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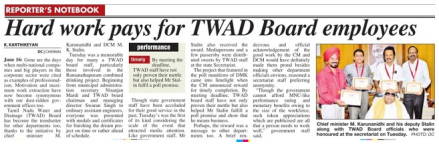

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Hard work pays for TWAD Board employees

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June 16: Gone are the days when multi-national companies in the private corporate sector were cited as examples of professionalism. Now, even in government work, extraction have now become synonymous with the public sector. A testament of these days...

Tamil Nadu Water and Drainage (TWAD) Board has become the trendsetter in this regard, and all thanks to its initiative by chief minister M. Karunanidhi and DCM M. K. Stalin.

Tuesday was a memorable day for many a TWAD board staff, particularly those involved in the Ramanathapuram combined drinking project. Beginning from executive engineer to ordinary assistant engineers, everyone was presented with medals and certificates in recognition of their just on time or rather ahead of schedule.

performance

Timely By meeting the deadline, the TWAD staff not only proved their mettle but also helped Mr Stalin fulfill a poll promise.

Though state government staff have been accoladed for their good service in the past, Tuesday's was the first of its kind considering the fact that the event attracted media attention. Like government staff, Mr Stalin also received the award. Madiguvenes and a few passersby were distributed sweets by TWAD staff at the state Secretariat.

The project, announced in the poll manifesto of DMK, came into limelight when Mr Stalin reviewed it for timely completion. By meeting deadline, TWAD staff have not only proven their mettle but also helped Mr Stalin fulfill a poll promise and show that he means business.

"The message I read was a message to other departments too. A brief yet devious and official acknowledgement of the good work by the CM and DCM would have definitely made them proud besides giving a boost to executive officials-cum-ex, reasoned a secretariat staff preferring anonymity.

"Though the government cannot afford MNC-like incentives, at least some monetary benefits owing to the size of the workforce, such token appreciations which are publicised are all the more welcome for the work," government staff said.

Chief minister M. Karunanidhi and his deputy Stalin along with TWAD Board officials who were honoured at the secretariat on Tuesday. PHOTO: DC