

TPCDT organized block level workshop on participatory groundwater management

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TPCDT has always strived hard to improve the lives of people living in and around its neighbourhood communities. In continuation with the commitment, TPCDT in collaboration with CGPL organized a one day workshop on participatory groundwater management for Kankavati sandstone. The workshop was conducted at the block level by Tata Power Community Development Trust (TPCDT) in association with Arid Communities and Technologies (ACT), Geo-Science Services (GSS), and NGO called Arogyam. CGPL- TPCDT already have a partnership with ACT and Geo-sciences and for Participatory Ground Water Management.

The objective of the workshop was to mobilize more stakeholders along with CGPL to participate in the Participatory Ground Water Management in the Region (PGWM). The workshop proved to be a major stepping stone towards water security in the region. The workshop was attended by more than 80 people represented by the dignitaries from CGPL, various department of the government, NGOs and the corporate sector and people from various communities around the operational area.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. K. K. Sharma, ED & CEO, CGPL, said, "We, at Tata Power have always believed in the sustainable growth of the society with proper conservation of our natural resources. The workshop on participatory groundwater management for Kankavati sandstone is a major step towards conservation of the ground water and we hope the right message percolates to the all the relevant stakeholders. We are thankful to our partners and implementing agencies for making the workshop a grand success and we will strive hard in our future to improve and impact the lives of our community people in more significant ways."

The participants were sensitized towards groundwater problem and its management and further scope for partnership for better implementation of the initiative. The views and feedback from the participants were recorded to ensure that the future PGWM programs would be better organised with a larger knowledge sharing platform. The workshop has also set a benchmark for other blocks in the region to follow on ground water conservation.

The block level workshop organised by CGPL- TPCDT with the objective of sharing information on the aquifer regarding its geo-hydrological characteristics. The august gathering was also made aware of the threat related to aquifer and the stakeholders were informed about PGWM activities being carried out in other aquifer region. The workshop also helped bringing the major stakeholders to one platform and discuss the issue in details. The content of the workshop covered all the aspects of the PGWM program i.e. PGWM concept, scientific research, strategic planning, water resource development, agriculture intervention, management by community and strong community participation. During the workshop, CGPL- TPCDT has also shown its work on Participatory Ground Water management through a video which showcased the different activities for water management which have been undertaken by CGPL- TPCDT under Participatory Ground Water Management. The audience has also applauded the work which has been undertaken by CGPL-TPCDT and also for arranging this type of informative workshop on groundwater issue. CGPL- TPCDT has also elaborated its commitment in continuation with the activities on PGWM which will really give a new direction in the water front in the region.



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