

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

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

Announcement of Jal Jeevan Mission

The Hon'ble PM announced the Jal Jeevan Mission during his Independence Day speech on August 15th. The Mission aims to ensure functional household tap connection to all rural households by 2024. Cabinet approved the proposal on 13.08.2019 to restructure and subsume the NRDWP under JJM.

Conference of State Ministers In-charge of rural drinking water supply

A Conference of State Ministers In-charge of rural drinking water supply was held on 26.08.2019, where the Minister, Jal Shakti took a comprehensive review of the current status of drinking water from State Ministers in-charge of rural drinking water supply, as well as took the States' inputs for the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA)

In a countrywide effort to enhance water security, especially in water stressed districts, Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) was initiated in 256 critical/ over-exploited districts in the country. The outcomes of the JSA post the first field visit of the 1100 central government officers to the selected districts were announced at a review meeting chaired by Cabinet Secretary in New Delhi on 2nd August, 2019.

Prior to the review meeting, three prominent NGOs working in the area of water conservation made presentations on their work and its impact. Shri Aamir Khan, Actor and the founder of Paani Foundation, showcased encouraging films about grass-root level stories of water conservation in Maharashtra.

Second Review Meeting of JSA

The Cabinet Secretary held the second review of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) on 26th August, 2019, and in particular the outcomes post the second field visit of the 1100 central government officers to the selected districts. In the session, inspiring case studies and stories on water conservation from the field during the JSA period were narrated. Along with the Cabinet Secretary, the OSD and Cabinet Secretary designate Shri Rajiv Gauba, other Union secretaries and more than 1100 central government officers and Assistant Secretaries attended the review meeting.

Later in the day, a delegation from Israel, led by the country's ambassador Mr Ron Malka, made presentations on water management, water use efficiency, creating public awareness on water conservation and innovation for water purification based on Israel's experience in the field. The Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat concluded the review meeting with an inspiring address.

Launch of Swachh Survekshan Gramin 2019

Swachh Survekshan Gramin 2019 was launched on 14th August, 2019 at National Media Centre, New Delhi. Around 200 participants including Additional Chief

Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/Mission Directors/State Coordinators/Consultants and media persons attended the launch event. The Hon'ble Minister and Minister of State, Jal Shakti addressed the participants. A detailed presentation on Swachh Survekshan Gramin 2019 was made by Additional Secretary, SBM(G). A total of **17475** villages in **698** districts across the country will be covered under SSG 2019. Under SSG-2019, the States and Districts will be ranked on the basis of following three key components: Direct Observation of sanitation public places (30%); Citizen's Feedback including feedback from key influencers at the village level (35%); and Service Level Progress on sanitation related parameters (35%).

Plenary presentations at the SIWI World Water Week, Stockholm

The Minister, Jal Shakti and Secretary(DWS) attended SIWI World Water Week in Stockholm, one of the largest annual events for global water and sanitation issues with approximately 4,000 participants from 138 countries. The Minister, Jal Shakti presented at the High Level Dialogue plenary, where he spoke about how India is building a resilient future through increased efforts for providing water and sanitation for all. Secretary(DWS) made a presentation at the closing plenary on 30th August, in which Secretary(DWS) described the Government of India's massive efforts to ensure that all citizens get access to clean water and safe sanitation before 2024. Secretary(DWS) presentation showcased the massive effort of political leadership to make India an Open Defecation Free country 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.

This effort at the level of Government helped to spread the word about the success of India's sanitation story globally.

Meeting of Expert Working Group on National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey

A meeting of the Expert Working Group for the National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) was organized on 20th August, 2019 at New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Shri Amitabh Kundu. In the meeting, the results of National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) 2018-19 were discussed and endorsed.

Monitoring Meetings, Visits and Videos Conferences

A review meeting with ACS/Principal Secretary/Secretary/Mission Directors in-charge of rural sanitation in the States of Bihar & Odisha was held on 01st August, 2019 at New Delhi with the aim of review of last mile ODF issues, LOB toilets construction etc.

A review meeting of the SBM and rural drinking water was held in Patna on 17th August, 2019 which Secretary(DWS) attended along with the Chief Secretary of Bihar. During the meeting, they discussed Bihar's progress on SBM and rural drinking water, as well as the steps needed to ensure that Bihar declares itself open defecation free before 2nd October 2019.

Video Conference with ACS/Principal Secretary/Secretary/Mission Director In-charge of Rural Sanitation in the States of Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Goa, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Sikkim, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh was organized on 6th August, 2019 at New Delhi to review verifications of ODF villages, Geotagging and conversion of dysfunctional toilets to functional.