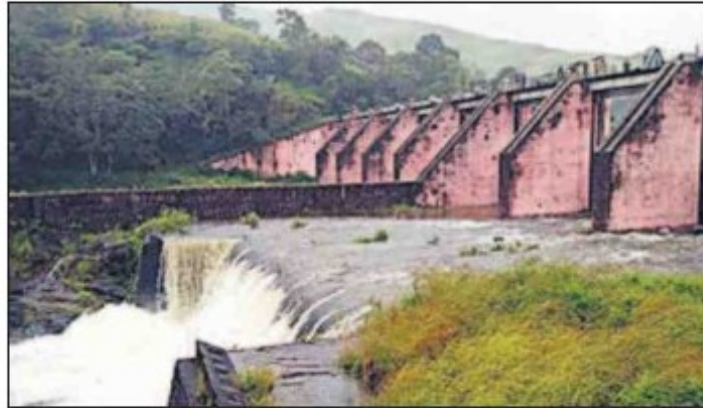


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{ MY INDIA } KERALA FUMES

TN opens all 9 gates of Mullaperiyar dam



All nine shutters of the Mullaperiyar dam were opened by the Tamil Nadu government on Monday night, following which many areas in the neighbouring state of Kerala were reportedly inundated as water level of river Periyar rose considerably. It was the first time that all the dam shutters were opened at night time. Kerala water resources minister Roshdy Augustine, who rushed to the downstream areas in Idukki, termed the decision of the Tamil Nadu government as "irresponsible" and said the move was "least expected". The two states have long been in a deadlock over the age-old dam and its water level. While Kerala insists for a new dam, Tamil Nadu fears that it will lose control of the dam once rebuilt. A senior Kerala government official said the state will take the matter up with the high power committee on dams, and also move the Supreme Court in this regard.

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TN opens shutters of Mullaperiyar dam, irks Kerala



Two shutters of Mullaperiyar dam opened following a rise in the water level, in Idukki, on October 29.

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IDUKKI (KERALA): Tamil Nadu opened all nine shutters of the Mullaperiyar dam on Monday night in view of the rising water level in the reservoir and shut down three of them after 10 pm, the Idukki district administration said.

Kerala water resources minister Roshy Augustine rushed to Idukki after many areas in downstream got inundated. "The decision of the Tamil Nadu was irresponsible," the minister said.

The district administration, in

a statement, said all nine shutters of the dam, which were initially opened at 7.45 pm by 60 centimetres each, were raised by 120cm to release 12,654.09 cusecs of water. Thereafter, three of the shutters were shut down at 10 pm and six were kept open to release 8,380.50 cusecs of water, it added.

The Tamil Nadu authorities had raised the shutters to 120 cm after the water level of the dam reached 141.90 feet at 8.30 pm.

This is first time nine shutters of the dam were opened at night. Officials said over 100 families have been shifted from Idukki.

Augustine said the issue of water being released at night would be raised before the Supreme Court. He added that he will be present at Idukki to help with the rescue efforts and to persuade people to evacuate to camps wherever necessary.

The Mullaperiyar dam, built in 1895 on the Periyar river in Idukki district of Kerala, is operated by the Tamil Nadu government for its irrigation and power needs. Kerala has been insisting on building a new dam, citing safety concerns, but Tamil Nadu is against it, saying the present structure is strong.

T.N. continues to release high volume of water

IDUKKI

Tamil Nadu released a high volume of water in phases to the Periyar from Sunday night, while maintaining the water level in the Mullaperiyar dam just below the upper rule curve of 142 ft in the daytime. Residents downstream of the dam said they keep vigil at night, even as some of them moved to safer locations.

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T.N. releases high volume of water from Mullaperiyar

Minister leaves for Vandiperiyar to oversee safety measures



Water level rises in the Periyar after the release of high volume of water from the spillway shutters of the Mullaperiyar dam since Sunday night. A view of the Periyar from Vallakadavu on Monday morning. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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IDUKKI

Tamil Nadu has released a high volume of water in phases to the Periyar since from Sunday night, while maintaining the water level in the Mullaperiyar dam just below the upper rule curve of 142 ft in the daytime.

Nine spillway shutters were opened by 8.30 p.m., releasing 12,654.09 cusecs of water to the Periyar. This is the highest volume of water released to the Periyar this year. The discharge through the tunnel system to the Vaigai dam was 1,864 cusecs. There was heavy rainfall in the Periyar village and Thekkady in the afternoon on Monday.

At 6 p.m. on Sunday, nine spillway shutters of the dam were opened, releasing 7,341.06 cusecs of water to the Periyar. At 8.30 p.m., four shutters were closed, reducing the water release to 3,967.55 cusecs. At 10 p.m., the release was again reduced to 2,064.45 cusecs, while by 11 p.m., Tamil Nadu closed all spillway shutters except one. However, at 4

a.m. on Monday, five spillway shutters were opened, releasing 3,967.55 cusecs of water, and, at 4.30 a.m., nine shutters were raised, releasing 5,668.16 cusecs of water.

Meanwhile, Water Resources Minister Roshly Augustine has left for Vandiperiyar to oversee the safety measures taken there. He told *The Hindu* that he had contacted the Chief Secretary to coordinate the works to shift the people living close to the river.

Residents' plight

Residents downstream of the dam said they keep vigil at night, even as some of them moved to safer locations. Some workers and farmers said they prefer to sleep during daytime and keep awake at night, which has been affecting their routine works.

Syam Sivan, a resident at Choorakkulam, said his family moves out of the house by evening every day and returns in the morning. "Water suddenly appears to reach the maximum level af-

ter a rainfall. The shutters are suddenly opened. If the water level is kept at a safer level, this would have been avoided," said Mr. Sivan, adding that there is no one to hear their grievances.

Vallakadavu resident P.N. Sebastian said several workers are unable to go for work. "This is in addition to the old structure (dam) creating a threat to their life and security," he said.

Cheruthoni to be opened

In the wake of the increasing water level in the Idukki dam, one shutter of the Cheruthoni dam will be raised by 40 cm to 150 cm, releasing 40 to 150 cusecs of water, from 6 a.m. on Tuesday. The water level at 9 p.m. was 2,401.12 ft. The district administration, meanwhile, issued an orange alert at the Idukki dam with the water level reaching 2,401 ft. The water level was on the rise with increased inflow in the Periyar from morning, touching the orange alert level by 5 p.m. The upper rule curve is 2,403 ft., which is the full reserve level.

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MONSOON | BLUES

Prices of vegetables affected

AP to witness more rains next week: IMD

DC CORRESPONDENT
VISAKHAPATNAM, DEC. 6

Andhra Pradesh is likely to get some more during next week, according to a forecast of Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), Amaravati on Monday.

According to Stella S, the IMD director at Amaravati, a trough is being formed over the southwest Bay of Bengal, which could bring in moderate rains to the entire coast of Andhra Pradesh.

A clear picture, she said, would be known by December 8.

The IMD director said coastal Andhra Pradesh will witness rainfall on December 9 and December 10, and Rayalaseema on December 11 and December 12.

The director added that

● **THERE WAS** a low pressure in June, a low pressure and well marked low pressure in July, two more low pressure areas in August, one low pressure, one depression and cyclone Gulab in September, two low pressures in October, two depressions in November and cyclone Jawad in December, she added.

the trough could activate the northeast monsoons which entered the southern peninsula on October 25 after the departure of Southwest monsoons. Rayalaseema remained dry due to inactive north eastern monsoons, which brings rains to the region and Tamil Nadu.

She further said that the systems brought good

amounts of rainfall to AP since the southwest monsoons set in over the State in June.

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Heavy rains in the southern states recently, meanwhile, has already affected prices of many vegetables.

According to the data of Union consumer affairs ministry, retail prices of tomato have skyrocketed to a high of ₹140 per kg in some parts of southern India as supplies have been hit due to heavy rains.

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Season's first snowfall at Kufri, Narkanda

Shimla region witnesses thunderstorm, sleet; 136 roads closed

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SHIMLA, DECEMBER 6

The tourist resorts of Kufri and Narkanda received the first spell of mild snowfall today while the state capital Shimla and its surrounding areas were lashed by thunderstorm, sleet and intermittent rain. As many as 136 roads, including 127 in Lahaul and Spiti, six in Mandi and one each in Chamba, Kullu and Kinnaur, were closed for traffic following the snowfall.

The mild snowfall in Kufri and Chharabra have made the road slippery and the Shimla police have advised the commuters to be cautious while driving on this patch and avoid travelling at night. They can dial 112 or 8894728016 (Dhali SHO) in case they need any assistance.

Rohtang pass and the Atal Tunnel recorded heavy snowfall of 75 cm and 45 cm, respectively, while Koksar, Darcha and Keylong in Lahaul and Spiti recorded 45 cm, 30 cm and 20 cm of fresh snow, disrupting normal life in the region. Tourist destinations of Chitkul, Sangla and Kalpa in Kinnaur district received 15.5 cm, 7.6 cm and 6.0 cm of snow, respectively, while the remote Dobra Kwar and Chopal received 30 cm and 6 cm of snow, respectively.

Kufri, Narkanda, Rohru and Khara Pathar received light snowfall, creating cold wave conditions in the region. The sky



A view of Narkanda near Shimla on Monday; and (below) tourists at The Ridge. TRIBUNE PHOTO/PTI

HOTELIERS UPBEAT

“The weekend occupancy, which was about 75 per cent, dropped to 25 per cent on Monday. However, hoteliers are upbeat as the tourist inflow is expected to increase after snowfall.”

— **MK Seth**, PRESIDENT, TOURISM INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION



remained heavily overcast in Shimla and its surrounding areas and foggy conditions prevailed, reducing visibility and disrupting normal traffic.

Deputy Commissioner, Shimla, Aditya Negi said 99 per cent of the roads were open for vehicular traffic in the district. Machines, JCBs and other equipment have been deployed on the vulnerable stretches.

The weekend occupancy, which was about 75 per cent,

had dropped to 25 per cent on Monday but the hoteliers are upbeat as the tourist inflow is expected to increase after snowfall, said Tourism Industry Stakeholders Association president MK Seth.

Tourists were elated to witness sleet. “We planned a trip to Shimla after seeing the weather forecast of snow and will travel to Narkanda tomorrow, hoping to enjoy the snow,” said a newly wed couple Smriti and Akarshan.

Widespread rain occurred in

the state. Manali was the wettest with 29-mm rain while Mandi and Chamba received 23 mm and Shimla 9 mm.

Minimum temperatures decreased by two or three degrees C and stayed close to normal. The local MeT office has predicted rain or snow at isolated place in mid and higher hills on December 8 and 9 and dry weather in the region tomorrow. A fresh Western Disturbance is likely to affect Western Himalayan Region from December 8.

Midnight snow brings cheer to Manali tourists

ABHINAV VASHISHT

KULLU, DECEMBER 6

Manali town experienced the first snowfall of the season on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday. The snowfall started around midnight and continued intermittently till 3 am. The town recorded around 2 inch of snow that was washed away by rain by noon today. The Solang Nullah received around six inch of snowfall. The higher reaches covered with snow presented a more scenic and panoramic view.

Tourists were elated to witness snow. Nehru Kund and Palchan near Manali witnessed a heavy rush of tourists while some revellers also visited the Solang Nullah. A tourist from Haryana said that they prolonged their stay after witnessing snowfall for the first time in their life.

Power lines were also damaged in some areas due to the snowfall. However, there was no report of any major damage caused due to the inclement weather.

Meanwhile, the Kullu district administration did not allow any vehicle to cross the Atal Tunnel on the Manali-Leh National Highway today, as approach roads had become slippery, making commuting risky. The Aut-Luhri highway was also blocked at the Jalori Pass.

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माही बांध और मानसी

पानी मेवाड़ को उपलब्ध कराने के लिए केंद्रीय मंत्री से दिल्ली में मिली किंग सेना

ढाई साल...पहली बार, राजस्थान से पानी मांगा: शेखावत

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नई दिल्ली. केंद्रीय जल संसाधन मंत्री गजेन्द्र सिंह शेखावत ने कहा है कि पिछले ढाई साल में ऐसा पहली बार हुआ है कि राजस्थान से कोई पानी की मांग को लेकर दिल्ली तक आया है।

यह बात शेखावत ने सोमवार को कहा, जब सुबह किंग सेना एवं मातृभूमि धर्म संघ के प्रतिनिधिमंडल पानी की मांग को लेकर शेखावत से मिलने दिल्ली पहुंचा था। किंग सेना के राष्ट्रीय अध्यक्ष राव कुंवर गगन सिंह ने मंत्री शेखावत को बताया कि मानसी वाकल बांध उदयपुर संभाग



के लिए बनाई गई है, लेकिन अब उनके हिस्से का पानी मारवाड़ खास तौर पर पाली एवं सिरोही में ले जाने की तैयारी की जा रही है।

राव ने कैबिनेट मंत्री को बताया कि उन्हें मारवाड़ पानी ले जाने में

कोई आपत्ति नहीं है, लेकिन मेवाड़ के हिस्से का 2000 एमसीएफटी पानी पहले उपलब्ध कराया जाए। इस पर कैबिनेट मंत्री शेखावत ने सकारात्मक जवाब दिया। गगन सिंह राव ने कैबिनेट मंत्री शेखावत

लाखों की आबादी को मिलेगी राहत

राव ने कैबिनेट मंत्री से मांग की कि वे माही बांध को राजस्थान खासतौर पर वागड़ एवं मेवाड़ क्षेत्र को उपलब्ध कराने के लिए हर संभव कदम उठाएं। उन्होंने बताया कि माही का पानी वागड़ के साथ-साथ मेवाड़ में भी उपलब्ध होगा तो यहां के दसियों सालों से भयंकर पेयजल संकट

से जूझ रहे क्षेत्र धरियावद, लसाडिया, डूंगला, छोटी सादड़ी, बड़ी सादड़ी, वल्लभनगर, मावली, रेलमगरा, आमेट, भीम, नाथद्वारा, कुंभलगढ़, चित्तौड़गढ़, कपासन, राशमी, बेंगू आदि कस्बों एवं गांव में रह रही लाखों की तादाद में आबादी को राहत मिलेगी।

को राजस्थान सरकार और गुजरात सरकार के बीच 1966 में माही बांध को लेकर हुए समझौते के बारे में बताते हुए कहा कि इस समझौते में साफ उल्लेखित था कि गुजरात के

प्रस्तावित क्षेत्रों में नर्मदा का पानी जब भी पहुंचेगा उसके बाद राजस्थान माही बांध का पानी अपने लिए भरपूर मात्रा में उपयोग में ले सकेगा।