Nature is a creation of God and to preserve our nature one needs divine heart. Present time is to respect the nature and to conserve water. We need to work sincerely on the Mantras given by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on Conservation and Preservation of water. This is Second Mission after Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and we need to protect our future by conserving water said Minister for Water Resource and Fisheries Shri Filipe Neri Rodrigues who was speaking as the Chief Guest in the workshop on Water conservation organized by Water Resources Department (WRD) at Ravindra Bhavan Fatorda today.

Other Dignitaries present on the occasion were Cuncolim MLA, Shri Clafasio Dias, Nuvem MLA, Shri Wilfred Dsa, Chief Engineer of WRD Shri S.T. Nadkami, Superintending Engineer, CPO Shri B.V. Pujari and other representative of WRD and Village Panchayat Panch Members of Velim, Nuvem and Cuncolim Constituencies.

Speaking further Shri Rodrigues said we should convey to the centre that Goa would be the first state to take mission of Conservation and Preservation of Water very seriously and we have to keep documentary proof from the day one to show our work done. Directions given to all concerned including VP. Sarpanchas to reach out in respective villages to find an old abundant structure or infrastructure and send detail report whether these old abandoned structure or infrastructure are in position to conserve water or not he added.

Shri Rodrigues also said that Government will do required amendment in the act to preserve the old water preservation and conservation structure or infrastructure and punishment will be given to those who breach such old structure or infrastructure. Government have schemes which provides upto Rs.5 lacs to build or to preserve small ponds or bandas.

Shri Clafasio Dias and Shri Wilfred Dsa also spoke on the occasion.

Function was compared by Dr. Rao from Health Department while Shri A.G. Bhagat proposed vote of thanks

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