

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

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

**Awards on World Toilet Day**

The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, on the occasion of World Toilet Day on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019, organised the Swachh Survekshan Grameen (SSG) 2019 awards event Swachh Survekshan (Grameen) at the Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra in New Delhi. The Hon'ble Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri D.V. Sadananda Gowda and the Hon'ble MoS, DDWS, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Shri Rattan Lal Kataria chaired the event and gave awards to the top performing States/Districts in SSG 2019. Additionally, organizations that made important contributions during the Swachhata Hi Seva 2019 campaign were also recognized. Representatives from all States/UTs, along with various Development Partners were present at the event.

**Meeting of the Task Force for Jal Jeevan Mission**

A meeting of the Task Force for Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) was held in Garvi, Gujarat on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, chaired this meeting, where various experts in the water sector shared their experience on water supply and discussed the draft operational guidelines for JJM.

**Monitoring of Swachh Bharat Mission- Grameen (SBM-G) and JJM**

A meeting was held with the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh on 16<sup>th</sup> November in Lucknow to discuss the State's plan for ODF Sustainability and ODF Plus.

Regional Review meetings of the North Eastern region and Southern region on SBM-G and JJM were organized on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in Guwahati, Assam, and on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Hyderabad, Telangana. These meetings were chaired by the Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti and were also attended by State Minister/Secretaries/Mission Directors of the respective States.

Detailed discussions were held on modalities of implementation of JJM and feedback was solicited from States on the proposed implementation framework. Discussions were also held on ODF sustainability, ODF Plus and ensuring that no one is left behind.

**National Workshop on ODF Plus**

A National Level Workshop on ODF Plus was organized on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at New Delhi. ACSs/Principal Secretaries/Mission Directors from 11 States participated in the workshop. Detailed discussions were held on ODF sustainability, filling any gaps that may be

found in sanitation coverage, ensuring that no one is left behind, construction of community sanitary complexes, geo-tagging, verification and capacity strengthening.

### **PFMS for JJM**

A meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> November with the State nodal officers of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Odisha, Karnataka and Chhattisgarh for PMFS to discuss the issues faced by States in PFMS implementation.

### **India Economy Summit, Columbia University, New York USA**

On 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019, Secretary(DWS) attended Columbia University's India Economy Summit and delivered a special lecture on social sector advancement and development, with an emphasis on the Swachh Bharat Mission and the Jal Jeevan Mission. Secretary(DWS) presented a power point presentation which showcased the massive effort of political leadership to make India an Open Defecation Free country, and thereby helping in the overall improvement of the health and hygiene in the country and the global achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals as outlined by the UN. The audience included leading global scholars, academicians and students. The Comptroller & Auditor General of India also delivered a special lecture at the Summit.