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Mayor says no new water connections for the next few weeks

To conserve available water for drinking, Mangaluru Mayor Kavita Sanil has barred new water connections for construction sites for the next few weeks.

Talking to *The Hindu*, Ms. Sanil said with no inflow from the Netravathi into the Thumbe vented dam and AMR Power Pvt. Ltd.'s dam at Shamboor, on the upstream of the Thumbe, the corporation needs to conserve water at the two dams to meet the drinking water requirement of the city, Bantwal and other areas.

Following a meeting with Commissioner Mohammed Nazir and other officials recently, it has been decided not to allow new water connections in construction sites, she added.

On Saturday, Ms. Sanil visited the Thumbe vented dam and the dam at Shamboor. Talking to reporters, she said that no

decision has been taken on water rationing in the city.

Water level at the Thumbbe dam was measured at 4.5 meters, while the level at the AMR dam stood at 6.15 m on Saturday. Inflow from the Netravathi into these two dams has stopped in the last 10 days, she told reporters.

Ms. Sanil said that with judicious use of water available drinking water requirement for the next two months could be met.

A list of borewells and open wells was being made from which water can be sourced for supplying water to parched areas in the city, she said.