

TRAINING MANUAL ON “WATER CONSERVATION AWARENESS”

BRIEF

The objective of the training manual entitled “Water Conservation Awareness” is to provide guidance in understanding and implementing water conservation and management principles, techniques, and procedures at national, regional as well as local level. The training manual is comprehensive in content yet simple in language as well as presentation. The effort is to prepare a training module of 3-5 days, which will be used for training a large number of master trainers from various walks of life, who will further train people from Water Users Associations, Panchayats, NSS, NCC, NCVTs, Scouts/Guides, ASHAs, Angan Wadis, Mahila Mandals, etc. at ITIs, NCVTs, SIRDs, WALMIs, etc.

Some of the major objectives of the manual are listed below:

- To develop a group of 'master trainers' on water conservation
- To enhance the understanding of these master trainers on the issues and topics relating to the water conservation
- To impart knowledge and skills to the master trainers to help communities to address water issues
- To sensitize the masses on water related issues, encourage them to conserve and use water judiciously.
- To increase the awareness of the target audience to encourage positive attitudes about good water conservation and management practices.
- To share best practices, innovations & case studies in water sector with particular reference to water conservation awareness.

The manual is intended to be used as a resource material by Professionals/ Trainers and other organisations and stakeholders working and contributing in the field of water conservation and management. The training manual includes instructions to the trainers/facilitators, and will help them to build the capacity of communities to comprehend the scientific concepts of water conservation and management.

The manual covers the topic of water conservation awareness in 14 modules, which include hands-on practice, field visit as well as audio-visual material to make the content and presentation lively. There are tools given in each module that have been developed to assist the trainer offer training on the selected topic. Each module begins with its objective. A quick recap of each module is provided towards the end to read. At the end of each section, a set of summary points has been provided to assist the reader in reviewing the section or in getting an idea of the contents of the section. Text boxes have been used extensively throughout the manual. The boxes contain excerpts from case studies, practical 'to do' activities, tips and facts related to the section material and are intended to present the material in the body of the manual to be interactive.

In the training schedule, 15 minutes after each module have been allotted for screening of AV clips on the respective theme of the module. Since 'seeing is more than believing', these clips have been selected to assist the trainees understand the topics explained in the module in a better manner. The list of clips for each module is given as Annexure. A 5-day training schedule is also included in the manual for use of the trainer. As part of the manual, a powerpoint presentation will also be available for ready use of the trainer.