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Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board was awarded the prestigious **“Water Leaders Award – 2015”** at the **Global Water Awards Ceremony** held on 27th April, 2015 at the Nasioutzik Museum, Athens, Greece. The award was given by Mr. Jose Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission (2004-2014) and Prime Minister of Portugal (2002-2004).

The Water Leaders Award is the only non profit Global Water Award which rewards exemplary performance & improvements in public water utilities in the developing world over the past year (2014). The Global Water Leaders group is a CEO level nonprofit organization that brings together leaders from the water sector . Utility Directors, Water Ministers, Mayors, and Regulators to face world’s water challenges.

CMWSS Board was given the Global water leaders award for the various initiatives taken to manage the acute water scarcity brought in by two years of successive drought in the year 2014.

During the year 2014, Chennai received deficit rainfall for the second consecutive year and reservoir levels were very low at 25% of the capacity.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister reviewed the situation and took many decisions to meet the situation. The decisions taken by the Hon’ble Chief Minister were immediately implemented on a war footing by CMWSSB. These were coupled with necessary field inspections and monitoring which ensured that the drought was managed successfully during the year 2013-14

The various decisions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister are:

1. Commissioning of 100 MLD Desalination Plant at Nemmeli on 22.02.2013.
2. Creation of new ground water sources in the well fields at Tamaraiakkam, Minjur and Poondi.
3. Creation of facilities for tapping water from Neyveli Lignite Mines at Paravanar and Mine IA.
4. Rain Water Harvesting.
5. Supply of treated water to industries.
6. Approval for establishment of two 45 MLD Tertiary Treated Reverse Osmosis Plants at Koyambedu and Kodungaiyur.
7. Water supply through GPS enabled water tankers.
8. Modernized SMS based 24x7 Call Centre for grievance redressal.

These decisions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister have now been globally recognized. The efforts by CMWSSB resulted in successfully managing the drought in Chennai city during the year 2013-14. For this achievement, CMWSSB has been awarded the **“Global Water Leaders Award-2015”**.