

Water discharged from Kodagu's Harangi dam due to heavy rain

People living on the banks asked to move to safer places

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Water from the Harangi dam near Kushalnagar in Karnataka's Kodagu was released into the river through the four crest gates on Saturday following an increase in the inflow into the dam due to heavy rains in its catchment area.

About 1,200 cusecs was discharged into the river after opening all four gates of the dam. A flood alert was issued on Friday after the inflow went up in view of heavy downpour in the catchment area. The dam engineers are expected to increase the outflow based on the extent of inflow and therefore the people living on the banks of Cauvery have been asked to move to safer places as a precautionary measure.



Gushing out: Water being discharged from the Harangi dam near Kushalnagar on Saturday. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Speaking to reporters, Madikeri MLA Appachu Ranjan said, "All precautions have been taken so that surplus water discharged into the river from the dam will not cause any harm to the people."

Mr. Ranjan said Kodagu has been experiencing good rains since last one week.

The MLA sought a special

package for Kodagu as its roads, power supply network, bridges and other infrastructure facilities are getting damaged in rains almost every year.

When reporters asked what steps have been taken to prevent floods in Kushalnagar, the MLA said all precautions are in place and the engineers are on alert.