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Idukki, Cheruthoni Dam, Shutters Closed

TWO SHUTTERS OF CHERUTHONY DAM CLOSED

Idukki: As water level in Idukki dam receded for the third consecutive day on Monday, government and KSEB's dam safety wing reduced the level of water being released from the dam and closed two shutters of Cheruthony dam in the evening. Water level in the dam at 7pm on Monday was 2,397.04ft, compared to 2,398.668ft on Sunday evening.

"Presently, 750 cumecs (cubic m/sec) is being released. Since water level in the reservoir has reached safe levels, we reduced the flow to 300 cumecs. Inflow to the dam is 590 cumecs and 750 cumecs is used for power generation. Rain in dam's catchment area is coming down," said KSEB executive engineer (dam safety) VS Balu. However, water level in Mattupetty dam has reached 1,599m and its total storage capacity is 1,599.6m. When water level reaches 1599.59m, shutters will be opened," he said.

Meanwhile, water level in Mullaperiyar dam rose to 135.4ft on Monday noon. During the past 24 hours, Idukki recorded an average rainfall of 66.3mm.

Meanwhile due to heavy rain, landslide occurred at Chemmannar and Vadakkekavala near Rajakkad on Sunday night, destroying acres of agri land owned by Vazhachalil Sojan from Rajakkad. Another landslide was reported at Chemmannar on Saturday night, destroying acres of plants, besides Chemmannar - Nedumkandam road, said residents. District collector Jeevaran Babu K directed various departments to collect the details of casualties in the district within a week. "In the present situation, traffic won't be allowed on Cheruthony bridge. It will resume after a safety inspection," he said.

In 18 relief camps, 1,430 people from 471 families are staying, said officials. The collector reviewed arrangements and interacted with people. Idukki MP Joice George visited Mankulam. TNN