



**Government of Tamil Nadu
Public Works Department**

One Day Stakeholders Awareness Program under DRIP

Organised by TNWRD and CWC

**Venue : Sathanur Dam,
Tiruvannamalai.**

Date : 27.3.2017

As a part of Swachhata Pakhwara (16-31st March 2017), an initiative of Govt. Of India to connect and engage the general public and spread more awareness about the general cleanliness (Swachhata), Tamil Nadu Water Resources Department is one of the Implementing Agency under Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP). TNSPMU organized Stakeholders Awareness Program at Sathanur Dam on Monday 27th March 2017.

About 35 students from S.K.P. Engineering College, Tiruvannamalai, participated in the program . The Central Project Management Unit (CPMU), CWC was represented by Shri. Dharamveer Singh , Finance Management Specialist , Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project , Egis India Consulting Engineers Pvt.Ltd. The State Project Management Unit (SPMU) was represented by the Executive Engineers Er.P.Gunasekaran, Er.K.Thachanamoorthy, Er.A.Kalimuthu Er. Sowndararajan, Assistant Executive Engineer and Er. M.Ramesh, Assistant Engineer, Sathanur Dam Section along with other officials and staffs of Sathanur dam office.



Er. M.Ramesh , Assistant Engineer, Sathanur Dam Section welcomed all the participants , CWC and SPMU representatives'. The Details of Sathanur Reservoir Project , Structural component , Irrigation Ayacuts and benefits , Drinking water supply , Power production , Flow measurements , Flood operation and down stream flood warning etc.,have been explained briefly.

Shri. Dharamveer Singh , Finance Management Specialist , Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project , Egis India Consulting Engineers Pvt.Ltd., briefly explained the program and the importance of the involvement of all stakeholders in various aspects of dam activities including their importance to the society. The participants were informed about the water scenario in India and the steps needed for conservation of water, minimizing wastage, increasing water use efficiency, and ensuring more equitable distribution of water and the need for involvement of all the stakeholders in this effort. He explained about the drowning of about 30 students in north india during sudden release of flood.

The representatives of TNSPMU also addressed the participants, situation developing with the climate change , the importance of dams in harvesting the surface water resources for more equitable distribution in time and space and for reducing the flooding. While informing about the third position occupied by India in the world in terms of the number of large dams in the country, highlighted the dam health scenario and the rehabilitation efforts implemented under Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP). They stressed the need for emergency preparedness to reduce the consequences any unforeseen dam incident, even though all efforts are taken to prevent any dam failure. They highlighted the aspects of Emergency Action Plans for dams (EAP) and the need for the involvement of all stakeholders including general public in implementing the EAPs. It was emphasized that public participation is essential to make a success of any program i.e. especially of keeping the dam vicinity, our water bodies, rivers, ponds etc. very neat and clean, which may improve the overall image of State as well as the nation as a whole.They also insisted the importance of tree plantation to get sufficient rain and greenery coverage .



The participants were provided refreshment, T-shirts, sun caps, tools and tackles, hand gloves etc. to carry out the cleanliness and tree planting activities. The participants joined in planting trees in the dam vicinity. After the participants were divided into six team to carry out cleaning and clearing of bushes and weeds of the gardens in the dam area. All of them enthusiastically participated in the cleaning efforts. After lunch, the participants are taken to dam site and explained the components and functions. After site visit in the interaction time the participants were expressed their happiness in having an opportunity to visit the dam site to understand the magnitude of the structure and the importance of dams in the overall development of the country. They also expressed that they are better equipped to understand safety and water conservation aspects and to implement them. Also students informed that this programme is an eye opener for them in safety aspects during large releases and they assured to convey this information to the local public also.

Er. M.Ramesh, Assistant Engineer, Sathanur Dam Section thanked all the participants and CWC and SPMU representatives for the successful participations of the stakeholders awareness program. Some photographs taken during the program are attached for information.