

Maneri hydropower project to be shut down for renovation

Gap between power supply and demand likely to widen further

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The gap between power supply and demand is expected to widen further as the Maneri Bhalli hydropower project will be shut down for two months from February 20 for renovation.

Officials of the Uttarakhand Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (UJVNL) said that they had made elaborate plans to complete renovation and maintenance work within 60 days to avoid inconvenience to the people of the state.

Meanwhile, the demand for electricity is 35 MU against the availability of 34 MU in the state. State-run hydropower projects are generating



Authorities during a workshop on effects of hydropower projects in Dehradun on Wednesday.

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8.69 million units, which is insufficient to meet the demand of electricity in the state.

Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited (UPCL) received 12.23 MU from the central pool against its quota of 16 MU, which is also responsible for increased gap between demand and availability of electricity.

Madhusudan, spokesperson for the Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited (UPCL), said they would get 4.8 MU through banking from Haryana while 2.4 MU would be procured through tender to bridge the gap.

Notably, the 42 MW Khattima hydropower project is already closed.