

INCESSANT RAIN DISRUPTS DAILY LIFE IN KASARAGOD

Collector instructs police and fire station officers to remain vigilant

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KASARAGOD witnessed widespread chaos as rain lashed the district on Monday. The downpour affected the construction of the highway and service road near the new bus stand, leading to a complete work stoppage.

Partial flooding was also reported near the service road from Posadi to Hosangadi in Manjeshwar grama panchayat. Water entered the houses in the area and caused minor damage to the properties. The flooding was caused due to a drainage block.

Manjeshwar grama panchayat vice-president Mohammed Siddiq M said, "Heavy flooding on both sides of the service road caused water to overflow into nearby houses. A total of 12 houses were affected in the incident. A blockage in the drainage led to the flooding and to mitigate the issue, the road construction company immediately deployed excavator machines."

Meanwhile, a bus travelling from Adhur to Kasaragod veered off the road in the



An inundated house in Kasaragod after the district received heavy rain on Monday

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evening after the pathway unexpectedly gave way, causing the driver to lose control. The bus slipped and collided with an electric post on the roadside. Fortunately, no one was injured in the incident.

Since a red alert has been issued in the district, the district collector directed all village officers to inspect schools within their respective jurisdictions and coordinate with headmasters to facilitate the safe return of students. The collector also instructed police and fire sta-

tion officers to remain vigilant and take appropriate measures to ensure public safety during emergencies.

Additionally, to ensure the safety of road users, the district administration has mandated the installation of prominent safety boards on national and state highways, as well as other roads undergoing construction or maintenance. Immediate measures will also be taken to address potential hazards like potholes to minimise the risk of accidents.

Parassinikadavu temple festival commences

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THE Puthari Thiruvappana Mahotsavam began at Parassinikadavu temple on Monday. The flag-hoisting ceremony was performed by Madamana Illathu Narayan Nambuthiri in the presence of M Satheesan Madayan. Thousands of devotees gathered to witness the ceremony at the temple.

In the afternoon, an elderly woman of the family presented offerings prepared with great care to the Sree Kovil. This was followed by the Malayirakkal, and in the evening, the procession featuring members of the Thayyil Tharavad family showcased their ancient martial arts practice as they entered the temple. About fifteen 'deshakkars' from Thalassery and Kozhikode participated in the temple festivities with colourful processions dedicated to Muthappan.

The evening continued with the Muthappan Vellattam, Anthivila, and Kalasham procession. The Thiruvappana ceremony is scheduled to begin at 5.30am on Tuesday.

The festival will conclude with a Kalassakottu on Friday. There will be Kathakali performances by eminent artists on Thursday and Friday.



A man sits beside posters campaigning against drug abuse in and around Kozhikode beach area by the city police | J. Gokul

34 injured as two KSRTC buses collide at Kallerimala

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A COLLISION between two Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) buses on Monday afternoon left 34 people injured. The accident occurred around 3.30pm on the Kallerimala stretch of the Iritty-Peravoor route.

The KSRTC bus travelling from Mananthavady to Payannur collided head-on with another on its way from Iritty to Mananthavady. Police from Peravoor and Muzhukkunnu, and Fire and Rescue Services personnel promptly reached the scene to transport the injured to nearby hospitals in Iritty and Peravoor. The driver of a bus sustained severe injuries. However, no other injuries

were reported as life-threatening.

Traffic on the Iritty-Peravoor route came to a standstill after the crash. Authorities restored normalcy by deploying a crane to remove the wreckage. The bus heading to Payannur veered off and hit a tree to stop, preventing what could have been a more severe tragedy.

The accident occurred on a narrow road amid heavy rain, which is believed to have impaired the drivers' visibility. The front of one bus sustained significant damage from the collision.

An investigation is underway to confirm the cause of the crash, with initial reports suggesting poor weather conditions and reduced visibility as contributing factors.

EXPRESS READ

Holiday declared for educational institutions in Kasaragod

Kasaragod: Following the India Meteorological Department's forecast of heavy rainfall in Kasaragod district on December 3, District Collector Inbasekar K has declared a holiday for all educational institutions, including professional colleges, on December 3. The holiday is also applicable to tuition centres, anganwadis, and madrasahs.

Fencing championship logo released

Kannur: The logo of the 35th National Fencing Championship, which will be held at the Munday Indoor Stadium in Kannur from December 31 to January 3, was released by Assembly Speaker A N Shamsheer. The launch was held at a function held at Pazhassi Raja Park in Thalassery.

'Ini njan ozhukatte' campaign launched in Kasaragod

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AS part of the Malinya Muktham Navakeralam campaign, a comprehensive initiative -- 'Ini njan ozhukatte' -- has been launched to rejuvenate streams in the district by March 30. As a district with the lowest groundwater reserves in the state, Kasaragod faces significant water scarcity, particularly during the summer.

By undertaking this ambitious project, the committee hopes to alleviate water shortages and ensure a sustainable water supply for its residents. "Last year's 'Ini njan ozhukatte' programme was effica-

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K Balakrishnan, Haritha Kerala Mission district coordinator

The coordinated efforts of various administrations and the residents played a major role in its success. An action plan will be made to clean the streams this year and further work such as the construction of side wall and desilting will be carried out accordingly," said Haritha Kerala Mission district coordinator K Balakrishnan.

The campaign aims to make the streams waste-free by encouraging the public to identify and block waste disposal pipes and drainage systems connected to the streams, thereby preventing further pollution, and ensuring the long-term maintenance of the cleaned streams. So far, 700 streams have been identified for cleaning.

The cleaning activity will be carried out with the collaboration of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Scheme (MGNRES) workers. Special committees will be formed by including people residing near the

streams. The waste collected during the cleaning process will be sorted and transferred to the Haritha Karma Sena of the respective panchayats for proper disposal, while the silt and mud extracted from the streams will be used to construct bunds along the banks and facilitate tree plantation, thereby enhancing the ecological balance of the area. "Each activity will be assigned to different bodies; for example, cleaning will be done by the local self-government departments, and water conservation and other related works by the minor irrigation department," Balakrishnan said.

BJP, Yuva Morcha raise threatening slogans against Sandeep Varier

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BJP, YUVA MORCHA workers raised threatening slogans against Sandeep Varier, who left BJP and joined Congress. The slogans were raised during a demonstration held in Azheekode last day as part of the commemoration of K T Jayakrishnan.

The provocative slogans included "Traitor Sandeep, we will take revenge in broad daylight" and "We will take you who betrayed the movement".

The slogans were raised at a rally attended by BJP national vice-president A P Abdullakutty.

The slogan said that Sandeep Varier is an insult to the martyrs and has betrayed the party. Sandeep Varier will not be allowed to walk in Palakkad city. The slogan also stated that the party would settle accounts with Sandeep Varier in Palakkad.

Meanwhile, Sandeep Varier came forward to respond to the incident. He said that the party is proving once again that his decision was right to walk away from BJP, the tent of hatred.

Youth Congress State Secretary V Rahul has filed a complaint with the Kannur City Police Commissioner demanding a case be registered for the threatening slogans raised against Sandeep Varier.

Three arrested in online fraud case in Koothuparamba

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KANNUR: Three men were arrested in an alleged online fraud case of ₹3.5 lakh from a Koothuparamba native.

Abdul Gafoor of Atholi, Kozhikode, Abdul Manaf of Kuttikattur, and Sunil Kumar of Thrissur were arrested. The Koothuparamba police registered a case against the three people on the complaint of Abhinav, a resident of Koothuparamba.

A message was sent to Abhinav's WhatsApp in the name of Global Trading Company, requesting investment and promising huge profits. Expecting high profits, Abhinav sent ₹3,45,000 from his ICICI Bank account to the account they suggested in January last year. Later, when he did not get the profit or money back, he filed a complaint with the police. A police team led by Koothuparamba Inspector K V Hariakuttan nabbed the accused.

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