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Cloudbursts may have triggered flash floods, landslides in Kerala: Experts

On Saturday, two landslides claimed 18 lives in Idukki and Kottayam districts. Residents of Kootickal and Kokkayar, the two worst-hit hamlets, witnessed a tragedy of such magnitude for the first time



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The death of 24 people in flash floods and landslides caused by heavy rains in the hilly areas of Idukki and Kottayam districts in central Kerala has once again highlighted the recurring natural disasters in the state.

Kerala has seen a series of natural disasters in the past four years, causing loss of lives and property.

In August 2018, the most severe flood of the century claimed 483 lives. A year later, 48 people died after a portion of a hill came down at Kavalappara near Nilambur in Malappuram district.