

# Krishnaraja Sagar dam nearing full reservoir level

## Inflow into the dam continues to be high

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Continuing heavy rain in Karnataka's Kodagu and the entire catchment area of the Cauvery and its tributaries has led to an increase in the rate of inflow into the reservoirs across the river.

The Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) dam in Srirangapatana taluk is expected to attain its full reservoir level (FRL) of 124.8 feet in due course. The rate of inflow into the dam at 6 p.m. on Sunday was 30,216 cusecs and the water level was 123.1 feet and inching



Increased water level in the KRS reservoir on Sunday due to incessant rain. ■PTI

close to the FRL.

Though not rare, the dam is set to attain FRL as early as in the second week of July if the rate of inflow is sustained for the next couple of days. In contrast, the reser-

voir level on the corresponding day last year was 88.74 feet.

The outflow from the KRS will be stepped up and it could increase to a rate of discharge anywhere between 25,000 cusecs to 75,000 cusecs. People living downstream of the dam along the riverbanks have been asked to relocate to safer places. The Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary near Srirangapatna continues to be open to tourists but boating facility has been suspended due to rise in the water levels. The inflow into the KRS in the days ahead will further increase as the Hemavati reservoir in Goruru in Hassan is in the upstream, and is also fast filling up.