

# Water diverted from Poondi to Chembarambakkam lake

A steady inflow of Krishna water has improved storage in the city's lakes. WRD says the water from A.P. may be used to fill up other waterbodies if the monsoon fails to bring adequate rain

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**W**ater from Poondi reservoir is being diverted to the waterbody in Chembarambakkam to build its storage. A steady inflow of Krishna water from the Kandaleru reservoir in Andhra Pradesh has boosted the storage in the lakes catering to the city.

The five reservoirs, including the one in Thervoy Kandigai and Kannankottai, have a combined storage of 8,504 million cubic feet, which is 72.3 % of their total capacity. The waterbody in Chembarambakkam still has nearly 1,000 mcft of space and is only 70.8% filled. The Water Resources Department (WRD) has started diverting resources from the Poondi reservoir to also avert any water shortage during the upcoming summer.

As of now, nearly 457 cusecs (cubic feet per second) is being released



**Not enough:** The Chembarambakkam lake is only 70% full. M. VEDHAN

from the waterbody in Poondi, which is also filling up fast.

## Catchment sources

The Kandaleru-Poondi Canal at Uthukottai is getting nearly 571.9 cusecs of Krishna water. Besides supply from the waterbody upstream, the Chembarambakkam reservoir con-

tinues to receive a marginal amount of runoff from its catchment areas. The Red Hills or Puzhal lake too gets a minimal runoff even though rains have ceased in the region.

Sources in the WRD said Krishna water could be used to fill up other waterbodies as well if necessary, and if the monsoon failed

to bring adequate rainfall.

Metrowater draws nearly 661 million litres of water daily from mainly the Red Hills and Chembarambakkam reservoirs to provide drinking water to Chennai. A total of 1,024.25 mld of water is now being supplied to the city, merged areas and industries.

## Contaminated water kills Rajasthan boy

A 12-year-old boy died Tuesday and 109 people were hospitalised after reportedly drinking contaminated water supplied by government-run pipelines in Rajasthan's Karauli. **FLAP OPP**

## Contaminated water kills teen; 109 in hospital

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**Jaipur:** A 12-year-old boy died and at least 109 persons were admitted to hospitals with vomiting and diarrhoea caused by alleged contamination of drinking water supplied to a pocket of Rajasthan's Karauli district from government-run PHED pipelines.

While the patients, including 30 kids, have been streaming into hospitals in Hindaun, Karauli and Jaipur from the affected Shahganj area in the past three days, the boy died at home on Tuesday morning.

"The boy had diarrhoea and had taken medicines from a local doctor. When his condition deteriorated, he was taken to the district hospital in Hindaun where he was declared brought dead," Karauli DM Ankit Singh told TOI.

Water from the pipelines has been stopped for now, samples have been sent for checks and a report is awaited, the DM said, adding that tankers had been deployed to meet the needs.

The source of the contamination is not yet clear.