



# Vision

To ensure that the right of access to water for all citizens is transformed into reality is the basic tenet upon which the activities of the Department are centred. This can only be achieved by ensuring that the demands for drinking water, agriculture, power generation and industry are appropriately addressed in the context of the physical, environmental and social background of the State. At the same time, we need to ensure that this vital resource will continue to be sustainable and available for future generations to come.

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## Ensuring the essential

MAJOR PROJECT  
on the Anvil

### 180 crore Scheme for Malabar

As part of the efforts to catalyse the efforts of the backward region of Malabar, Water Resources Department is embarking on a comprehensive project – MIRPA- for improving irrigation facilities in Malabar region. The project, aimed at improving the irrigation facilities in the region, envisages rehabilitation and renovation of existing Lift Irrigation schemes besides establishing new LI schemes to ensure enhanced irrigation coverage for the agricultural sector. An investment of Rs.180-crore is estimated for the Malabar Irrigation Package (MIRPA).



**Declared** a comprehensive Water Policy for the State.

**The Kerala** Water Supply & Sewerages Act 1986 was amended to strengthen the provisions and prevent misuse and theft. The amendments also provide for KWA to diversify its line of activities.

**Special** Package Assisted by NABARD (SPAN) launched to complete 32 major drinking water projects - held up for want of funds - at an estimated cost of Rs.870 crore benefiting 20 lakh people.

**Implementation** of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) assisted water supply projects valued at Rs.2600 crore benefiting 41 lakh people.

**Completion** of the HUDCO drinking water project benefiting Kochi as

well as 200 drinking water schemes, including 45 large schemes, in other parts of the State benefiting more than 10 lakh people. Also completed 773 rural school DWS and 2997 Varsha units.

**10,000** litres of Drinking Water to BPL families free of cost

**Implementation** of computerization and e-tendering process in Kerala Water Authority and '7 days' water connection facility.

**Obtained** Record revenue

collection of Rs.303 crore and launching of consultancy services – WASCON – by KWA

**Completed** 1550 small and 5 large drinking water schemes benefiting 4.37 lakh people under Jalanidhi scheme.

**Under** Anti-Sea Erosion works, 13.206 km of new seawall has been constructed and 0.425 km renovated. For the first time in the State, anti-sea erosion works adopting the advanced "Gabion structure" technology has been utilised.

**Launched** a comprehensive project – MIRPA- for improving irrigation facilities in Malabar region.

**Launched** and integrated scheme for revamping and rehabilitating Lift irrigation schemes across the State.

**Initiated** strong measures to protect the State's interests in inter-state water issues, especially in Mullaperiyar Dam issue and for reviewing the Parambikulam – Aliyar Project agreement.

**Constituted** the Pamba River Basin Authority.

**"Sujala"** project aimed at ensuring the quality of drinking water in rural areas and eliminating contamination in wells and other traditional water sources has been launched.



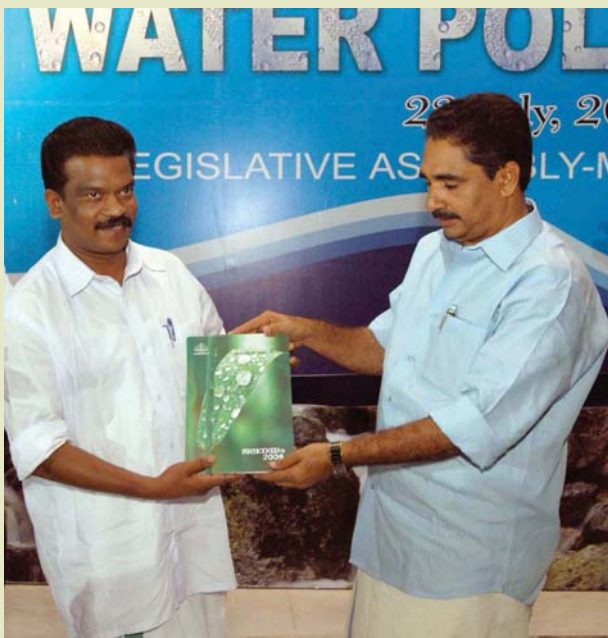
## 5 OTHER PROJECTS Envisaged

- 1 Successful completion and commissioning of SPAN projects and certain components of JBIC Schemes
- 2 Complete implementation of the renovation and rehabilitation works of Lift Irrigation schemes
- 3 Completing the activities aimed at Institutional Strengthening of KWA, including computerization activities
- 4 Partial commissioning of Karapuzha Irrigation project and commencing the construction work of Chamravattom Regulator-cum-Bridge.
- 5 Obtain the sanction and commence activities for implementing the add-on project of Jalanidhi throughout the State worth. Rs.1200 crores.



## WASCON

For developing infrastructure facilities in water resources sector and for providing technical expertise, a consultancy agency of international standard namely WASCON was started. Comprehensive scheme for the revival of lift irrigation schemes is being completed.



## Consumer-friendly

The activities of the Water Resources Department are rooted in the tenets articulated in the State's Water Policy. A massive exercise has been launched aimed at strengthening and restructuring of Kerala Water Authority, thereby reorienting it into a "Customer Friendly" and competitive organisation. A Citizen's Charter has been published. Efforts

have also been initiated to achieve total delivery of better service using IT initiatives. New initiatives include facilities for obtaining connection within "7 days", revenue collection facilities, 24 hour "Helpline" facility, "Blue Brigade" to facilitate prompt maintenance etc. Established a change in the mindset of KWA as well as customers. Priority based approach has been adopted for selection, implementation and commissioning of new



projects. Great importance has been attached to the timely completion of projects. Furthermore, for future Irrigation projects, emphasis has been placed on small and medium scale schemes. Implementation of project works and schemes is done in an integrated manner with stress on participatory approach – right from the planning stage- thus ensuring the participation of elected representatives, local bodies and all sections of stakeholders. Such an approach has, besides getting the whole-hearted involvement of all sections of society, ensured that the entire process - from project planning to execution – was entirely transparent and fair.

# SUCCESS STORY

## Completion Timely

A major success story of the Department has been the implementation of the Special Package Assisted by NABARD (SPAN). Several Rural Water Supply Schemes of Kerala Water Authority were held up due to paucity of funds. 39 such schemes were selected and submitted to Government for special assistance of NABARD (SPAN) under RIDF XIV. Most of the schemes were originally taken up for implementation with LIC assistance and held up due to stoppage of fund from the LIC. These schemes were languishing for decades without providing a single drop of drinking water despite crores of rupees being spent initially. Government submitted 37 schemes to NABARD and NABARD had sanctioned 36 schemes. Additional investments to the tune of Rs.870 crores is anticipated for the completion of all the schemes. Work on eleven projects have already commenced. The works are being implemented in a transparent manner with the active involvement of people's representatives and local self-governments. The entire exercise is being monitored closely to ensure timely completion.