

WRD MINISTER VISITS NAVELIM CONSTITUENCY

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WRD Minister, Shri Subhash Shirodkar along with MLA, Shri Ulhas Tuyekar visited water bodies of Navelim Constituency [today](#).

They inspected the spring at Layamati, Davorlim; Baaga Spring, tributary of Sal River at Aquem Baixo; Ghatamorad Lake; Salpem Lake, Dongri; Mandop Bandhara and Shani Temple, Shaninagar, Mandop, Navelim.

Navelim, Sarpanch, Shri Paul Pereira, Superintendent Engineer, Shri Ankush Gaonkar; Assistant Engineer, Shri Sagar Gaonkar, officials of WRD and panchas were present on the occasion.

Shri Shirodkar informed that he will visit all the 40 constituencies of the State by December. The Water Resources Department is a public related and public utility Department. Spring at Layamati, Davorlim will be beautified and the concerned official has been directed to prepare the estimate. Salpem Lake will also be beautified and repair works of bandharas will be taken up. In the coming monsoon it will be seen that water gets stored and used for agriculture. He assured that the works of all the water bodies which are inspected [today](#) will start in three to four months.

Speaking further, he said WRD will issue a circular to undertake cleanliness and maintenance of the works taken up earlier by the Department by respective divisions. Officers will go on field at least one day of the week and give reports of their visit and project report in the evening. He said Goa doesn't have any other option than agriculture. Youths may seek employment in the service Sector, industries sector and government sector but agriculture and horticulture cannot be neglected, he said and added that we need to provide due attention to the agriculture sector. Government provides all support to the people who are interested in agriculture and farming, he remarked.

Urging people not to discharge sewage water in water bodies he said it is a crime and one can be booked for that. WRD is thinking of building a canal especially for sewerage and polluted water which will be connected to sewerage treatment plants. He said local bodies should see that all the places used by people regularly are clean. He also urged farmers to take maximum benefits of government schemes and facilities.

Government encroached properties will be identified and action will be taken by November. Special attention is being given to encroachment on Government land, he said.

MLA, Shri Tuyekar said, he is confident that all the major works related to WRD will be completed in the coming future. There are many old pending demands of the people of the constituency and water bodies need to be preserved, he said.

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