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No spike in dam's water level, panic subsides

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Cheruthoni, Idukki: The water level in Idukki dam increased marginally on Tuesday to 2,395.68 feet from 2,395 feet on Monday night, raising hopes that the dam's shutters needn't be opened after all. A high-level team which reviewed the situation decided to rethink on a trial run for releasing the water.

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Unlike Monday, when the water level rose at the rate of almost 4-6 inches every three hours leading to one foot at the end of the day, the intake was perceptibly slower throughout Tuesday. The water level in Mullaperiyar too has been coming down with the water level at 136.65ft on Tuesday while



Earthmovers clear silt to ensure smooth water flow

it had been 136.95ft on Sunday.

However, the district administration is taking no chances. It has asked shopkeepers and business establishments in low lying areas of Vazhathopu and Mariapuram panchayats to move to higher ground. Earthmovers continued to clear silt and vegetation that

More rain in store for 48 hours: IMD

he state is likely to continue receiving rain for two more days, the IMD said in its weather alert issued on Tuesday evening. Warnings have been issued to fishermen as high waves are expected on Wednesday along Kerala and Lakshadweep islands. TNN

could obstruct smooth water flow whenever the shutters are opened. Idukki district has received an excess of 45.92% rainfall from June 1 to July 31. The dam's current storage has reached 91.06% percent and the total power generation was 15.051 million units (mu) on Monday.