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**Thiruvananthapuram, Idamalayar, Red Alert for
Kakki Dam**

Idamalayar, Kakki dams to be opened

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Thiruvananthapuram:

With heavy rains lashing several parts of Kerala on Wednesday leading to copious inflows into reservoirs, a red alert has been sounded at Idamalayar and Kakki hydroelectric dams. Excess water from both dams will be released in a restrictive manner on Thursday morning, the state disaster management authority decided.

No decision, however, was taken on Idukki dam, which is also gravitating towards a red alert situation. "Since there is a red alert for Idamalayar dam, a decision on a trial run for Idukki reservoir at

2,398 ft will be taken after assessing the situation on a concurrent basis," a source said.

KSEB said 164 cumecs (cubic m/sec) of water will be released from Idamalayar dam and water level in the Periyar is likely to go up by 1-1.5m. "The released water may reach Aluva in five to six hours," KSEB said.

Around 154 cumecs of water will be let out from Kakki reservoir and water level in Kakki/Pamba rivers is likely to go up by 1.5m," KSEB's red alert notice said.

With heavy rains in the catchment areas of the Banasura Sagar dam in Wayanad, KSEB has opened all four shutters of the dam. **P6**