



## **FAQs regarding BWSSB “Varuna Mitra” Rainwater Harvesting Training Program**

### **1. What is the BWSSB Varuna Mitra Rainwater Harvesting Training Program?**

- ❖ The BWSSB Varuna Mitra Rainwater Harvesting Skill Training Program is an initiative by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) and Karnataka Skill Development Corporation (KSDC) to educate and train unemployed youth/ interested citizens on the effective methods of rainwater harvesting. The skill training program aims to promote water conservation and sustainable water management practices, ground water recharge in Bangalore.

### **2. Who can participate in the Varuna Mitra RWH Training Program?**

- ❖ The program is open to all residents of Bengaluru in the age group of 18 to 35 years, including homeowners, apartment associations, builders, architects and other stakeholders interested in implementing rainwater harvesting systems. Pre-Qualification details are available in BWSSB website (<http://bwssb.karnataka.gov.in>).

### **3. What topics are covered in the training program?**

- ❖ The training program covers various aspects of rainwater harvesting, including the importance of RWH, different methods and techniques, installation and maintenance of RWH systems including demo on materials to be used along with field visits and government regulations related to RWH in Bengaluru.

### **4. How can I register for the Varuna Mitra RWH Training Program?**

- ❖ Interested individuals can register for the training program by visiting the official BWSSB website, contacting the BWSSB head office, or through the designated Varuna Mitra helpline.
- ❖ To register under the Varuna Mitra Training Program kindly follow the below mentioned steps:
  - Step 1: Visit [www.bwssb.karnataka.gov.in](http://www.bwssb.karnataka.gov.in)
  - Step 2: Click on Services.
  - Step 3: Select Varuna Mitra.
  - Step 4: Click on Registration.



- Step 5: Enter Aadhar number and fill details.
- Step 6: In Education details, under Skills Sought select **Varuna Mitra**.
- Step 7: Fill the details and click submit.

For more details you can call at 080-26653666, or 7483374697 or 18005999918

### **5. Is there any fee for attending the RWH training program?**

- ❖ No, the BWSSB Varuna Mitra Rainwater Harvesting Skill Training Program is offered at free of charge by BWSSB to encourage widespread participation and adoption of rainwater harvesting practices.

### **6. What are the benefits of attending the RWH training program?**

- ❖ Participants will gain practical knowledge on rainwater harvesting with higher opportunities for self-employment, receive guidance on complying with legal requirements, and learn how to reduce their dependency on Cauvery water supply in Bangalore. Also the participants will learn effective methods to recharge ground water, using of rain water for daily needs. Additionally, they will receive certification upon completing the program along with tool kit.

### **7. How long is the training program? Where and when is it conducted?**

- ❖ The duration of the training program will be for 10 days including field visits. Various sessions will be conducted from 9AM to 5PM at University of Agricultural Sciences- GKVK Campus, Bangalore. The schedule will be announced on the BWSSB website (<http://bwssb.karnataka.gov.in>).

### **8. What is the role of a Varuna Mitra?**

- ❖ A Varuna Mitra is a volunteer or trained individual who promotes and assists in the implementation of rainwater harvesting systems in their community. They act as a resource person to spread awareness and help others adopt RWH practices preferably in Bangalore.

### **9. Are there any follow-up support services after completing the training?**



❖ Yes, BWSSB offers ongoing support to those who have completed the training, including technical assistance for installing RWH systems and troubleshooting any issues that may arise. The details will be shared in the training program.

**10. Where can I find more information about rainwater harvesting and the Varuna Mitra program?**

❖ Additional information can be found on the official BWSSB website (<http://bwssb.karnataka.gov.in>), or by contacting the BWSSB helpline (080-26653666, or 7483374697).

**11. What is the educational qualification required to participate in this training?**

❖ SSLC/10th grade pass, ITI, PUC/12 grade pass.

**12. What is the age limit to enroll for Varuna Mitra?**

❖ The age limit is 18-35 years to enrol for Varuna Mitra skill training program.

**13. Will I need to provide any documents for verification of age and education qualification?**

❖ Yes, SSLC marks card/Aadhar card/ Pan Card/ Driving License/ Voters card/ Rental agreement, Electricity Bill (Original) for verification of age and residence. Appropriate education certificate (originals) issued by concerned authorities for verification of educational qualification.

**14. In what language Varuna Mitra training program will be conducted?**

❖ Kannada language will be used predominantly and English will be used where it is inevitable.

**15. Will I be hired by BWSSB after completion of Varuna Mitra?**

❖ No, BWSSB will not hire Varuna Mitra trainees in any manner. Varuna Mitra is purely a **self-employment** program.

**16. Will I get any job opportunity in BWSSB after completion of Varuna Mitra?**



❖ No, BWSSB nor KSDC will not give any preference to Varuna Mitras in any of job opportunities available in BWSSB/ KSDC or any other line departments.

**17. Will I get any incentive for attending Varuna Mitra training program?**

❖ No, incentive will not be provided to attend the training program.

**18. Will food be arranged during the training program? If yes, is it paid or complimentary?**

❖ Yes, lunch and tea break (twice a day) will be arranged free of cost for the participants. Breakfast facility will not be provided.

**19. Will any Travel Allowance (TA)/ Dearness Allowance (DA) and accommodation be provided to attend the training program?**

❖ No, Travel Allowance (TA)/ Dearness Allowance (DA), accommodation will not be provided to participants. Participants should bear such expenses by themselves.

**20. Is it compulsory to attend the training on all days?**

❖ Yes, attendance will be taken for every session of training program. Any absence will result in non-issue of certificate and toolkit to such participants.

**21. Will certificate be issued if we miss training for a day or two due to personal reasons?**

❖ No, Certificate will be issued to candidates who attend all the sessions and pass the oral/written exam conducted at the end of training program.

**22. Is exam compulsory for obtaining certificate and tool kit?**

❖ Yes, a oral/written exam will be conducted to assess the knowledge gained by the participants at the end and passing the same is compulsory for obtaining certificate and tool kit.



**23. What will be there in complimentary toolkit provided at the end of training program?**

- ❖ Basic plumbing Tools will be included in the toolkit.

**24. Should we pay for toolkit provided at the end of training program?**

- ❖ No, Toolkit will be provided free of cost as complimentary to the participants who successfully pass the training program.

**25. Will I be in contract to work only for BWSSB after completion of training program?**

- ❖ No, BWSSB will enlist the participants in the digital platform and create an opportunity for citizens to avail the services through Varuna Mitras.