

Climate Change: Experts assert more impact on western ghats

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Kochi: An expert team opined that climate change will make more devastating impact on western ghats. Experts who attended a workshop organised by department of atmospheric sciences in Cochin University of Science and Technology and fishermen association called Kerala Matsya Thozhilali Aikyavedi expressed the opinion.

Depression in Arabian Sea is largely affecting the state. Protection of coastal areas and western ghats should be carried out vigilantly with the participation of public, stated the experts.

It is opined that exploitation of nature, drawbacks in dam management and unscientific constructions have led to the devastating deluge in Kerala. The negligence to the alerts related to climate change increased the impacts of the disaster.

“At first, local governing bodies should be alerted against bad weather and related issues,” said Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) director Dr Joy Elamon.

He declared that special training classes will be given to the representatives of local administration under KILA as people in remote areas are mostly affected from natural disasters. He added that this training sessions were carried out in 270 panchayats in the state.

Former chairman of Biodiversity Board Dr PS Vijayan stated that if the authority had taken necessary action on Madhav Gadgil report, the impacts of the flood would have been reduced.

Recommendations in the workshop will be submitted to various agencies of the government.

Other recommendations

- Details related to weather forecast should be analysed scientifically and linked with the government system
- Disaster Management Authority should be reorganised by including experts in various subjects
- Necessary restrictions should be imposed in all sectors
- Disaster Management insurance project should be implemented in Kerala
- Climate change and disaster management should be included in school curriculum.
- Climate literacy should be assured in the state

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