

## **109 D. (12.1) RWH - Help Desk**

### **Preamble:**

Government of Karnataka realized the importance of harvesting rainwater and as a first step through BWSSB has made harvesting roof top rain water mandatory for most of the properties in Bangalore effective from December 2011. Council in collaboration with BWSSB has established two RWH Helpdesks at Sir. M. Visveswaraya RWH Theme Park, Jayanagar and KSCST, IISc campus Bengaluru to provide guidance and suggestions on Rain water harvesting to the public, students and officials.

### **Objectives:**

- To Build awareness among the public, students and officials on Rainwater Harvesting and groundwater recharge in Bengaluru
- To conduct training programmes for skill development through on Rainwater Harvesting and ground water recharge among Engineers, Architects and Plumbing contractors in Bengaluru city limits
- To provide technical guidance and advice on RWH to the individuals, representative from institutions, corporate sectors, Apartments and Resident welfare associations in Bengaluru city

### Activities/Progress: April – November 2024

- Two Training programmes has been organized to Architects, Engineers and Plumbing contractors on 12-08-2024 and 22-10-2024 and around 65 persons have been benefitted
- Conducted six awareness programmes on RWH at various schools, college's institutions, physical and virtual methods to various publics.
- Provided Technical talk/lectures and webinars on Rainwater harvesting and water conservation across Karnataka including Bengaluru
- Awareness programme to create awareness on RWH and water conservation by displaying RWH models and banners at BWSSB Officials organized Painting competition at RWH Theme Park on 17.07.2024.
- Exhibition and Awareness building on Rainwater Harvesting and Water Conservation at "ECO EXHIBITION" organized by Environmental Management & Policy Research Institute EMPRI In association with Bhaarth Scouts and Guides, by displaying RWH Model on 24.07.2024 and 25.07.2024 at Bhaarth Scouts and Guides auditorium, Bengaluru. Around 500 visitors including students from various schools visited the stall and took information on Rainwater Harvesting and water conservation measures in the programme
- Awareness programme to create awareness on RWH and water conservation by displaying RWH models and banners at Green Building Congress Expo 2024 at Bangalore International Exhibition Center on 14.11.2024.

Sl no	Organized by	Location	Number of Participants
1	MSA	Madapur sports association Hall, Kodagu	50
2	BWSSB and Jal Shakti team	RWH Theme Park	35
3	Assam Science Technology and Environment Council (ASTECC)	RWH Theme Park	107
4	Environment Association of Bengaluru (EAB)	NRI layout	500
5	Environmental day-EMPRI	RWH Theme Park	130
6	ECO-EXHIBITION in association with EMPRI and Bharth scouts and guides	Bharth scouts and guides auditorium	500

- About 1926 visitors including Publics, Govt officials, VIPs, NGOs, and about 3449 students from Schools and Colleges visited Theme Park
- About 750 telephone calls and requests through e-mails have been responded during the year
- Interacted with the visitors and got the feedback on RWH installation and about 40% to 45% of visitors got benefitted and installed RWH in their respective building premises
- The RWH helpdesk has been providing Awareness to the individuals, Public and private sectors on Rain water harvesting by seminars talks and promotion stalls/by virtual along with NGO's are detailed below,



Participating in Eco Exhibition -2024 at Scouts and guides auditorium, Minister of Forest, Ecology and Environment of Karnataka, Visited and inaugurated KSCST stall, Bengaluru Providing information on Rainwater harvesting and KSCST Activities, people from different agencies have visited the stall. and Participants of the Rainwater harvesting training Program conducted to enhance the accessibility to public about Rainwater harvesting installation.

### **Executive Committee: For Information**