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Idukki, Heavy Rainfall, Idukki Dam, Water Level

Water continues to recede in Idukki dam

**Idukki Records Avg Rain
Of 20.86mm In 24 hours,
Heavy Showers In
Dam Catchment Area**

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Idukki: Water level in Idukki reservoir receded for the second day from 2,400.6ft on Saturday evening to 2,398.68ft on Sunday evening. But, heavy rain continued in the catchment areas of the reservoir on Sunday. Meanwhile, water level in Mullaperiyar dam rose to 135.2ft on Sunday morning. Over the past 24 hours, Idukki recorded an average rainfall of 20.86mm.

KSEB officials said the shutters of Cheruthony dam would remain open for the time being. "The principal secretary (revenue) - included in the high-level committee - confirmed that the five shutters of Cheruthony dam would remain open. We will continue with the arrangement until the committee decides otherwise. This has led to the fall in water level," said KSEB executive engineer (dam safety) VS Bala, adding that KSEB was not in favour of closing the shutters.

The Moolamattom power station generated 14,938 million units of power on Saturday. District collector Jeevan Babu K said that the NDRF team has begun operation to rescue stranded domestic animals on river banks and isolated places near the Periyar. "We will try to rescue them today and provide food in the coming days," he said.

To manage traffic issues, KSRTC will operate round trip service on Kattappana-Cheruthony route, said KSRTC director CV Varghese. Traffic was banned on the route as shutters of the Cheruthony dam were opened. The bus will take Kattappana, Nirmala city, Vazhavara, Eighth mile, Tenth mile, Narakakkanam, Idukki, Mariyapuram, Thankamany, Kamakshi and Kattappana route. The Kattappana-Thodupuzha bus will operate Thopramkudy route and Kattappana-Ernakulam bus will operate Karimpan-Chelachuvadu route, said Varghese. However, traffic was disrupted on the Parathode - Panikankudy route after a portion of caved in after heavy rain.

RAIN BATTERS WAYANAD, WOMAN KILLED

Kozhikode: Heavy rains battered Wayanad after a day's lull on Sunday. A 58-year-old woman was killed when the wall of an unoccupied house collapsed at Moonnaam Mile near Kuppadi, Sultan Bathery. The deceased was identified as Rajamma, wife of Mohanan Pillai, who was living next to the unoccupied house. She was grazing her cow when the wall collapsed on her. The death toll now stands at 38.

A two-storey building of the Vythiri panchayat at the bus stand, which had partially sunk on Friday, collapsed on Sunday. Wayanad district collector A R Ajayakumar has announced a holiday for all educational institutions, including professional colleges, on Monday. As many as 13,461 people were living in 124 relief camps in the district.

After a review meeting, labour minister T P Ramakrishnan said the relief camps would continue until the waterlogged houses were and habitable by panchayat-level co-ordination committees, which would soon be set up.