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MESSAGE



It gives me immense pleasure to know that 'Little Kites' is going to bring out a digital magazine. publication of the magazine is an important opportunity for the students to reveal their literary skills and showcase their extracurricular pursuits. I appreciate the efforts contributed and hard work of the editorial board and students concerned in bringing out the digital magazine

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ONE TWO BUCKLE MY SHOE

ONE, TWO, BUCKLE MY SHOE

THREE, FOUR KNOCK AT THE DOOR

FIVE, SIX PICK UP STICKS

SEVEN, EIGHT LAY THEM STRAIGHT

NINE, TEN A BIG FAT HEN.

:AJITH DAISON

(9A)

LOST IN LOVE

*Winter is over
the rains have stopped
flower now in bloom*

*her voice call out my name
her tender lips touch mine
her caresses soft and warm
delight fully sublime*

*sweet as the taste of wine
love is wild flower
untouched by tests of time
drink deep oh my darling
let us lose ourselves in love*

: ADITHYAN .S. NAIR
(9A)

ENERGY PRODUCTION IN THE STARS.

Combustion is a chemical reaction in which a fuel or other substances combine with oxygen . But in the stars,the energy production process is not a chemical reaction. It takes place through nuclear fusion of nuclei . In the first stage of energy production in stars , hydrogen nuclei combine together to form helium nuclei . In this process matter is converted into energy.

:ALAN JOY

(9A)

THE WOMEN WITH THE PIECE OF SILVER

Once Jesus told a story to explain to everyone how much God loves them.

God is always ready to forgive his people and he will go on loving and forgiving them even when they don't love him.

Once there was a women who owned ten silver pieces of money. Each one was worth a great deal and she tried to keep them very safe. One day one of the piece was missing. She was very much worried and began to look for it. She looked in the room where the money was kept. She searched under all the furniture. But it was not anywhere in that room. She told this to her friends about it. The friends agreed . All searched everywhere but they did not get anything. It was nearly dark when they returned and still the money had not been found. All the friends returned homes and she went back into the house, she lit a candle. As she went toward the door something on the floor caught her eyes. It shone brilliantly in the light. The women bent down and there was the piece of silver for which she had been looking. She picked it up and ran down the road after her friend .“Look”, she said \ “Have found the silver!” “We were pleased” they said. We thought you would find it in the end.

BASIL BABU

IX.C

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. What are the components of nutritious food?

Ans: carbohydrates, fats, protein, minerals, vitamins

2. Which is used as the sruthi instrument in Karnatic music?

Ans: Thamburu

3. Which is the physical entertainment of Kerala?

Ans: Thalapanthukali

4. An example for string instrument?

Ans: Nanthuni

5. Which state's recognised dance form is Bharathanatyam?

ANS: Tamil Nadu.

AFNA HAMEED (9C)

Magic of Maths

$$1 = 1 \times 1$$

$$121 = 11 \times 11$$

$$12321 = 111 \times 111$$

$$1234321 = 1111 \times 1111$$

$$123454321 = 11111 \times 11111$$

$$(0 \times 9) + 1 = 1$$

$$(1 \times 9) + 2 = 11$$

$$(12 \times 9) + 3 = 111$$

$$(123 \times 9) + 4 = 1111$$

$$(1234 \times 9) + 5 = 11111$$

MULTIPLICATION

*The multiplication given below
can be done within 2 seconds
even without a calculator.*

What is the answer ? Why ?

$$12 \times 11 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times$$

$$5 \times 3 \times 4 \times 2 \times 1 \times 0 = ?$$

The answer is zero .

One of the factors in

multiplication is zero



MANEESH MANOJ - 9 B

THE LIFE

Father, you are happy always .What is the secret behind that? When I get something there are two ways before me - one is the blind route of the sadness ,the other is.....bright route of confidence. I start with confidence . If something goes wrong , I will try to learn good thing from that. Every issues gives us two possibilities, one is life, the other is death. When pain and agony comes in our life we have to face it with confident and try to learn from it . If we can do like this life will be blessed.

ON KILLING A TREE

It takes much time to kill a tree
not a simple job will do it.
It has grown consuming the earth,
rising out of it feeding
upon its crust, absorbing
years of sunlight, air, water,
and out of its leprous hide
sprouting leaves.
So hack and chop
but this alone won't do it
not so much pain will do it
the bleeding bark will heal
and from close to the ground
will rise curled green twigs,
miniature boughs
which if unchecked will expand again
to former size
no.

QUIZ

1. Which day is observed as the National Sports Day?

Ans: August 29

2. A bad habit that affects one's physical activities?

Ans: Drugs

3. Who won that maximum number of gold medals in the world women's championship?

Ans: Mary Kom

4. The youngest Indian to win the gold medal in women's 10m Air pistol event in the world cup shooting?

Ans: Manu Bhasker

5. Which states' recognised dance form is Bharathanatyam?

Ans: Tamil Nadu

IT QUIZ

(1) Which is not a Search Engine?

Ans: Firefox

(2) First Indian satellite for serving the education sector is known as?

Ans: EDUSAT

(3) ISP is an acronym of:

Ans: Internet Service Provider

(4) Educational Technology is useful because:

Ans: It makes teaching effective and interesting

(5) RAM means :

Ans: Random Access Memory

പ്രണയം

മനസാകും പുസ്തകത്താളിൽ

ഒളിപ്പിച്ചു വെച്ചാരു മയിൽപ്പീലിയാണെൻ പ്രണയം

അറിയാതെ പോകുന്നു എന്നെ നീയെന്നും

അറിയാതെ പോകുന്നു കൂട്ടുകാരാ

കണ്ടു മുട്ടി നാം പോയ ജന്മത്തിൻ

ഇടർച്ചയെന്നോണം

അന്നു നീ എനിക്കാരായിരുന്നു?

പിരിഞ്ഞു നാം ഇരുവഴിക്കായ്

പിരിയുന്ന നേരം ആശിച്ചുപോയി

ഒരു പിൻവിളി

നീയും ആശിച്ചിരുന്നുവോ

അറിയില്ല ഒന്നു മാത്രമറിയാം

ഞാൻ നെയ്യു നിറമുള്ളു

സ്വപ്നങ്ങൾ ഇനിയും ബാക്കി

ANNANYA S THERESA

IX. A

യാത്ര

ബാല്യം: കണ്ടു വമിക്കുന്ന പുകച്ചുരുൾ

എങ്ങനെയെട്ടന്മാർ ഉണ്ടാകുന്നു?

രാജാവ്, സ്വർണ്ണം, ചാർമിനാർ

പല രൂപത്തിൽ, ഭാവത്തിൽ, വിലയിൽ!

കൗമാരം: അറിഞ്ഞും എങ്ങനെ പുകയുണ്ടാക്കാം

എരിഞ്ഞു കയറി സുഖം സുഖം

വട്ടത്തിൽ, നീളത്തിൽ പുകമയം

പലതും കണ്ടു പല ഭാവങ്ങൾ, മാനങ്ങൾ!

യൗവനം: പുകച്ചു തള്ളി പിന്നെയും പിന്നെയും

രോഷം , അമർഷം, ആഘോഷം

ആരായാലെന്ത് എന്തായാലെന്ത്

ലഹരി, മധു, പുക, സുഖം, സഖം

വാർദ്ധക്യം: ഒരു നീക്കു ശ്വാസത്തിനായി ഞാനാഞ്ഞു

ചുമച്ചു ഞാൻ തുപ്പി സഹായം?

കുറുകൽ, വലിവ്, കിതപ്പ്

ചുമ പിന്നെയും ചുമ നാശം പിടിച്ച ചുമ

ATHULYA SHAJAN

IX A

THE WINDOW

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the window. The other man was confined to lie flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke about their homes, families, jobs etc.

Every afternoon, when the man in the bed, by the window could sit up, he would describe the world outside the window to his room mate. The man in the other bed cherished those noon hours which worked very colourful now. The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and Swans played in the water, while the children sailed their paper boat in the stream.

There is a tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own limitations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared is doubled. Today is a gift, that is why it is called the present...understand this simple truth and make life smooth.

ALBIN

IX.C

THE BURNING OF THE BOOK

When the regain commanded the unlawful book to be burned, teams of dull oxen hauled huge cartloads to the bonfires. Then a banished writer, one of the best, scanning the list of excommunicated texts become enraged : he'd been excluded, he rushed to his desk , full of contemptuous wrath to write fierce letters to the morons in power to burn me .He wrote with his blazing pen. Haven't I always reported the truth ? Now here you are, treating me like a liar burn me.

SAVITHA IX.E

പു കണ്ടോ?

അമ്മു പഠിച്ചൊരു പു കണ്ടോ?

മഞ്ഞനിറത്തിൽ പു കണ്ടോ?

അമ്മ പഠിച്ചൊരു പു കണ്ടോ?

നീലനിറത്തിൽ പു കണ്ടോ?

അമ്മുവും അമ്മയും ഒന്നിച്ച്

പുക്കൾ പഠിച്ചത് നീ കണ്ടോ?

കുളത്തിലുള്ളൊരു താമരയും

മുറ്റത്തുള്ളൊരു പനിനീർപൂവും

ഞാൻ പഠിച്ചത് നീ കണ്ടോ?

ARCHANA

IX.B

LET'S RESPECT OUR PARENTS

We all are God's investments. He has invested us in the hands of our parents. One of the sole reasons for our existence here is our parents. They give us life, love and care. From our very itself they have started to sacrifice for us without payment. It's our duty to respect them; it is their right to be respected by their children.

In our Contemporary Scenario, this has changed a lot. Our society is trying to imitate western culture. The west simply throws out not only cups and plates but also their old parents. We are searching for tricks to give them up. With no surprise, the number of old age homes is increasing day by day.

The present generation enumerates the reasons for throwing away our parents into old age homes. Scarcity of time , hectic office schedule etc.. may be our justification. But, we forget the fact that one day we too will become old .

Dear readers, we should not be the cause of the shedding the tears of our parents . We should accept and submit to them.

Go Deep Into What You Read

Only those who dive deep into the depths of the seas can garner the precious gems lying scattered on the seabed. The meaning is simple: Only those who put in their best efforts into the task they undertake, can get what they are having. Similar is the case with our studies. We can get the gold mine of success, if we study with dedication, devotion and with sincere efforts. While it is true in the case of study, one has also to exercise prudence and circumspection to explore what really deserves.

As we repeatedly study our books, we get a new meaning every time. To put it in other words, we get a new insight into what is written or printed in the book. We can find greater and greater meaning if we go deep into what we read. We must select books which are to be read deeply and those that merely need a casual reading. In other words we have to distinguish between best books, good books and ordinary books as some books are to be tasted, some books are to be chewed and some other books are to be swallowed. We are at our liberty to decide what is best for us. The deeper we try to go into our books, the more friendly and helpful they prove to us.

SMARTEST MAN IN THE WORLD

A Doctor A Lawyer A Little boy And a Priest were travelling on a small private plane. Suddenly, the plane developed engine trouble. The pilot grabbed a parachute and jumped out. Unfortunately, there were only three parachutes remaining. The Doctor grabbed one and said "I'm a doctor, I save lives, so I must live," and jumped out. The lawyer then said, "I'm a lawyer and lawyers are the smartest people in the world I deserve to live." He also grabbed a parachute and jumped. The priest looked at the little boy and said. My son, I've lived a long and full life. You are young and have your whole life ahead of you. Take the last parachute and live in peace. The little boy handed the parachute back to the priest and said. Not to worry father. The smartest man in the world just took off with my back pack.

WOES OF NATURE

Oh ! Nature

What has made you depressed?

Is it because our faults are not redressed?

The oaks have died and cuckoos don't sing

The two legged giants are global warming

Which have been caused without a warning

into the fresh air we blow carbon emissions

Shouldn't we take firm decisions?

Into pure water flow dirty waste

Shouldn't we find a solution in haste?

It's time to confess and act against

All that have made us feel sorry.

Let's unite and fight against

All that has made nature worry.

SCIENCE

<i>Study of insects</i>	<i>-Entomology</i>
<i>Study of human society</i>	<i>-Sociology</i>
<i>Study of birds</i>	<i>-Ornithology</i>
<i>Study of sound</i>	<i>-Acoustics</i>
<i>Study of viruses</i>	<i>-virology</i>
<i>Study of earthquake</i>	<i>-Seismology</i>
<i>Study of heavenly bodies</i>	<i>-Astronomy</i>
<i>Study of space travel</i>	<i>-Astronautics</i>
<i>Study of bones</i>	<i>-Osteology</i>
<i>Study of crimes and criminals</i>	<i>-Criminology</i>
<i>Study of blood</i>	<i>-Haematology</i>
<i>Study of soil</i>	<i>-Pedology</i>
<i>Study of nervous system</i>	<i>-Neurology</i>
<i>Study of sleep</i>	<i>-Polysomnography</i>

THE UNFINISHED HOPE

That was the faithful night of January 17, 2016. We had our dinner. We had our dinner and were going around with routine work, then the news of the suicide broken. All we knew was that one among the five suspended students had taken his life. There was a moment of hope that this wouldn't be true and somehow he would be saved before he could “success” in the act and finally the officials would realise the gravity of their action. However the irritation of feeling didn't last long as a phone call to a friend, who had been active in the protest against the suspension, confirmed the news. By the time we reached the NRS hostels, a huge crowd has gathered there.

ALL THE THINGS

*All the things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful ,
The lord God made them all.
Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings ,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings
The purple -he added mountain,
The rivers running by,
The sunset and morning
That brightens up the sky
The cold wind in the winter
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them everyone.*

THE NIGHT IT RAINED

The moth hour of eve came from the fields the star began to peep ; with dark hair, a shining face arose from millions of them peeping and glittering. Rains comes as tears of the sky. The tears of happiness;it seems to be silver threads that comes from the eyes to happen Flower began to flutter without dazing morning or night;colours well as shapes different at sight started dancing with mercy rain drops are like pearls that fall on the earth;mercy of God to us to make the earth happy. The hills began to laugh in the dark. The trees began to dance at night;by the God's mercy in the dark. A drop fell on my arm. I remembered the days it rained. The whole night in my early days. The night it rained on my memories. The night it rained.....The night it rained was a night of blessing came from God's abode blessing....merry of beings that shows...what a fabulous night.

Time Is Precious

The most precious thing in our life is time. You might have heard the saying, "time and tide waits for none". It means that one's time cannot be gained back. We should be careful not to waste it.

God gives everyone twenty four hours a day . But he does not say how that time is to be used . It is our responsibility. We must plan our activities if we plan well, we will not waste our time. Those who do this will surely benefit. If we spend all the day for playing we will surely fail. If one spends all the time sleeping, he will not gain much in life. We must get up early in the morning. Before going to school we must study for some time . In the evening we should have a fixed time for games.

Postponing is a bad quality. To postpone means to put off something for another day. You must try to complete today's work today itself; otherwise at the end we will be in deep trouble. Before going to bed we must make sure that we have completed our work. Spending time in idle talk is a bad habit. We must learn to make use of our time. Spending long hours before the television is not healthy. The hard working students find time for everything. Those who are lazy will not have time for anything. So let us make use of our time on the best manner.....

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. What is the full form of ISRO?

Ans: Indian Space Research Organisation

2. What is the Autobiography of Nehru?

Ans: Indiyae Kandathel

3. Which is the largest lake in Kerala ?

Ans: Vembanattu lake

4. Who is the Kerala Gandhi?

Ans: K. Kelappan

5. How many rivers in Kerala?

Ans: 44

6. Where did the Titanic sink?

Ans: Atlantic Ocean

7. What is the full form of MBBS?

Ans: Bachelor of medicine and Bachelor of surgery

8. Which is the National Animal of China?

Ans: Panda

9. Which is the longest river in the world?

Ans: Nile

CAN YOU BE THE NEXT ?

We are created by him,shaped in his palm. God created us with special aims,that is why today we are lucky to see the world around as. And still we are unhappy with the fortunes we have .We argue with God for more. But we should recognise something that there are many who didn't get this blessing touch.

In this world there are some born as mentally relaxed and with many other difficulties and they are marginalized by the society. These are not because of their problem but still they are ill treated. This mental illness is considered badly by our society. It's the prejudiced illness. The patients are “put away” not necessarily to be treated but to shield them from public. They thought it as something to be ashamed of, cursed and restricted themselves from the society.

The society is pushing the mental patients backwards. But there are some who gave support to these people. Mentally retarded are not curse but a remembrance for me and you,that we are lucky enough to be shaped in the almighty hands. This is the time to rise, extend your hands to support these rare.

Kiran's Puppy and Rabbit

Kiran has a small puppy. His name is Joly . Joly is very beautiful.

Every day Kiran gives milk to Joly. Joly likes to play cricket, football etc ... One day Joly saw a scenery. A rabbit is playing with a ball. Joly want to play with the rabbit. And Joly went near to the rabbit.. He said, "hello....rabbit.. Can I play with you..?"

"Yes" the rabbit said. Suddenly Kiran came there. He asked "Joly..Joly...are you coming with me?. I am going to park.". "Yes" the puppy said. "But, do you take the rabbit ?" ."Yes. Sure" Kiran said . Then Kiran , Joly and rabbit went to park. The park was very beautiful. And there were many toys for playing . Joly and rabbit played in the park. And they said thanks to Kiran.

Profile

(Richard Phillips Feynman)

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN

was a famous American theoretical physicist. He was ranked as one of the ten greatest scientists of the world .

Feynman became famous through his semi-autobiographical books . 'Surely you're joking Mr. Feynman' and 'what do you care what other people think?' He received the noble prize for physics in 1965.

MY GRAND MOTHER'S HOUSE

*I received love.... That woman died
The house withdrew into silence 'snakes moved
Among books ; I was then too young
To read 'and my blood turned cold like the moon.
How often I think of going
There , to peer through blind eyes of windows or
just listen to the frozen air ,
Or in wild despair pick an armful of
Darkness to bring it here to lie
Behind my bedroom like a brooding
Dog.... you cannot believe , darling
Can you , that I lived in such a house and
Was proud and loved.... I who have lost
My way and beg now at strangers , doors to receive love,*



SAY NO TO CHILD LABOUR

MAGIC OF MATHS

987654321

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87654321

+

7654321

+

654321

+

54321

+

4321

+

321

+

21

+

1

12356789

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12345678

+

1234567

+

123456

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A FRIEND IS ?

*A friend is like a shadow
without then the world is hollow
They never leave in times of
sorrow yesterday ,today,
tomorrow
A friend is a sibling .*

WORTHY FRIEND

*Special friends are really really hard to find
those who are pure in heart, it so hard
They always remember you,
without any limitation and also who-
give you what you want without expectation
Lord created friendship besides love
that is to leave a smile where life leave sorrows
Sometimes we can see that friendship
that ends in love,
but love in friendship never ends
friends make life worth living
If we love a friend like a river
it flow without any reason
True friendship roots from one's heart
involve memories that stay forever
The worth of a friend are like leaves
that are scattered everywhere
A true special friends can
change hell into heaven
If we are waiting for the right time
we may never being
so begin from where you are.....
what you are.....
and what you have.....*

THE NIGHT IT RAINED

*The moth hour of eve came from the fields
The stars began to peep;
With dark hair, a shining face arose
From millions of them peeping and glittering*

*Rain comes as tears of sky
The tears of happiness;
It seems to be silver threads
that comes from the eyes of heavens*

*Flowers began to flutter
without dazing morning or night;
colors well as shape different as sight
starting dancing with mercy*

*Rain drops are like pearls
that falls on the earth;
mercy of god to us
to make the earth happy!*

*The hill began to laugh in the dark
The trees began to dance in the night
By the gods mercy in the dark
A drop fell on my arm*

*I remembered the days it rained
The whole night in my early days;
The night it rained on my memories
The night it rained on my memories
The night it rained.....*

*The night it rained was a night of blessings
Came from god's abode blessing that shows
what a fabulous night,
The night it rained.....*

Break up is a

Wake up call....

ജീവിതമാകുമ്പോൾ സൗഹൃദവും പ്രണയവും നിറഞ്ഞതാണ്. അതിൽ ഒരു വീഴ്ച വരുമ്പോൾ നമ്മൾ നമ്മളെ തന്നെ പഴി പറഞ്ഞ് ജീവിതം തീർക്കുന്ന ഒരു പ്രവണത നമ്മൾ കണ്ടുവരുന്നു.

ഈ അവസരങ്ങളിൽ നമ്മൾ താഴുപോകാതെ ആർക്കുവേണ്ടിയാണോ നമ്മൾ ജീവിതം നശിപ്പിച്ചത് അവരുടെ മുൻപിൽ നമ്മൾ ജയിച്ചു കാണിക്കണം.

MEREENA JOLLY

NATURE

Wonderful creatures live in this world

Beautiful flowers are there for us.

A colourful rainbow appears when it rains.

And the peacock begins to dance

There are lakhs of trees in the forest.

The sea is very beautiful.

The sky is blue.

The earth is pretty.

GOD HAS GIVEN ALL THESE GIFTS TO US.

SHORT CUT TO STUDY

If you learn many different ideas at one time ,you will much of them .It is said that in such cases ,one remembers what is read first and last .Whatever comes in between them is easily forgotten. A solution for this problem is to study one subject at a time. When the various ideas all connected to on another, they can be easily remembered. Just think of a chain. Though it has a great number of links , they can be pulled easily. It is the same with ideas too. If they are interconnected , you can pull them out holding one end.

LOVE

*It is not loathing
but longing for someone
it is not an oasis
but an Orchestra
OF life it is not a
valuation but a Venation
IT is not an Entrainment but
an ecstasy in itself this crazy little
thing called “ LOVE ”*

POLLUTIONS

WATER POLLUTION

Water pollution is the contamination of water bodies (eg: lakes, rivers, ocean and ground water) very often by human activities.

Water pollution occurs when pollutants (particles, chemicals, or substance that make water contained it) pollute our water. Don't throw plastics and other materials to our water bodies.

AIR POLLUTION

Air is mainly polluted by the gas spread from the factories by the burning of plastics and the uses of petrol and diesel. So try to prevent and control the use of plastics and motor vehicles

“save our nature save our earth”

PEARLY DROPS

**Drops are falling down,
Like pearly drops.
How beautiful they are!
Frogs are loud,
Drops are shining well.
Trees are dancing on!
Flowers are laughing good.
Thunder sounds frightening
Rivers are flowing with music!
Animals are singing,
Drops are tickling me
I am enjoying them.**

GO DEEP INTO WHAT DO YOU READ

Only those who dive deep into the depths of the seas can garner the precious gems lying scattered on the seabed . The meaning is simple: only those who put in there best efforts into the tasks , they undertake , can get what they are having for similar is the case with our studies. We can get the gold mine of success , if we study dedication and with sincerest efforts . While it is true in the case of study, one has also to exercise prudence and deserves to be plunged into and what not .

As we repeatedly study our books, we get a new meaning every time. To put in it other words, we get a new insight into what is written or printed in the book . We can find greater and greater meaning if we go deep into what we read . We must select books which are to be read deeply and those that merely need a casino reading. In other words. We have to distinguish between best books, good books are to be tasted , some books are to be chewed and some other book are to be swallowed . We are at our liberty to decide what is best for us . The deeper we try to go into our books, the more friendly and helpful they prove to us.

QUIZ

1. Pollination by wind is called

Ans: Anemophily

2. What are the components of producers gas

Ans: Carbon monoxide&Hydrogen

3. What is the method used for the production of pure

Germanium:

Ans: Zone refining

4. Felis Domestic is the scientific name of:

Ans: Cat

5. The Murlen National Park is situated at:

Ans: Mizoram

Kerala Flood



Introduction

Beginning in August 2018, severe floods affected the south Indian state of Kerala, due to unusually high rainfall during the monsoon season. It was the worst flooding in Kerala in nearly a century. Over 483 people died, 14 are missing. At least a million people were evacuated, mainly from Chengannur, Pandanad, Edanad, Aranmula, Kozhencherry, Ayiroor, Ranni, Pandalam, Kuttanad, Aluva, and Chalakudy. All 14 districts of the state were placed on red alert. According to the Kerala government, one-sixth of the total population of Kerala had been directly affected by the floods and related incidents. The Indian government had declared it a Level 3 Calamity, or "calamity of a severe nature". It is the worst flood in Kerala after the great flood of 99 that happened in 1924.

Thirty-five out of the fifty-four dams within the state were opened for the first time in history. All five overflow gates of the Idukki Dam were opened at the same time, for the first time in 26 years. Heavy rains in Wayanad and Idukki have caused severe landslides and have left the hilly districts isolated.

The situation was regularly monitored by the Prime Minister, and the National Crisis Management Committee coordinated the rescue and relief operations.

Causes

Kerala received heavy monsoon rainfall which is about 256% more than the usual rain fall in Kerala, on the mid evening of August 8 resulting in dams filling to capacity; in the first 24 hours of rainfall the state received 310mm (12in) of rain. Almost all dams had been opened since the water level has risen close to overflow level due to heavy rainfall, flooding local low-lying areas. For the first time in the state's history, 35 of its 54 dams had been opened.



Most of the regions that were affected by this monsoon were classified as ecologically-sensitive zones (ESZs) by the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel, the Gadgil Committee. Most of the recommendations and directions by the committee was either neglected or rejected. Chairman of the committee Madhav Gadgil accused the state government and its irresponsible environmental policy for the recent landslides and floods. He called it a "man-made calamity".

The Government of Kerala argued in the Supreme Court that the sudden release of water from the Mullaperiyar Dam by the Tamil Nadu government was one of the reasons for the devastating flood in Kerala. The Tamil Nadu government rejected the argument saying that Kerala suffered the deluge due to the discharge of excess water from 80 reservoirs across Kerala, spurred by heavy rains from within the state; It also argued that the flood surplus from the Idukki dam is mainly due to the flows generated from its own independent catchment due to unprecedented heavy rainfall while the discharge from Mullaperiyar dam was significantly less.

Though it is difficult to attribute a single event to climate change, its possible role in causing the heavy rainfall event over Kerala cannot be discarded. Recent research indicates that rising temperatures have led to huge fluctuations in the monsoon winds carrying the moisture from the Arabian Sea, resulting in heavy-

to-extreme rains over the Western Ghats and central India, lasting for two to three days.

Impact

Kerala before (left) and after (right) the floods, released by NASA. The images are false-color, which makes flood water appear dark blue and vegetation bright green.

A state official told AFP that 370 people have died, while The Economic Times has reported that 33,000 people have been rescued. The Kerala State Disaster Management Authority has placed the state in a red alert as a result of the intense flooding. A number of water treatment plants were forced to cease pumping water, resulting in poor access to clean water, especially in northern districts of the state. Over 3,274 relief camps have been opened at various locations to accommodate the flood victims. It is estimated that 1,247,496 people have found shelter in such camps. The flooding has affected hundreds of villages, destroyed an estimated 10,000 km (6,200mi) of roads and thousands of homes have been damaged or destroyed. The Government has cancelled Onam celebrations, whose allocated funds have been reallocated to relief efforts. On August 15, Cochin International Airport, India's fourth busiest in terms of international traffic, and the busiest in the state suspended all operations until 29 August, following runway flooding. Many schools throughout the state have been closed, and tourists have been dissuaded or banned from some districts due to safety concerns. Kochi Metro was closed briefly on August 16, and has since begun offering free service to aid those affected by the flooding. Due to heavy rain and rising water levels the southern railway has suspended train services on

Thiruvananthapuram-Kottayam-Ernakulam and Ernakulam-Shoranur-Palakkad sections.

Rescue

Being instructed by the Cabinet Secretary, senior officers of Defence Services, NDRF, NDMA and secretaries of Civilian Ministries conducted meetings with Kerala Chief Secretary. Following the decisions taken during these meetings, the Centre launched massive rescue and relief operations. In one of the largest rescue operations, 40 helicopters, 31 aircraft, 182 teams for rescue, 18 medical teams of defense forces, 58 teams of NDRF and 7 companies of Central Armed Police Forces were pressed into service along with over 500 boats and necessary rescue equipments.

The fishermen from across Kerala were engaged in the flood rescue missions. According to the government's estimate, a total of 4,537 from the fishermen community participated in the rescue operation with 669 fishing boats. They managed to rescue more than 65,000 people from various districts. Pinarayi Vijayan honoured the fishermen and the Fisheries Minister J. Mercykutty Amma said that the government will provide financial aid to repair the fishing boats which were partially damaged in the rescue operations while new ones will be provided for those boats which were completely destroyed. According to estimates, seven boats were completely destroyed, while 452 were partially destroyed.

Sally Varma of Humane Society International arranged for animals to be rescued and transported to special shelters that housed affected animals.

Social media has been used to highlight the rescue of multiple animals - dogs, cats, goats, cows, cattle, ducks and snakes, with animal feed and medicine transported to affected areas.

A worker with the Humane Society International spoke out against the tethering and leaving of pets that occurred. "That became a problem. So many tethered animals just drowned. These animals are natural swimmers, and it is better to keep them free so they can swim to higher ground." According to government records more than 8,000 cattle, calves and buffaloes, 3,297 goats, and 47 dogs have died due to the flooding.

The District Collector of Malappuram, and its Chief of Police have instructed the police force to save any animal that they encounter during rescue operations.

കണ്ണീർ

ദുഃഖത്തിന്റേയും സന്തോഷത്തിന്റേയും കൂട്ടുകാരൻ. ഏകാന്തതയിലും സങ്കടങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞു തീർക്കാനുള്ള ഏക വ്യക്തി. പലഭാവത്തിലവതരിക്കുന്നവൻ. ഉഗ്രതാഡവമാടി ലോകത്തെ വെറുപ്പിച്ചും, മഴയായി പെയ്യിറങ്ങിയും, തണലായി കൂടെ നിന്നും, പലഭാവത്തിലവൻ പ്രധീക്ഷമാവുന്നു. അറപ്പും, അലിവും, കരുണയും, ദേഷ്യവും, സന്തോഷവും സങ്കടവും ഏറ്റുവാങ്ങി മണ്ണടിഞ്ഞു പോകുന്നവൻ.

രാജ്യത്തിനു വേണ്ടി പോരാടിയ ധീരന് ഭാര്യ നൽകുന്ന ആദരവ് ലഹരി വസ്തുക്കളിൽ മുഴുകി ജീവിക്കുന്ന സഹോദരന് കഞ്ഞുചെപ്പങ്ങൾ നൽകുന്ന വെളിച്ചം. അങ്ങനെ മനസിനും ശരീരത്തിനും ഏൽക്കുന്ന മുറിവുകൾ നാം അവനോടേറ്റു പറഞ്ഞ് അതിൻ്റെ വേദന കുറക്കാൻ ശ്രമിക്കുന്നു. അങ്ങനെ അനേകം നിറങ്ങൾ ചാലിച്ച നമ്മുടെ ജീവിതത്തിൽ അനേകം തിരുത്തലുകൾ വരുത്തി നമ്മെ നാമാക്കിയ ചെങ്ങായി.

നന്ദി

വിജ്ഞാനത്തിന്റെ വെളിച്ചം നൽകി

സഹായിച്ചവർക്ക്.....

കഥകളും, കവിതകളും, ലേഖനങ്ങളും നൽകി സർഗഭാവനകൾ

സൃഷ്ടിച്ചവർക്ക്.....

ലിറ്റിൽ ഫ്ലൂവറിന്റെ വസന്തലോകത്ത് വാക്കുകളും, വർണങ്ങളും

നൽകി നിറക്കൂട്ടാരുക്കിയവർക്ക്.....

"overclock" ഡിജിറ്റൽ മാഗസിന്റെ അണിയറയിൽ

പ്രവർത്തിച്ച സുമനസ്സുകൾക്ക്.....

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പൂച്ചെണ്ടുകൾ!.....