

NAGANADHI RIVER REJUVENATION PROJECT - VELLORE DISTRICT

- Over exploitation of ground water and failure of monsoon had a toll on the farmers of Vellore District who had lost hope on agriculture and started migrating to urban areas in search of livelihood.
- To prevent that, **NAGANADHI RIVER REJUVENATION WORK** was initiated under MGNREGS during the FY 2017-18, on pilot basis in **Salamanatham Panchayat** to improve the Ground Water table level in **Kaniyambadi Block** (Over Exploited Block).
- The work was later expanded to other 21 Village Panchayats of the same block.
- Gabion Check dams along with Recharge Wells were constructed under MGNREGS throughout the stretch of Naganadhi River, with the active participation of women workers under MGNREGS.

- The slogan '**Our Village; Our Water**', used for this project has become a "Grand Success".
- As per the TWAD Board Report, the Ground Water table has increased from **6 to 12 feet** and covers **8760 hectares of agriculture land** and **60000 farmers**.
- The **Hon'ble PM** has made a special mention about the "Naganadhi River Rejuvenation Project", highlighting the efforts made by Women MGNREGS workers in this Project during the "**Mann Ki Baat 2.0**" programme on 30th June, 2019.

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