

IoT irrigation project in tea estate near Ooty

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Udhagamandalam: The Consulate General of Israel to South India in collaboration with United Planters' Association of Southern India (UPASI), Jain Irrigation Systems and NaanDanJain Irrigation (Israel) launched a smart IoT irrigation project in a tea plantation (a first of its kind in the tea plantation in the country) near Ooty on Tuesday.

Micro irrigation has been in vogue for tea for many years though. Smart IoT irrigation is an innovative Israeli technique that uses water judiciously and helps farmers achieve higher levels of crop yield with minimal amount of water.

The irrigation system has been installed on a 5-acre tea garden in the United Nilgiri Tea Estates Company Pvt. Ltd. (Chamraj group) in Allada Valley near Ooty.

Nilgiris collector J.Innocent Divya, who inaugurated the project said, "It is a path breaking project for tea plantations. If government considers subsidy for the project, it will go a long way."

Jonathan Zadka, consul general of Israel to south India, said, "This installation, which is a first-of-its-kind to be used in tea plantations in India, is an attempt to introduce a robust irrigation solution," he said. Zadka met CM M K Stalin recently in connection with the project. The CM assured him that if the project is successful, it would be implemented across the state for other crops too.

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