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‘Clean drains to make RWH a success’

CHENNAI: Lack of alleged coordination between the Metro Water and Chennai Corporation in tackling the sewage issue, besides the cleaning up of drains, was highlighted during the rainwater harvesting awareness meet at the Water supply board office-IV on New Avadi Road.

Residents present during the occasion said that to make the rainwater harvesting a success, the Metro Water must pay attention to issues like cleaning up the drains as well as the sewage network so that the stored rainwater does not get contaminated. They also stressed the need for adopting such techniques in public places and preserving water bodies.

Responding to the suggestions, Metro Water officials assured that the issue would be considered.

Meanwhile, director of Aakash Ganga Rain Centre Sekhar Raghavan said lakhs of houses here conserve water by rainwater harvesting techniques since a Government Order was passed in this regard in 2003.

Interestingly, last year there was only one meeting on rainwater harvesting. This time it has been done in 12 zones and the government was doing its best.