

Government of India
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation

Subject: Monthly summary for the month of October, 2019 in respect of Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

(A) Swachh Bharat Mission

Swachh Bharat Diwas

The "Swachh Bharat Diwas" was organized on 2nd October, 2019 at Sabarmati riverfront, Ahmedabad. More than 20,000 Swachhagrahis, Gram Pradhans have participated in the event. The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India addressed the participants and also gave Swachh Bharat awards. On this occasion, with all States and UTs having declared themselves open defecation free (ODF), the PM dedicated a Swachh and ODF India to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary. He also emphasized that this should be treated as a milestone in a long journey, and that Swachhata is a continuous process.

Monitoring of SBMG

Visits were undertaken to various States in the month, where meetings with Chief Secretaries were organized to review the progress of the SBM-G and the plans to ensure sustainability and SLWM:

- Ranchi, Jharkhand on 15th October
- Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 17th October
- Patna, Bihar on 21st October
- Bengaluru, Karnataka on 29th October

A field visit was undertaken on 10th October to select districts of eastern UP - Varanasi, Balia, Deoria and Azamgarh, to review the ODF sustainability measures being undertaken, as well as the progress against the left out of baseline category.

A Video Conference with ACS/Principal Secretary/Secretary/Mission Directors in-charge of Rural Sanitation from 22 States/UTs was organized on 14th October, 2019 at 2.00 PM at the DDWS, New Delhi, to review construction of leftout from baseline (LOB) toilets.

EFC on SBM-G

Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) meeting on SBM-G was organized on 16th October, 2019 at Ministry of Finance, North South block, New Delhi under chairmanship of Secretary(Expenditure). At the meeting, the details of the proposal of implementation of SBM(G) beyond 2nd October 2019 were discussed.

Examination of Demand for Grants

The Standing Committee on Water Resources took oral evidence of the representatives of the DDWS on 23rd October, 2019 in Parliament House Annexe in connection with the Department's examination of Demands for Grants (2019-20).

(B) Jal Jeevan Mission

Public Accounts Committee for Performance Audit of NRDWP

Spot study visit was undertaken by the Public Account Committee(PAC) for West Bengal and Orissa on Report 15 of 2018 for the Performance Audit of NRDWP from 18th-23rd October, 2019.

Constitution of Task Force

A Task Force has been constituted on 25th October, 2019 to review implementation of rural water supply programmes.

Reconstitution of Technical Committee

The Mashelkar committee was reconstituted into the Technical Committee for JJM in October 2019.