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Idukki : Steady Increase in Water Level in Idukki Dam

Water in Idukki dam nearing 2,398ft

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Idukki: With areas around Idukki, Cheruthony and Kulamavu dams receiving heavy rain from Tuesday evening, there has been a steady increase in the water level in Idukki dam. The water level in the dam was 2,397.28ft on Wednesday evening. KSEB's dam safety wing first said it would conduct a trial run on Friday morning if the water level reached 2,398ft. But this was said before the executive committee of state disaster management authority met on Wednesday evening. KSEB then informed that the decision on trial run would be taken as and when the authority took a decision.

Earlier in the day, KSEB executive engineer (dam safety) VS Balu had said: "When the

water level reaches 2,398ft, we will inform Idukki district administration and issue a warning. After 24 hours we will conduct a trial run. No trial run will be held at night."

"If rain continues in the catchment areas of the dam, we expect the water level to reach 2,398ft on Thursday. Then the warning alert will be issued and trial run conducted after 24 hours. One of the five shutters in the dam will be opened in four hours as part of the trial run. Last week, power minister MM Mani had announced that KSEB will conduct a trial run when the water level reaches 2,398ft," he had said. Dam safety commissioner, Justice C N Ramachandran Nair and dam safety officials visited Idukki and Cheruthoni and reviewed the situation on Tuesday.