

## **Brief Description of Kerala after the Flood - 29.08.2018**

The beautiful state of Kerala stands dejected as it faces the worst floods of the century. After the worst rain and floods in a century, Kerala is slowly getting on the road to recovery. Rescue operations now over, the focus has shifted to providing relief and rehabilitation to the over one million people displaced by the floods. Kerala authorities estimate the overall damage to be worth more than € 2.544.529.000.

The life of its citizens is in disarray since the floods struck the state. People at relief camps are slowly started to return to their homes. Schools have reopened and alternative facilities has to identify to accommodate the victims of flood. Waste disposal is another big issues in different districts of Kerala.

The Government expects the damage and loss caused by the floods in Kerala to be much higher than the preliminary estimates necessitating more resource mobilization for rehabilitation and reconstruction. As per the current information almost **1.253.189** out of **1.450.707** displaced people had returned home from their relief camps over the course of the week. Over **131.683** houses have been cleaned which is **20** percentage of the total flood hit houses.

Despite shaken by the worst flood, the citizens of Kerala at the relief camps celebrated Onam in a very simple manner. Some relief camps provided free lunch to the people without homes on the auspicious occasion of Onam. The business of the vegetables, fruits and flower sellers has witnessed a major blow due to the cancellation of Onam celebration in the flood hit state.

The Cochin International Airport will resume its operations from August 29 on words as flood water at the premises of the airport has receded. Earlier, the date declared by the CIAL (***Cochin International Airport Limited***) was August 26 but later got extended by the authority by three more days.

Train services in the flood –hit Kerala have partially resumed after persistent rainfall from the last few weeks. The flood water has started receding from the railway tracks and platforms. The Palakkad Shoranur-Kozhikkode and Kayankulam-Kottayam-Ernakulam section have begun to

operate. The services of special trains have been connected from Trivandrum-Ernakulum section.

The ATM services and phone connectivity are now functional in some areas. The electricity board and water authority in Kerala are making efforts to resume supply of electricity and tap water in some of the areas. Electricity has been restored for **2.336.000** connections of the **2.560.000** disrupted.

The **World Health Organization** recognized a potential increase in the transmission of water-borne and vector-borne communicable diseases such as typhoid fever, cholera, leptospirosis, malaria, dengue and dengue hemorrhagic fever and yellow fever, due to the floods. According to the officials deployed by **State's Health Department**, Kerala is addressing the health concerns in a designed plan of action where it will monitor a wide range of medical complaints arising this month.