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Thrissur : Shutter of the Dams has been raised further due to increase in rain

# Dams opened as catchment areas receive rain

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**Thrissur:** Shutters of the dams at Peringalkuthu, Sholayar, Peechi and Vazhani have been raised further following incessant rain, triggering anxiety among the people staying in the downstream areas.

There were also reports of landslides near Kuthiran area where two tube tunnels are being constructed to smooth the traffic flow on the national highway stretch between Mannuthy and Wadakkanchery. ADM C Lathika visited the site and directed construction company officials to remove the debris immediately.

But, national highways authority of india (NHAI) officials added that the incident had not compromised the safety of the tunnels and that only the loose top soil had slid off. They said there was a proposal to construct a drain in the area to prevent landslide. But this can be executed after securing permission from environment and forest departments

KSEB officials said six shutters and two sluices of Peringalkuthu dam were raised to 60ft following heavy rain in the catchment area. They said shutters of the Sholayar dam were raised to 8ft because of the rise in water flow to the dam. They added that the shutters of Parambikulam and Upper Sholayar dams too might be opened.

Waterflow at Athirappilly

waterfall area has become more vigorous following the opening of the shutters of Peringalkuthu and Sholayar dams. The flow is likely to intensify further if shutters of Parambikulam and Upper Sholayar dams too are opened. Traffic on the road to Malakkappara has been banned temporarily. The people staying on the banks of Chalakudy River have been put on alert after the shutters of Peringalkuthu and Sholayar dams were opened.

Shutters of Peechi dam have been raised by 17 inches following heavy rain and district administration officials have asked the people staying



along the banks of Manalipuzha to be cautious.

The four shutters of Vazhani dam were raised by 17cm to release excess water. According to irrigation department officials, water level had risen to 62.35m on Wednesday morning, while the maximum permissible water level is 62.48m.

Officials said even Chimony dam was almost reaching its full reservoir level and the first warning – on the possibility of opening the shutters – would be issued on Thursday. The water level in the dam is now 75.11m.