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Water Security and Climate Adaptation in Rural India (2019-22)

## **Steps of the Presentations:**

01	Overview of WASCA Principles
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04	Area of Interest: Hotspot – WASCA TN <b>Ramanathapuram</b> & Tiruvannamalai

# **Overview :** Water Security and Climate Adaptation in Rural India (2019-22)

In cooperation with Ministry of Rural Development & Ministry of Jal Shakti, India

#### Module Objective

 Water resource management is enhanced through an integrated approach at national, state and local level with regards to water security and climate adaptation in rural areas.



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# **Overview : Climate Vulnerability Indicators: Ramanathapuram and Thiruvannamalai**

	Ramanathapuram	Thiruvannamalai	
Exposure in climate extremities is very high during 1951-2015	<ul> <li>Increase in day time temp. is very high (1.4°C)</li> <li>Rainfall variability is very high</li> <li>Deficient rainfall years (&lt; 59%) are highest among all districts (18 years)14</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increase in day time temperature is high (1.20C)</li> <li>Minimum temperature increase is high (0.50C)</li> <li>Excess rainfall are more (15 years)</li> <li>Deficient rainfall years (15)</li> </ul>	
Water resource vulnerability	<ul> <li>Low surface water availability</li> <li>Supply and Demand gap</li> <li>Saline/poor quality of water – firkas are more</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Nearly 71 per cent of the blocks are overexploited</li> <li>Out of 52 firkas, 37 are OE, 7 are critical, 8 are semi-critical and there is no safe firka</li> <li>Ground water recharge is low</li> <li>Low surface water availability</li> <li>Demand supply gap is more and</li> <li>Fluoride and Nitrate contamination</li> </ul>	
Agriculture vulnerability is very high among all districts	<ul> <li>Rain fed area (66.28%)</li> <li>Cropping intensity is very low</li> <li>Evapotranspiration is more</li> <li>Soil moisture is very less</li> </ul>	Soil moisture is less Evaporation is more	
Socio-economic vulnerability	<ul> <li>Poverty index is more (0.63)</li> <li>Source of drinking water within premises in rural area is very low (5.6%)</li> <li>Marginal farmers are more (93%)</li> <li>High rural proportion (69.7%)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Poverty index (0.53)</li> <li>Source of drinking water within premises in rural is 18.8 per cent</li> <li>Marginal farmers are very high (94.7 per cent)</li> <li>Rural proportion is 79.9 per cent</li> </ul>	

# **Overview :** Composite Water Resources Management CWRM Planning Framework | Key Components





District Workshops with line departments conducted in two districts in January 2020

Training provided to 220 MGNREGS district and block level engineers on composite water resources management (CWRM) and GIS based planning.

The training is provided to all the districts officers of TN and all block officers in two WASCA districts

20-member team went on a study visit to Rajasthan for learning Rajiv Gandhi Jal Sanchay Yojana (formerly MJSA), Four Water Concepts, Water Conservation, Model GP, Eco Parks,

Prepared a draft CWRM Handbook that can be taken up under JJM

WASCA TN District Profile			
S.N	ltem	Tiruvannamalai	Ramanathapuram
1	No of Blocks	18	11
2	No of Revenue Villages	1038	380
3	No of Gram Panchayats	860	439
4	No of River Basins	3	3
5	No of River Sub Basins	15	10
6	No of Catchments	3	3
7	No of Watersheds	13	7
8	No of Micro Watershed	1364	736

### **Progress : Composite Water Resources Management Planning**

Type of GP	Ramanathapuram	Tiruvannamalai
Type 1	131	566
Type 2	112	86
Туре 3	14	189
Type 4	162	9
Type 5	10	10
Total	429	860

- **Type 1** : GPs are where the GP and Revenue Village data and boundary matches
- **Type 2** : GPs are where more than one GPs are in one Revenue Village
- **Type 3** : GPs are where one GP is falling under more than one Revenue Village
- **Type 4** : GPs are where both GP and Revenue Villages are falling more than one
- **Type 5** : Missing GP and data in census 2011

### **Progress :**



# Type of GPs Ramanathapuram

### **Progress**:



# Type of GPs: Tiruvannamalai

**Action Plan :** 



# **Action Plan for Ramanathapuram**

Composite Water Resources Management Planning		
CWMRP Level	Target	
GP level plans	15-Aug-20	
Block Level Plans	20-Sep-20	
Watershed / Catchment/ sub basin plans	30-Sep-20	
District Level Plans	20-Oct-20	
Pilot Demonstration of WASCA Hotspots (Area of Interst)		
WASCA Hotspot Area	Name of GPs / Block	
Riverbank Stabilization	Urapuli / Paramakudi	
Ground Water Management	Parmakudi Block	
Mangroves	Karangadu/ RS Mangalam	
Wetlands	Kaaran/Mandapam	
Drinking Water: Tankas	Chithurvadi GP	
Drinking Water: Ooranis	All GPs (cascade tanks)	
	RS Mangalam and Tiruvadanai	
Reduction of Soil Erosion and Sea Water Intrusion	Ervadi GP, Kadaladi	
GP CWRMP plans	Implementation after approval	

### Action Plan: CWRMP Road Map for Tiruvannamalai



# **Action Plan for : Tiruvannamalai**

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Pilot Demonstration of WASCA Hotspots			
S No	Hotspot area	Name of GPs / Coverage	
1	Degraded Hills (Greening of Hillocks)	Kattukanallur/ West Arani	
2	Catchment Area, Uplands	Pallamarathur/Jawad	
3	Naga Kamandala Nadhi River Sub Basin (Cascade Tanks and River Rejuvenation)	Jawad Hills	
4	Aquifer and Ground water restoration	Velleri/Arani, Periyakolapadi/Chengam	
5	Water use efficiency	Karam/Vandavasi	
6	GP CWRM plans	Implementation After Approval	
Private Sector Involvement			
1	Identification of private partner with CII support	By 20 June 2020	
2	Partnership of Private Sector Partner	By 30 June 2020	

# Ramanathapuram: 1) River Bank Stabilization and Ground Water Management



#### Site identified: Urapuli, Paramakudi block

- River Bank Stabilization: helps to Flood Control, Control siltation through bank stabilization and conserve river ecosystem
- Approach Development of Mini forest along the bank with diverse tree species control erosion
- Nursery for Mini Forest near to the site Helps developing native species and generate employment
- Possible works leveraged under NREGA Bund stabilization, nursery, planting & management of trees, Composting degradable wastes etc

Tying up the maintenance and management of river banks through SHGs or Landless women groups helps to creating livelihoods through inter cropping of mini forest gap area with vegetables, fruits, flowers & medicinal plants This initiates control encroachment

## **Ramanathapuram: 2) Groundwater Management**

- Approach: Developing sources for small scale irrigation in marginalised members, along with groundwater augmentation and efficient irrigation management measures
- Possible works with NREGA dug wells, farm ponds along with ground water augmentation technologies



## 3) Mangroves – Ramanathapuram District – one of the Unique Wetlands Ecosystem

- Total Wetlands occupies 18.05% of the geographic area of the district
- Mangrove cover in the district is about 2.34 sq km (FSI, 2019).
- After 2004 Post Tsunami, Forest Department restored mangroves in 10.75 sq km to improve the mangrove cover between 2000 and 2015 in which 3.32 sq km has mangroves and the rest of the areas needs attention.
- Project aims to restore these areas by harnessing the work opportunity under NRM category of MGNREGA.
- Purpose Effectively harness the NREGA work for NRM which helps to improve the ECOLOGICAL SERVICES

#### Site identified for action:

- Karangadu GP
- RS Mangalam block



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### **Ramanathapuram:** Some of the potential works of Restoration to be considered under MGNREGA <sup>giz</sup>



- Collection of mangrove seeds/ propagules,
- Establishing nursery (Community/ SHG/ Individual),
- Clearing the mouth of the inlet feeder canals,
- Digging / desilting the channels,
- Planting the seedlings and
   Causality replacement

# **Ramanathapuram: 4) Wetlands Conservation**



#### **Prioritized site: Kaaran in Mandapam block**

- Increasing rate of degradation is going on Key ecological functions coastal flooding and erosion protection by building land seawards, water quality, floral and fauna biodiversity etc
- Restoration helps to adapt to the increasing Sea Level Rise linked adverse impacts like coastal erosion, soil salinity etc
- Potential to link with NREGA works Stream channelization, ditching/desilting, supply and drainage channels aligning with shore line, removing weeds, nursery/planting material, planting etc

### **Ramanathapuram: 5) Ensuring Drinking Water – TANKA Model**



- Chithurvadi
- RS Mangalam block



Piloting Rajasthan Model; Storing the rainwater under ground with a small Catchment area of few square yards to acres

### **Ramanathapuram: 6) Cascade Tanks & Restoration of Ooranis**



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## Ramanathapuram: 7) Reduction of Soil Erosion and Sea Water Intrusion



#### Site identified :

- Ervadi 2 habitations,
- Kadaladi block

- Leading to sand deposition due to increasing sea level rise and sand erosion
- Approach Increasing vegetation cover to prevent sand erosion like perennial grass like *Spinifex littoreus and others*
- Possible NREGA work: Plantation of the species and minor land management works an certain works under other government schemes (PWD : Control of sea water erosion)%

# **Tiruvannamalai:** 1) Kattukanallur/ West Arani Block: Four Water Concept



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- The 4 water concept harvesting of available runoff from rain water, groundwater, underground water & in situ soil moisture sources by treatment of catchment.
- Increase area under water harvesting structures by renovating non-functional water harvesting structures & creation of new water harvesting structures.
- Potential possible to increase the benefits three times more and increase the recharge to ground water ten times more than earlier
- Adopted at micro water shed scale of 500 ha surface water gravity irrigation can be done through structures like rough stone diversion, continuous contour trench, percolation tanks, agro-forestry etc



# **Tiruvannamalai: 2) Greening of Hillocks at West Aarani**



Micro-watershed maps – Arani block

### **Tiruvannamalai: 3) Water use efficiency: MGNREGS and Sahi fasal Convergence**

- One of the Over exploited block for the Ground water 104%
- Paddy is the principal crop followed by sugarcane and vegetables
- The source of irrigation is both surface and ground water
- Method of irrigation is flooding and open surface irrigation
- Water use efficiency is very less.
- Proposed actions Enhancing water use efficiency in paddy, sugarcane and other high water requirement crops and such technologies are climate adaptive – SRI, Alternate Wetting and Drying, drip irrigation etc
- Enhancing the soil water holding capacity by enhancing soil organic matter composting, cover crops - agroforestry and microbial fertilizers
- Kind of work aligned with NREGA individual farm based composting, plantation of green leaf manures, Land development, Farm Ponds, Bund plantations

#### Site identified :

Karam GP Vandavasi block



### Tiruvannamalai: 4) Catchment Area Development & Naga Kamandala Nadhi River Sub Basin



Site identified :

- Pallamarathur
- Jawadu hills block
  - Catchment Area Development
  - Afforestation
  - Rejuvenation of Springs through water shed approach
  - Treatment of drainage lines in convergence with Forest

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River Stream Stabilization and Ground water Recharge

# **Studies and Consultations**

S No	Торіс	Objective	Focus District	Start Time line
1	Sea Water Intrusion	On "reducing effects of seawater intrusion into freshwater resources through vulnerability mapping, assessment	Ramanathapuram	June 2020
2	Surface and Ground Water Assessment of Aquifer, Watershed, Design of innovative models; Training Module preparation	<ol> <li>Assessment of Surface and Ground Water resources (including technical baseline)</li> <li>Creation of a data base on surface, ground water resources (GIS environment as per CWRM framework)</li> <li>watershed assessment convergence with CWRMP and design of works, training modules</li> </ol>	Ramanathapuram and Tiruvannamalai	Proposal development stage
3	Soil Erosion Impacts and Works for reducing impact of soil erosion	Soil moisture, soil conservation leading to water security and climate adaptation	Ramanathapuram and Tiruvannamalai	Proposal development stage
4	Documenting water management practices, climate adaptation, resilient approaches and tradition knowledge systems	Document Climate Knowledge, Systems and Approaches for CR and CA into CWRMP, at all levels (focus at Hydrology, Watershed level)	Ramanathapuram and Tiruvannamalai	Proposal development state

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