

Water to be released from Bhadra dam

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On the Ugadi festival day, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced the release of two tmc ft of water from the Bhadra reservoir between April 1 and 5 to allow water flow in the Tungabhadra canals.

This will protect crops in Koppal, Raichur, Yadgir, and ensure drinking water: Siddaramaiah

He said in a release on Sunday, "As an Ugadi gift to our hardworking farmers and the people of Kalyana

Karnataka, I am happy to share that we have decided to release 2 tmc ft of water from Bhadra reservoir between April 1 and 5 to allow water flow in Tungabhadra canals. This will help protect standing crops in Koppal, Raichur and Yadgir while ensuring adequate drinking water for these

districts."

As of Sunday, Bhadra has 28 tmc ft of live storage, with 11 tmc ft needed for irrigation till May 8 and 14 tmc ft for drinking water, leaving a cushion of 3 tmc ft, he said.

From April 6, canals will be used only for drinking water supply.