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Krishna water release to stop by next week

Official say Chennai reservoirs brimming, enough water for at least eight months

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AS reservoirs that supply water to Chennai are brimming, the release of Krishna water from Andhra Pradesh will be stopped by next week. Over 4 TMC (Thousand Million Cubic Feet) of water from Krishna was released into the city's reservoirs this year.

The Kandaleru reservoir in Nellore district of AP augments the drinking water supply to Chennai. It had attained a record storage of 52.94 tmcft for the first time (in April 2020) since the launch of the Telugu Ganga canal system in 1996. That is why, Chennai has been receiving its full quota of water from the neighbouring State. However, with the city's reservoirs having a combined storage of over 9.5 TMC, couple of months after the rainfall has stopped, it has been

decided to stop the release of Krishna water.

On Friday, the Kandaleru-Poondi canal in Tiruvallur received 407 cubic feet per second (cusecs) of Krishna water. This will gradually decrease and finally stop in a couple of days, an official from the PWD said.

Poondi currently has a storage level of 2700 Mcft against its capacity of 3,231 Mcft. Besides Krishna water and catchment areas, the reservoir also received water from other sources in Andhra Pradesh, like Ammapalli dam across the Kosasthalaiyar River. Notably, last year the level was only 61 Mcft. "The is sufficient water to quench city's thirst for at least eight months. With the monsoon is set to arrive in a month, reservoirs will receive more water. Krishna water is not needed, at least this year," the official said.



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Odisha govt rules out flood threat

Water level recedes in major rivers

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As the threat of flash flood is a least likely possibility with gradual fall in water level in state's major rivers including the Mahanadi river system, people breathe a sigh of relief across the river-side districts.

We do not foresee flood threat as the major rivers that were in spate are now marked by receding water level. The water level of Brahmani at Panposh in Sundargarh district is receding. Similarly the water level of the river at Jenapur in Jajpur is on a downward trend. The water level along the Mahanadi deltaic region is flowing below the danger level, said Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Dhiren Samal.



The water level in the basins of Mahanadi, Baitarani, Brahmani and other rivers is stable and the flood situation has substantially improved, he said, adding that the water level of the Subarnarekha and Jalaka rivers passing through the Balasore district has also receded.

However the low-lying areas in the river deltaic region have come under inundation. Both men and machinery have been kept ready to tackle eventualities, he added.

The water level at Mundali Barrage in Cuttack has

remained stable since 11 pm Friday. Though the excess water released from Hirakud Dam in Sambalpur has reached the barrage, it has not significantly increased the water flow.

The floodwater inflow at Mundali stayed around 6.67 lakh cusecs last night when it had reached its peak. At Naraj in Cuttack district, the flooded Mahanadi is flowing at 25.97 S at noon hours against the 26.41 danger level.

Similarly Devi, Kushabhadra, IB, Brahmani, Baitarani, Burhabalanga, Subarnarekha, Vanshadhara, Rushikulya and

Jalaka are flowing below the danger level.

As per a report received today, the water level has receded to 628.17 feet at Hirakud reservoir with 3,58,201 cusecs inflow of water and an outflow 3,09,110 cusecs.

While 24 sluice gates were let loose yesterday for the discharge of excess water, six gates were shut today.

All major rivers in Odisha were earlier in the spate, following a depression-induced heavy rainfall in the state early this week are witnessing receding water level.

The rescue teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF), and Odisha Fire Service will continue to stay in the readiness deployed at vulnerable pockets for the

next 24 hours.

However some low lying areas of Khordha, Puri and Balasore district were inundated and people were moved to

The IMD in its latest bulletin has forecast rains in the state from September 18 to 21 under the impact of the cyclonic circulation which lies over East Central and adjoining Northeast Bay of Bengal.

Heavy rainfall is very likely to occur in the districts of Mayurbhanj, Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Khurda, Puri, Dhenkanal, Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Sundargarh in the next 24 hours. These districts are likely to receive heavy rains from September 19 to 20 in the morning, according to IMD's latest bulletin.