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Palakkad, Warning, Heavy Rain

District Collector issues warning as heavy rain pounds Palakkad

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HEAVY rains continued to batter different parts of the district as the dams were witnessing heavy inflow from the catchment areas. The Mal Dam had a storage level of 113 mm³ on Monday while last year on the same day it was a mere 35 mm³, said Padmakumar, executive engineer of the Malam-puzha Irrigation Division.

On Monday, the water level was 109.51 meters while the full storage level is 115.06 metre. It meant that only 5.5 metre of water was required to fill the dam.

However, he added that hereafter the spread of water will be more and therefore it would require more time for the level to increase. The total storage level of the dam is 226 mm³ and currently, the level is 113 mm³. Therefore more than half of the area needs to be covered.

In the Walayar area bordering Tamil Nadu there has been incessant rains for the last 24 hours. The Walayar Dam had reached full storage level by July 9, this is the first time it has reached this level so early in the past 12 years.

The total capacity of the Walayar Dam which falls under the Chittur Irrigation division is 68 feet. However, it is estimated that 38 feet is filled with silt.

It is high time that the silt is removed and the dam filled with water during the monsoon so that it can be used for drinking water purposes. One area of the

dam is located in Pollachi taluk and it required the permission of the revenue authorities of Tamil Nadu to remove the silt, said officials.

The presence of silt has also resulted in a large number of people who enter the dam getting stuck and eventually losing their life. A large number of students from the colleges in Tamil Nadu have lost their lives in the Walayar dam.

The shutters of the Mangalam dam has been kept open partially as the water level has reached 77.10 metre. The full storage level of the dam was 77.88 meters.

The water level in the Siruvani Dam was also rising. The water was expected to overflow into the Siruvani and Bhavani rivers flowing through Attappadi. The people living on either banks have been issued a caution.

A large number of roads in the town were inundated due to the heavy rain. The Shakunthala junction, BOC road and many residential colonies which had clogged drains saw the water overflow on the roads. The Parli-Kottayi causeway was submerged and traffic was disrupted for some time.

Meanwhile District Collector D Balamurali has stated the public should be careful as the rain was expected to continue till July 12. He said the water level was expected to rise suddenly in the canals, rivers and ponds and therefore the public should keep away from them.

Landslide warning in hilly regions

T'Puram: The State Disaster Management Authority has warned the public against landslide in hilly regions.

Heavy rain, caused flash floods and landslides, are forecast between July 10 and 13. People should not venture into beaches.

Vehicles should not be stopped on water streams across roads in hilly areas.

Vehicles should not be parked under trees. People in landslide prone areas should maintain constant vigil. All should cooperate with evacuation orders issued by authorities.