Heavy rain fills Karnataka dams

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Heavy rain in the catchment area of the Kabini and the Cauvery has augmented inflow into the reservoirs, which, the officials say, will make it easier for Karnataka to meet its obligation to Tamil Nadu this year.

The Kabini was in spate in many parts of Mysuru region as the authorities stepped up outflow from the dam at Beechanahalli at the rate of around 50,000 cusecs on Wednesday. Discharge at the rate of 11,000 cusecs for 24 hours adds up to 1 tmcft of water. The discharge from the Kabini reservoir has roughly been 10 tmcft to 12 tmcft of water in just the last three or four days.

“The cumulative inflow into the reservoir since June 1 is 42.337 tmcft against which 29.61 tmcft has been discharged so far,” according to a senior official in Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Ltd.

The current rate of outflow was inevitable as the water level has reached the optimum height and was hovering at 2,282.82 ft against the full reservoir level of 2,284 ft, he said.

Heavy rain in Kodagu has increased the inflow into Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS). The water level on Wednesday was at 115.20 ft against the FRL of 124.80 ft.

Record level at Idukki

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The Idukki hydroelectric project on Wednesday set a record in its water level since 1990, reaching 52.94% of its total reservoir level.

An official of the Dam Monitoring and Research Station told The Hindu that it was on July 9, 1990 that the reservoir level reached the highest level of 2,362.34 ft, which was 56.57% of the total reservoir level.

On Wednesday, the level was 2,358.42 ft, where as it was 2,315.98 ft. the same day last year. The level on Tuesday was 2,355.86 ft. The rate of increase in the water level in the past two days has also been a record, with nearly 3 ft excess water reaching the dam a day.
Work hit on bridge across Godavari

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Heavy rains over the last two days have forced the executing agencies concerned to temporarily halt works on the new bridge coming up across the Godavari at Bhadrachalam.

The level in the Godavari rose by around three feet overnight and reached 30 feet on Wednesday morning at the temple town following incessant rains in the catchment areas of the river, sources said. The level is likely to increase by another 2 to 3 feet before stabilising on Thursday, sources added.

The official machinery is fully geared to issue first flood warning in the event of water level touching the 43 feet mark, classified as first warning level.