

## **VIII.1.B.2. Water Conservation Through Decentralised Planning in Kerela-key to Sustainable Development**

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The ongoing decentralised planning in Kerela is unique in many respects. It has become a movement of the people ensuring genuine participatory planning from below. It aims in enabling the state government to mobilise resources to solve the felt needs of the people, imparting knowledge and skills needed for local level planning involving mass organisations of the people in development activities, inculcating favourable attitude among officials and technocrats and above all evolving and institutionalising a systematic procedure by which development needs of the people are articulated, suitable solutions arrived at, projected, prioritised, integrated in to comprehensive development plans implemented and monitored with maximum people's participation.