

The Kerala coast - Hazards of 'Tsunami'

Sunday, the 26th December 2004 was a dreadful day in the History of S. & S.E.

Asia. The sea which was normally calm, turned ferocious on that day in the form of 'Tsunami' a strange phenomenon which is not experienced in the like manner, within a few centuries. The sea followed a 'military strategy' of first retreating and then attacking fiercely all on a sudden. The result was a death - toll of about two lakhs of human lives, apart from the huge loss of houses, boats, crafts and all other personal possessions except the dresses worn by them.

The UNO has officially confirmed the deaths of more than 1.5 lakhs of people. The whereabouts of a large number of people are still unknown. So much so, number of deaths could not be assessed correctly even after a week.

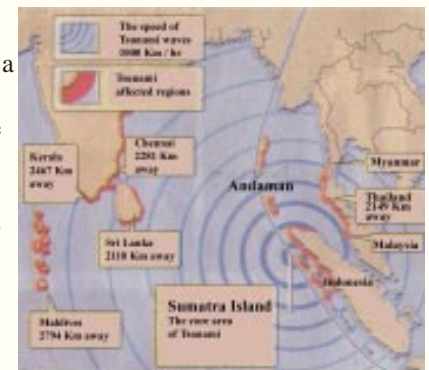
See the picture of Core area of Tsunami



(Courtesy : Malayala Manorama Daily 2-1-05)

The Core of 'Tsunami' is now located as in about 10 kilometers beneath the sea, near one of the Islands in Sumatra. Destruction spread over entire coasts of S & S.E Asia covering Indonesia, Thailand, SriLanka, Andaman-Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnad, Kerala and Laccadives. The picture shows the core and spread of 'Tsunami'.

The people particularly the Administrators have a passive attitude towards the sea. In 1974 the sea exhibited its ferocity along the coasts of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh. Destructions of the environmental protection in the sea are often neglected for the sake of pseudo-developments. When disasters occur, they shed 'Crocodile tears' and proclaim wanton promises, and finally take solace in the forgetfulness of the people.



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An Ambulance Van is being washed off into the Sea.

Country	Region	Deaths	Missing	Total Loss Expected
Indonesia	-	79,940	20,000	1,00,000
Thailand	-	2,400	6,000	10,000
Sri Lanka	-	27,268	4,916	32,000
Maldiv Islands	-	117		117
Myanmar	-	90		90
Malaysia	-	65		65
Bengladesh	-	2		2
India-	Andaman-Nicobar	10,000	3,000	13,000
"	Nagapattanam (Including Velankanni)	6,000		
"	Kanniyakumari	800		
"	Kadaloor	600		
"	Tamilnad Total	7400	1,000	8,400
"	Andhra Pradesh	110	-	110
"	Kerala	181	-	181
	Total India	17,691	4,000	21,691
	Total due to 'Tsunami'	1,27,573	34,916	1,62,489

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See the pictures of the people who were made hapless in the hazards of 'Tsunami'.



All the public officers along the coastal districts of Kerala including Hon. High Court of Kerala and Port Trust administrative office are within the Coastal Regulation Zone. Whether Coastal Regulation Zone Rules are applicable only to the huts of the poor?

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