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**GOVERNOR
TAMIL NADU**

RAJ BHAVAN,
Chennai-600 022.

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Dear Dr. Krishnan,

**“Nirmalam Jalam Sampadaneeyam
Jal Samrakshanam Anivaryam ...”**
(Conserving pure, clean water
And protecting it is imperative ...)

This core thought seeks our collective attention even as the humanity stares at a possible all-pervading scarcity of water in the not so distant a future.

It is with this thought that the Government of India has initiated 'National Water Mission (NWM)' as a programme with top priority for immediate and comprehensive implementation. I am enclosing herewith copy of letter received from Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti for your necessary action. The chief objective of the Mission is to conserve water and its sources with utmost care.

As part of this noble objective, the Government has launched a campaign titled "Catch the Rain" (with the tagline 'Catch the Rain Where It Falls, When It Falls'). The idea is to prompt all stake-holders to make efforts to harvest and conserve the massive quantities of water rains deposit on Mother Earth by creating structures suitable to local conditions – for example, rain water harvesting pits, rooftop arrangements, check dams etc. and also removal of encroachments on catchment areas, removal of obstructions in channels etc.

You are advised to undertake this comprehensive program for Rain Water Harvesting in right earnest in your esteemed University and ensure that no rainwater is wasted. In addition, a well-planned system of pipes and channels etc. can also be created on your campuses so that grey water from kitchens and bathrooms can also be reused after primary filtration for flushing systems etc. Not only will that save water but also will improve the ground-water tables in your respective areas – which is our national need today. I also advise you to promote this idea with various colleges under the jurisdiction of your esteemed University so that a mass movement in this regard gets going and proves useful to the larger community.

I expect you to invite experts in the field of rainwater harvesting and seek their knowledge and help in evolving a successful programme of implementation of the great idea for larger national good. You are also requested to send action taken report directly to the Ministry and a copy to Rajbhavan.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Banwarilal Purohit)

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Minister for Jal Shakti
Government of India

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Hon'ble Shri Banwarilal Purohit Ji,



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National Water Mission (NWM), under Ministry of Jal Shakti, is one of the 8 missions set up in 2011 under the National Action Plan for Climate Change (NAPCC) guided by the Prime Minister's Council. The main objective of NWM is to "conserve water minimize wastage & to ensure its more equitable distribution both across and within the states through integrated water resource development and management." Promotion of citizen and State actions for water conservation, augmentation, and preservation is one of the goals of NWM.

NWM's campaign "Catch the Rain" with the tagline "Catch the rain, where it falls, when it falls", is to nudge all stake-holders to create Rain Water Harvesting Structures (RWHS) suitable to the climatic conditions and sub-soil strata. Drives to make water harvesting pits, rooftop RWHS, check dams, etc; removal of encroachments and de-silting of tanks to increase their storage capacity; removal of obstructions in the channels which bring water to them from the catchment areas etc; repairs to step-wells and using defunct bore-wells to put the water back to aquifers, etc. are some of the activities suggested to be taken up with people's active participation under this campaign.

Raj Bhavan has a unique status in the state and has large land area. Hence it is suited for making RWHS, so that all rain water falling in its campus can be impounded there itself. Further, if dual piping systems are setup inside the campus buildings, grey water from kitchens & bathrooms after primary filtration can be used for flushing systems and irrigation in parks & gardens of the campus. This can reduce the use of potable water for not-potable uses. Taking these works in Raj Bhavan will also have great demonstrative effect.

Governors, being Chancellors of all Universities in the state, may also advise Vice-Chancellors of all state Universities which have large campus under their jurisdiction to take up appropriate RWHS to catch the rain. NWM has also sent letters to them in this regard.

It is also requested to direct the officials concerned to inform the action taken and send relevant pictures and write up by email to md.nwm@gov.in or catchtherain.nwm@gmail.com.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Gajendra Singh Shekhawat)

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