmers by identifying their needs and providing necessary resources - from crop inputs to advanced agricultural tools. Indigenous communities, especially those in the Nilakkal and Sabarimala regions, are a primary focus, and there are plans

to expand production and improve living standards of people in these areas," said Ajay Kumar Kaipuzha, managing trustee of the trust.

Fuselag Innovations MD Devan Chandrasekharan said the programme will be operational soon, with free services made available to eligible farmers.

"The trust expects the initiative to showcase the potential of eco-friendly agricultural practices using cutting-edge technology and be a landmark project that contributes significantly to agricultural prosperity in the region," he said.

Youth stabbed to death in T'Puram

T'Puram: A 26-year-old Kadakkavur native was stabbed to death allegedly by a history sheeter near Pulimoottil Kadavu near Chirayinkeezhu on Friday night. Vishnuprakas was allegedly stabbed on his stomach by a seasoned criminal Jayan aka auto Jayan.

AP CM: State has 'chargesheet reports' filed in US

Vijayawada: Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu on Friday said the state government has the "chargesheet reports" filed in the US related to the alleged bribery scam involving the previous YSRCP government and the Adani Group, and 'promised' to act on the irregularities. USSEC accused Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani of offering a bribe of ₹1,750 crore to Jagan, when he was the chief minister, in 2021.

LBS Centre For Science & Technology, Tvm-33

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