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Maharashtra: Rivers start rising again after 24 hours of heavy rain, water commission sounds flood alert

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The Mutha river rose on Wednesday after water was released from the Khadakwasla dan

PUNE: The heavy to very heavy rain in the last 24 hours till Wednesday morning left several rivers across the state rising again with the Central Water Commission (CWC) sounding a flood alert for Pune, Palghar, Thane, Mumbai (urban and suburban), Raigad, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Satara and Kolhapur.

A similar alert has been sounded along the course of the west flowing rivers Krishna, Bhima and their tributaries. A CWC official said with many dams in Maharashtra (https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/maharashtra) starting to release water, the rivers were expected to start rising at various locations.

"There are sites where the rivers have already started rising, like at the Arjunwad station in the Krishna river basin in Sangli. The Savitri River is also rising at Nagothane in Raigad district, which was till Wednesday three metre below its previously recorded highest flood level.

Mula level increases, CWD flood warning for district

The west flowing Ulhas is rising at Badlapur in Thane district. It rose by about two metre, but became steady around Wednesday afternoon," the official said.

The Bhima river in Daund, which is in the downstream of Pune, was also rising after all dams (including Panshet and Khadakwasla) in Pune started releasing water. The Krishna in Karad, Satara district, and the Bhima river site at Phulgaon, between Pune city and Daund, were also rising on Wednesday.

The CWC official said Mahabaleshwar in Satara district, being in the source regions of Krishna, Koyna and Savitri rivers, recorded 84mm rain between 8.30am and 5.30pm on Wednesday. This was in addition to 130mm rain recorded up to Wednesday morning till 8:30am.

"This was contributing to the increase in inflows in the Koyna dam, which was releasing water at the rate of 65,000 cusecs from Wednesday afternoon. Since many of the small dams in the catchment areas of the Krishna are also releasing water, there is a probability of rise in the level of river Krishna in Satara, Sangli and Kolhapur districts. The situation has to be monitored very carefully, as further rain will aggravate the flood situation," the CWC official said.

 $\textit{Shiv Sena gets voted into power even after this happens every year? \textit{Horrible roads are still a problem in 2019}} \textbf{Most of the dams in the Bhima basin in}$ the upstream near Pune were releasing excess flow following continuous heavy

rain in the Ghat areas of the district. "The

Khadakwasla dam was releasing water from Wednesday afternoon, which increased the water levels in the Mula and Mutha rivers and also the main Bhima at Phulgaon. The present level at Veer dam on the Nira is 580.05m, which is above its full reservoir level of 579.85m. Water has to be released because there is further forecast of heavy rainfall," he said.

Mumbai and its suburban areas had extremely heavy rain, with the Mumbai Santacruz Airport recording 214mm rainfall between 0830am and 0530pm on Wednesday. The likelihood of continuing rain for another 12-24 hours could create local drainage congestion and inundation in the low-lying areas, creating a flood-like situation in Mumbai.

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