

Mettur Dam

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The probability of the Mettur dam getting opened on the scheduled date appears to be remote, in view of the poor storage and the forecast of a poor southwest monsoon (June-September) this year.

About Mettur Dam

- It is located at Mettur, **Salem District, in Tamil Nadu.**
- At 65 meters high and 1,700 meters long, it is one of the largest dams in India and the **largest in Tamilnadu.**
- It is **constructed in a gorge**, where the **Kaveri River enters the plains.**
- **Built in 1934**, it took 9 years to complete. The **entire work** was **supervised by the then Governor of Madras, Sir George Stanley.**
- It was constructed for the main **purpose of capturing Kaveri waters for irrigation, drinking water supply, and power generation.**
- **Features:**

- It is a **masonry gravity dam**.
- The reservoir formed by the dam is known as the **Stanley Reservoir**. It has the contribution to produce **240 MW of hydroelectricity**.
- There is a **park adjoining the dam** on the opposite side with lawns and fountains and also has the **Muniappan/Aiyanar statue in the vicinity**.
- The **dam receives inflows** from its **own catchment area, Kabini Dam, and Krishna Raja Sagara Dams located in Karnataka**.
- It provides irrigation facilities to parts of Salem, the length of Erode, Namakkal, Karur, Tiruchirappali, and Thanjavur districts for 271,000 acres of farmland.

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