

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

Subject: Monthly summary for the month of July, 2019 in respect of Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

Launch of Jal Shakti Abhiyan for Water Conservation

Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, launched the Jal Shakti Abhiyan - a national campaign for water conservation and water security on 15th July, 2019. Phase 1 of the campaign will run through the monsoon season, from 1st July, 2019 to 15th September, 2019, and Phase 2 will be run from 1st October, 2019 to 30th November, 2019 for States receiving the North East retreating monsoons. The focus of the campaign will be on water stressed districts and blocks.

The Jal Shakti Abhiyan is a collaborative effort of various Ministries of the Government of India and State Governments, being coordinated by the DDWS. Teams of officers from the central government will visit and work with district administration in 1592 water stressed blocks in 256 districts, to ensure five important water conservation interventions. In the month of July, officers completed their first field visit of their allotted blocks and districts.

Meeting of Hon'ble Minister Jal Shakti with Hon'ble Chief Minister, UP

Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat visited Lucknow to meet Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath on 3rd July, 2019 and to jointly review the progress of water and sanitation programmes in the State. Senior central government officers, including Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, and Secretary, Department of Water Resource, were also present during the review. The review was attended by State Government Ministers and senior State officials. All the District Collectors of Uttar Pradesh were connected to the meeting via video conference.

Shri Shekhawat congratulated the CM for his firm leadership in turning around the State's sanitation situation around, and also requested the CM to complete the verification of all ODF villages in the State on priority. Shri Shekhawat also reviewed the drinking water progress in the State and assured the CM that the Union Government is committed to ensuring piped water supply for all. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh expressed his commitment towards sustaining the ODF status of the State. He added that the State will focus on going from ODF to ODF Plus through solid and liquid waste management.

National Level Workshop on ODF+ and Water Conservation

National Level Workshop on ODF Plus and Water Conservation was organized on 12th-13th July, 2019 at MAR Campus, PUSA. More than 100 people including ACSs/Principal Secretaries/Mission Directors, Development Partners, State SBM(G) coordinators and District Magistrates participated in the Workshop. Open Defecation Free (ODF+) Plus was launched on 13th July, 2019 by the Hon'ble Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Shri Rattan Lal

Kataria. In the workshop technical sessions on SLWM and Water Conservation were held. ODF Plus Dashboard was launch and ODF Plus advisory was issued. Also exhibition on ODF Plus was organized in this Workshop.

Launch of Capacity Strengthening Initiative for 2.5 lakh Panchayats for Swachh Bharat Mission and Rural Water Supply

The Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, launched the capacity strengthening initiative of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, on 27th July, 2019 in Ranchi, Jharkhand. He was joined at the event by the Minister of State for the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Shri Rattan Lal Kataria, Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Shri Raghubar Das, and Minister of the Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of Jharkhand, Shri Ramchandra Sahis. This initiative will create a pool of 2800 field trainers in its initial trainings, who will reach out to around 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats across the country.

Addressing more than 6000 Mukhiyas, Jal Sahiyas, Swachhagrahis and others present on the occasion, Hon'ble Jal Shakti Minister urged the people to re-energize their efforts for enabling sustained safe sanitation practices and expanding their efforts towards the provision of piped water supply to every household. This was followed by an award ceremony recognizing the outstanding contributions in the field of sanitation.

Monitoring of SBM-G

A review meeting with Principal in-charge of rural sanitation in the State of Uttar Pradesh was held on 29th July, 2019 at New Delhi with the aim of review of last mile ODF issues, LOB toilets construction etc.

Another review meeting with Mission Director in the State of Jharkhand was held on 30th July, 2019 at New Delhi with the aim of review of last mile ODF issues, LOB toilets construction, ODF verification and utilization of World Bank funds etc.

Video-conferencing with State of Odisha

Video Conference with Principal Secretary in-charge of Rural Sanitation in the State of Odisha and 14 DMs of Odisha was organized on 5th July, 2019 at 4.30 PM at New Delhi to review progress under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin).