

Power Units Back in Action Across State

No more unscheduled power cuts in city, says BESCOM

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Bangalore: With various non-functioning power units resuming generation on Saturday, officials are hopeful that it will help end load shedding across the state.

In the week gone by, there was a shortage of 1,100 MW because of the shutdown Udupi Power Corporation Limited (UPCL), Raichur Thermal Power Station (RTPS) and other central stations.

However, on Friday, UPCL unit one resumed production and pumped in 570 MW to the grid, RTPS unit four pumped in 110 MW and Bellary Thermal Power Station (BTPS) increased its generation to 900 MW.

Officials believe this, coupled with 176 MW from Koodankulam Power Station,

will be sufficient to avoid load shedding.

In a statement, BESCOM managing director Pankaj Kumar Pandey said, "As the availability of power has increased, there will be no unscheduled power cuts in Bangalore city or elsewhere in the state". The UPCL unit one shutdown on March 17 was attributed to a seal oil leakage.

A statement from the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) said there has been a loss

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of power generation of 500 MW at RTPS, 250 MW at BTPS and 150 MW from central stations because of technical snags.

With the rise in demand for electricity because of high temperature, wind generation also fell from 300 MW to 40 MW.

The total load curtailment in the state was around 800-900 MW. To make up for the shortage, officials distributed power cuts across sectors on a daily basis.

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"To augment this additional power requirement, the Power Company of Karnataka Limited is taking necessary steps to purchase power from producers within the state," it said.

No more unscheduled power cuts: Bescom

Bangalore: There will no longer be unscheduled power cuts in Bangalore and the rest of the state if one goes by the promise made by Bescom.

Power availability from stations across the state has improved, Bescom said in a release. In all, 1,156 mw of additional power is available in the stations and the Kudankulam unit. **TNN**

Have Noisy Neighbours? Take Your Complaint to KSPCB

by N R Madhusudhan

Bangalore: After being pulled up by the High Court for failing to regulate noise levels in residential, commercial and silent zones, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) is preparing an action plan to come down heavily on violators in the state.

According to this plan, people may soon be able to file private complaints against those who disturb them by causing noise pollution.

The HC had questioned the KSPCB about why it should not be closed down for not implementing noise pollution rules.

The HC had also said that unless the KSPCB records sound levels and informs other agencies, they will not be in a position to take any



PERMISSIBLE NOISE LEVELS

Category	6 am-9 pm	9 pm-6 am
Industrial areas	75 dB	70 dB
Commercial areas	65 dB	55 dB
Residential areas	55 dB	45 dB
Silent zones	50 dB	40 dB

action against the culprits.

KSPCB member secretary Vijay Kumar said, "As there are different regulatory authorities for different activities, we have to coordinate with them to ensure that noise pollution rules are strictly implemented."

"We are discussing with BESCOM, the Transport Department, BBMP and other government agencies to evolve plans to educate people against sound pollution and measures to prevent noise pollution by enforcing rules strictly. The action plan

will be ready and placed before the court very soon," Kumar said.

After KSPCB was pulled up by the HC, they had measured noise levels near Ubhaya Vedantha Pravarthana Sabha in Malleswaram, Bangalore, and issued a closure order to the Sabha for causing noise beyond the permissible limit.

The KSPCB has also directed the BBMP to cancel the choultry license.

However, the Sabha is planning to appeal against the order.

