



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Local Self Government Department- State Resource Group and organizing committee for implementation of Clean Aquifer Campaign- constituted-sanctioned- Orders Issued

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**LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT(W.M) DEPARTMENT**

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Read : Meetings convened by Additional Chief Secretary, Local Self Government Department on 15.11.2021,20.11.2021 and 03.12.2021

**ORDER**

Solid and liquid waste must be managed properly in order to protect public health and the environment. The Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 and AMRUT 2.0 focus on the treatment of liquid waste and protection and conservation of water bodies. The 15th Finance Commission also stipulates that 50% of the LSG grants and 100% of the funds for Urban agglomerations are used for water and sanitation. Kerala which the first major state to achieve ODF status is now struggling with second generation problems of leachate and contamination of water bodies. This poses a serious threat to the public health model of the State which had successfully contained contagious disease outbreaks. This problem is exacerbated by the increasing frequency of extreme weather events that are disrupting the water balance. Immediate action is therefore the need of the hour.

However it is seen that local governments are struggling to come up with viable projects, and even where projects are sanctioned, they are facing stiff local resistance which in many cases effectively kill the project, and by extension, the solution to the problem. The population density, high water table, local resistance and inability to build consensus, lack of access to location specific technologies either conventional or nature based, lack of institutional capability have all contributed to an entrenched reluctance to resolve the problem of liquid waste management. It is important to kickstart interventions in this very critical area.

A citizen education campaign that can highlight the need for clean water and the scope for addressing its pollutants, particularly liquid waste, both sullage and septage, is to be organised. It has been proposed that this campaign could focus on mapping water bodies in every LSG, grading the level of contamination, and identifying major polluting factors, which of and by itself would generate awareness and sensitivity to the problem facing the State. It would also provide an impetus to local governments to resolve the identified issues of contamination through their upcoming annual plans, thereby creating an opportunity to start tackling the problems of liquid waste and contaminated water bodies. In order to propel the initiative forward, it has been decided to launch a massive campaign involving people's representatives, traders' organisations, voluntary organisations, residents' associations, educational institutions, NSS volunteers, and others, led by the local governments in December 2021- January 2022. It is also proposed to support this initiative by developing a shelf of projects that can be undertaken by LSGs to resolve the identified problems arising out of the campaign, through the process of technical consultation with institutions and individuals with domain expertise in liquid waste management.

Therefore, the Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to constitute a State Resource Group and Core Organising Committee for conducting the Clean Aquifer (Water body) Campaign .The following are the members of State Resource Group:

Organising Committee

The following are the members of Organizing Committee for Ideation workshop to develop the shelf of projects in LWM for LSGs:

1.	Sri Charles A L, Deputy Mission director, AMRUT (convenor)
2.	Sri Praveen K S, Director(LWM), Suchitwa Mission (convenor)
3.	Smt Resmi P S, Expert(LWM), Suchitwa Mission
4.	Dr Ajith kaliyath, Urban Chair, Professor, KILA
5.	Dr Rohit Joseph, CANALPY
6.	Smt Drisya, Project Co Ordinator, KILA
7.	Smt Geethu, Project Co Ordinator, KILA
8.	Sri Abraham Koshy, Consultant, Haritha Keralam Mission
9.	Sri P Ajay Kumar, Technical Officer, Haritha Keralam Mission
10.	Sri Satheesh R V, Technical Officer, Haritha Keralam Mission
11.	Sri K Johnson, Chief Engineer, Local Self Government

The organising committee shall be responsible for the following:

1. Prepare a list of panelist and professional experts and agencies in the field of liquid waste management.
2. Develop a problem statement upon which discussion can focus.
3. Invite panelists, professional experts and agencies for the workshop
4. Arrangement of the venue, logistics, advertisements etc. for the smooth convening of the workshop.
5. Publish shelf of projects and approach paper based on the inputs received from the workshop

The committees shall meet immediately and chart out an action plan so that the campaign and ideation workshop can be kick-started by mid-December 2021. The funds required for the arrangements can be met from the A&OE of AMRUT and also from SBM. Suchitwa Mission.

1	Sri Joy Elamon, Director, KILA -(Coordinator)
2	Sri Jagajeevan N, Grameena Patana Kendram - (Coordinator)
3	Sri Praveen K S, Director (LWM), Suchitwa Mission
4	Sri Philip P D, Director (Operations), Suchitwa Mission
5	Sri Ameersha R S, Programme Officer (CCDU), Suchitwa Mission
6	Smt Resmi P S , Expert(Liquid Waste Management), Suchitwa Mission
7	Sri Amit Venugopal Expert (IEC), Suchitwa Mission
8	Sri Ajaya Kumar, Technical Officer ,Haritha Keralam Mission
9	Sri K.B Madan Mohan, CEO, Kerala Grama Panchayath Association (KGPA)
10	Sri Manoj B, PRO. Haritha Keralam Mission
11	Sri Sudhakaran T P, Consultant, Haritha Keralam Mission
12	Sri Rajendran Nair, Technical officer, Haritha Keralam Mission
13	Dr. Rajesh K, Senior Urban Fellow, KILA
14	Smt Dhriya - Project Co ordinator (CANALPY), KILA
15	Smt Geethu - Project Co ordinator (CANALPY), KILA
16	Sri Rohit Joseph - CANALPY
17	Sri Jayaraj - Resource Person (Janakeyaasoothranam), KILA
18	Sri K Johnson, Chief Engineer, Local Self Government

The State resource group will be responsible for proposing the contours of the campaign, the concept note including the mobilisation and communication strategy, the various activities that can be taken up, the process of capacity building, the coordination mechanism and the timelines for implementation of the campaign.- specifically

1. To chart out the detailed campaign plan
2. Liaise with educational institutions, NSS volunteers, etc and form a "Blue Army" of volunteers.
3. Finalise the data collection template and data collection survey methods.
- 4 .Prepare draft Action Plan

(By order of the Governor)  
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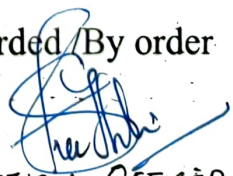
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