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Flood warning issued as outflow from KRS crosses 50,000 cusecs

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More than 50,000 cusecs of water is being discharged from the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) dam since Sunday as a result of which a flood warning has been issued for people living in low-lying areas in the downstream region.

The outflow from the KRS on Sunday morning was increased from 35,000 cusecs to 50,000 cusecs and by night it was further stepped up to 52,162 cusecs even as the rate of inflow into the reservoir hovered at 70,850 cusecs.

The reservoir level was 123.1 ft as against the full level of 124.8 ft.

Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Ltd. (CNNL), which issued the flood warning, stated that the outflow could be further increased and hence people living near the riverbanks in the downstream of the reservoir and low-lying areas were advised to shift to safer places.

Meanwhile, Srirangapatna MLA Ramesh Bandiside Gowda said that

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Mandya district in-charge Minister N. Cheluvayaswamy and others will offer the traditional thanksgiving or *bagina* at the KRS on July 27. The dam is expected to reach the full reservoir level (FRL) of 124.8 ft by then, given the current rate of inflow, he added.

The *bagina* tradition was dispensed with last year as the KRS did not attain the maximum level. The reservoir level on the same day last year was 90.1 ft. The current storage in the reservoir is 47.1 tmcft as against the gross capacity of 49.45 tmcft.

The reservoir storage on the same day last year was 16 tmcft.

Meanwhile, the inflow and outflow from the Kabi-ni reservoir has reduced as rain abated in the catchment area of the Kapila.

The inflow into the reservoir was 29,855 cusecs while the outflow was 20,000 cusecs on Sunday night. The reservoir level was 2,281.89 ft as against the full level of 2,284 ft.