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To
The Editor,

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Sir,

I request that the following matter may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

Water Reveloutionary Campaign at TNAU

Central Ground Water Board, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Govt. of India orgained one day workshop cum training programme on “ Jal Kranti Abhiyan” (Water Reveloutionary Campaign) at Golden Jubilee Hall of Tamilnadu Agriculture Agricultural University, Coimbatore on 29th February 2016.

Jal Kranti Abhiyan was launched on 5th June, 2015, to consolidate water conservation and management in the country. The objectives of Jal Kranti Abhiyan are :-

- Strengthening grass root involvement of all stakeholders including Panchayati Raj Institutions and local bodies in the water security and development schemes (e.g. Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM))
- Encouraging the adoption/utilization of traditional knowledge in water resources conservation and its management;
- To utilize sector level expertise from different levels in government, NGO's, citizens etc; and
- Enhancing livelihood security through water security in rural areas.

“Jal Gram Yojana” is one of the most important activity of the Jal Kranti Abhiyan under which two villages in every district (preferably being a part of dark block or facing acute water scarcity) are being selected as Jal Grams. A district level committee for each district has been constituted under the chairmanship of the District Collector who is responsible for identification of two Jal Grams in their respective districts.

This is a convergence programme of existing programmes such as PMKSY, MGNREGA, RRR of water bodies, AIBP etc. An integrated water security plan for water conservation, water management and allied activities are being prepared to ensure optimum and sustainable utilization of water.

Under this Jal Kranti Abhiyan, two Jal grams from each district of Tamilnadu have been selected. Two representatives of the Jalgrams, mainly the village panchayat presidents and another member working in the water field have attended the programme.

The programme was inaugurated by the Chief guest, Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, Tamilnadu Agricultural University (TNAU). He expressed his concern about the depleting water resources and importance of integrated approach of all the departments working in the water sector along with the direct involvement of panchayat level office bearers and the farmers. and Shri. J. Chandrasekhar Iyer, Chief Engineer, CWC facilitated the function. A. Subburaj, Head of Office, Central Ground Water Board, Chennai welcomed the chief guest and the gathering and briefed about the Jal Kranti Abhiyan and its importance.

100 representatives from 50 villages of different districts of the state participated. All the participants participated with enthusiasm and suggested various ideas, demands and recommendations so as to convey to the ministry to include their demands in further action plans.

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