A Study of Irrigation Development and the New Agricultural Practices during the British Rule in Tiruchirappalli District

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Abstract: Irrigation is the artificial application of water to the soil usually for assisting in growing crops. It is critical, yet a vital input of agriculture production process and pivotal to agricultural, social, and economic growth of nation. Civilizations have been dependent on development of irrigated agriculture to provide agrarian basis of a society and to enhance the security of people. Along with bless irrigation also brought the inherent attachments of several problems like salinity and water logging. Civilizations have risen and fallen with the growth and decline of their irrigation systems, while others have maintained sustainable irrigation for thousands of years. Understanding history of irrigation development helps in augmenting knowledge about the traditional systems many of which are equally relevant in today’s context.

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