

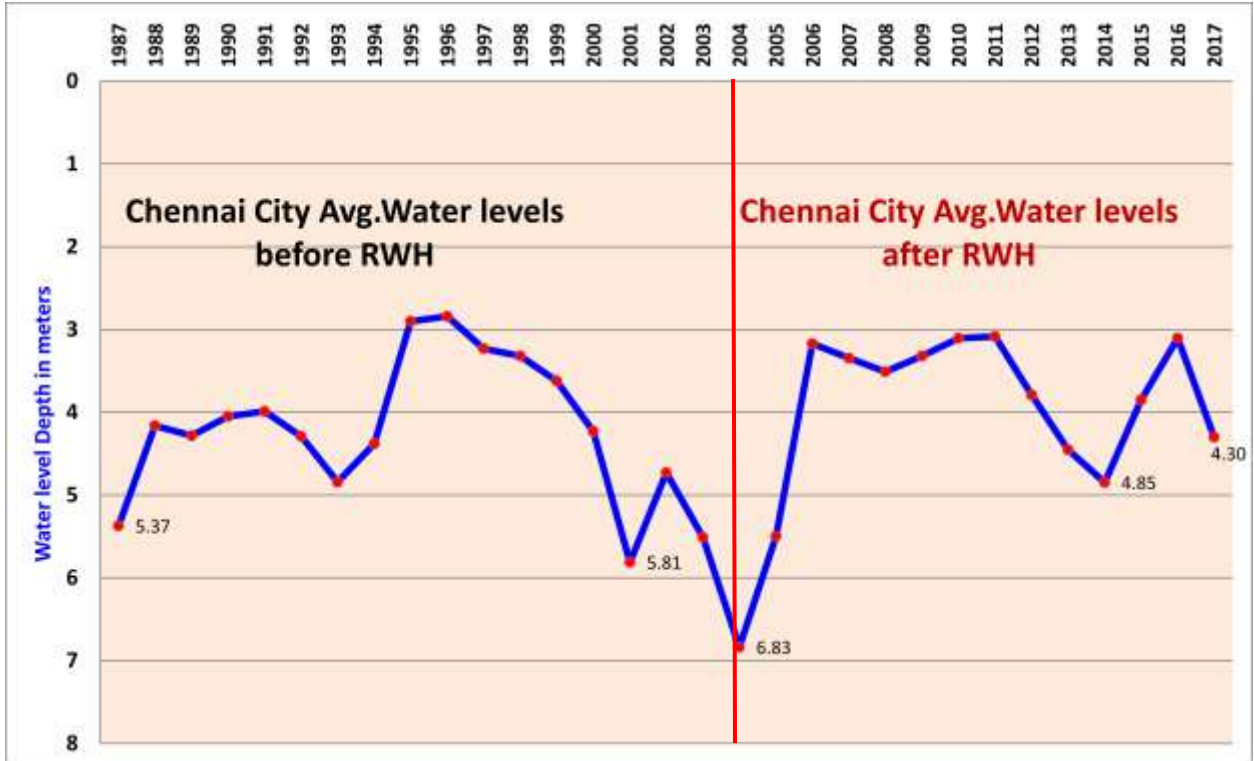
**CHENNAI METRO WATER
RAIN WATER HARVESTING STRUCTURES NEED MAINTENANCE**

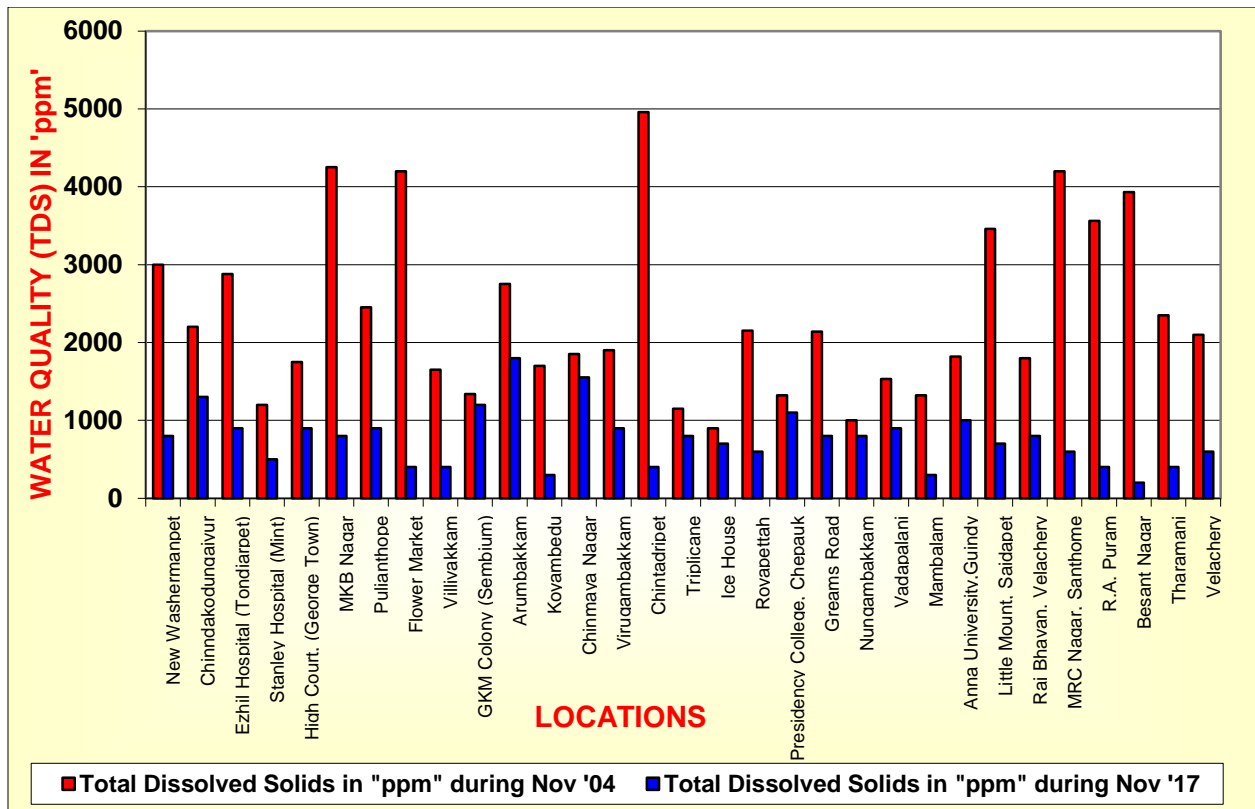
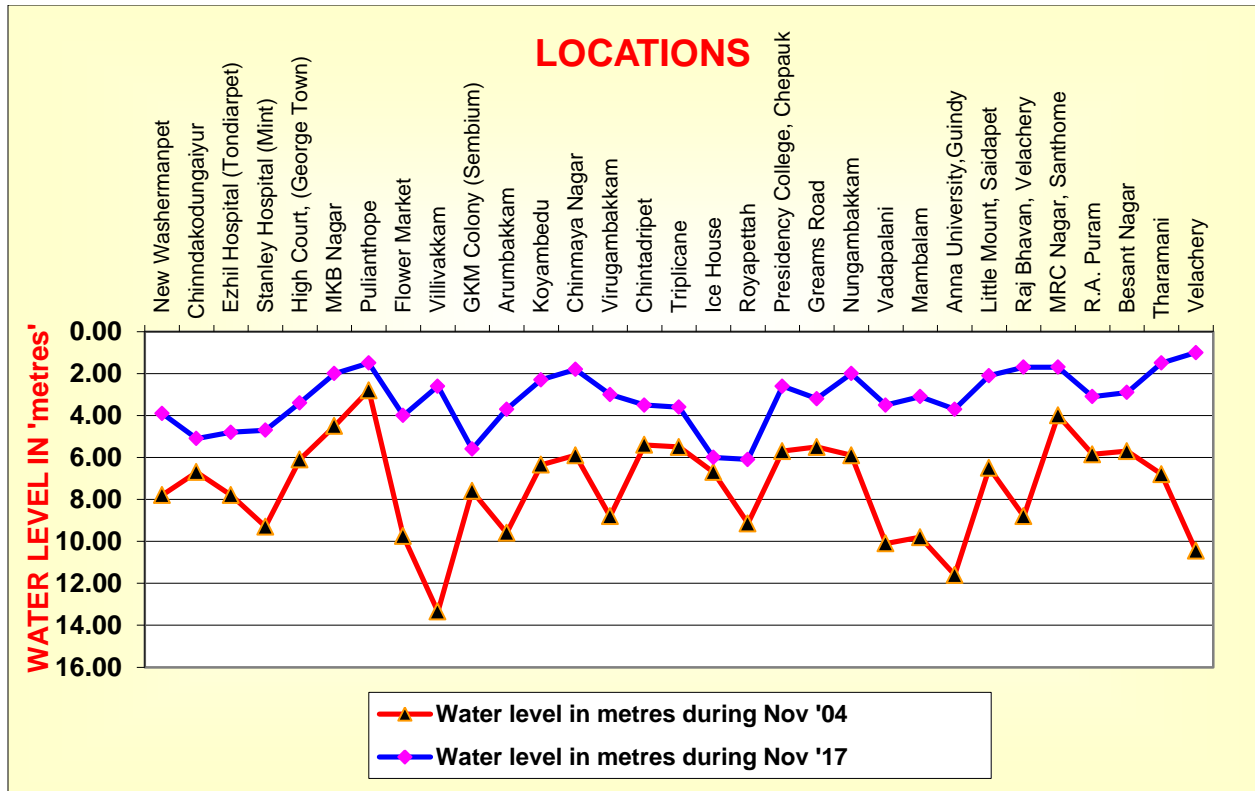
Tamil Nadu is a pioneer in India in implementing Rain Water Harvesting scheme in the entire country. An Ordinance has been issued by the Government during 2003, to install Rain Water Harvesting structure in all types of building before August 2003. Accordingly the Rain Water Harvesting structures have been installed in all types of buildings. CMWSSB has also made the installation of Rain Water Harvesting structure mandatory to get new water and sewage connection.

Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB) is creating awareness in Chennai city every year, about installation and maintenance of Rain Water Harvesting structures, before the on-set of monsoon period. The CMWSSB also monitoring the impact of Rain Water Harvesting scheme from 145 Nos.of RWH observation wells spreading over the City and it has been observed that there is perceptible improvement in ground water level and quality.

In order to continuously deriving the benefits of Rain Water Harvesting, the residents of Chennai are requested to maintain the RWH structures properly before the onset of South-West and North-East monsoon. The materials filled in the filter chamber such as sand / pebbles / blue metals are to be removed, cleaned with water and refilled with blue metal at the bottom, pebbles at the middle and sand at the top. In addition to that, rain water pipes connecting the RWH structures ought to be free of blocks or damages so as to avoid overflow and leakages.

The residents are advised to contact the respective Area offices / Depot offices of CMWSSB for proper guidance on installation and maintenance of RWH structures. The officials of CMWSSB would inspect the houses / buildings to assess the conditions of Rain Water Harvesting structures. The public are requested to maintain the Rain Water Harvesting structures properly, for effective recharge of rain water and thereby help to improve the water table and its quality in Chennai city, which will benefit during periods of drought or water scarcity.





For further details about the maintenance of Rain Water Harvesting structures, the residents may contact the Rain Water Harvesting cell of CMWSS Board on Phone No.28454080 or visit website: www.chennaietrowater.tn.nic.in.

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