

Kerala Floods - Relief efforts by National Centre for Earth Science Studies (Ministry of Earth Sciences), Thiruvananthapuram, to help flood victims

In view of the unprecedented flood disaster faced by the state of Kerala, all the staff members of National Center for Earth Science Studies (NCESS) joined hands to extend a helping hand to the distressed people of Kerala affected by the worst natural calamity the State has ever witnessed. The initiative taken by the NCESS Recreation Club was well received, and at a short notice all the staff pitched in by donating in cash and kind the much-needed items based on the request from relief camps. The items included clothes for adults and infants, provisions for food, toiletries, bedsheets, medicines, ORS packets, chlorine tablets etc.

An amount of over 3 lakh rupees was collected as donations from NCESS staff including 1 day salary of each employee to be donated to the Chief Minister's relief fund. The remaining amount was used to purchase hundreds of bedsheets, blankets, baby food and diapers, which were handed over to the centralized relief centres at Kanakakunnu and Thampanoor in Thiruvananthapuram. NCESS Recreation Club formed a group of volunteers to work at the collection centers and relief camps. The group has joined hands with the Govt administration and worked tirelessly for relief efforts.

Additionally, our scientists have provided technical guidance over phone and social media to the local people, NGOs and local Government in the flood affected areas of Kasargode, Kannur, Waynad and Idduki districts in Kerala. Recorded messages on the vital information and precautions to be taken, etc were also circulated through WhatsApp. Some of our staff and students have also visited the devastated areas to assist in relief operations.