

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

Subject: Monthly summary for the month of January, 2024 in respect of Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

I. Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

25.50 lakh households were provided with functional household tap water connections, taking the total number to 14.13 crore. An amount of Rs 2,035 crore was released to the States/UTs during the month.

II. Swachh Bharat Mission – Grameen- Phase – II

5,08,988 Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs) and 346 Community Sanitary Complexes (CSCs) have been constructed during the month of January, 2024. 17,043 villages have declared themselves ODF plus (Model) during the month. The thrust since January 1, 2024 is on making villages ODF plus (Model). An amount of Rs 1,029 crore was released to the States/ UTs during the month.

III. An event was organized by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation to honour women change makers of SBM-G known as Women Swachhagrahis, on 25th January, 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. This special event brought together over 475 women from 27 States/UTs in a vibrant dialogue with the Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Minister of State of Jal Shakti, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar. The interactions focused on the achievements of these women change makers, appreciating their relentless efforts in the sanitation sector. The discussions centered around the challenges and strides made in maintaining Open Defecation Free (ODF) status and managing solid and liquid waste in the villages. The event also spotlighted a booklet titled "Swachhata Shakti: Stories of women transforming India's sanitation at the grassroots," a tribute to the exemplary work of these dedicated women.

These Women Swachhagrahis witnessed the Republic Day Parade at Kartavya Path, New Delhi on 26th January, 2024. They also visited Red Fort to see "Bharat Parv" Exhibition, National War Memorial and Rashtriya Swachhta Kendra at Raj Ghat.

IV. In the light of problems being reported by States/ UTs, Hon'ble Minister (Jal Shakti) chaired a joint meeting with Secretary and other officers from Ministry of Steel, with State/ UT representatives and steel pipe manufacturers, on 5th January, 2024 to discuss about the increasing requirements of the pipes and ensuring their availability for maintaining the expeditious implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission across the country.

V. Hon'ble MoS (Jal Shakti) chaired a meeting on 19th January, 2024 for reviewing the progress made by Tripura with the state government authorities in the State.

VI. Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) discussions for SBM (G) for the year 2024-25 with all the States/ UTs were held at Secretary's level from 6th to 30th January, 2024 at DDWS, New Delhi. In the meetings, the draft Annual Implementation Plans for 2024-25 of the States/ UTs were discussed in detail, and suggestions given to revise the AIPs with a view to making all villages of the country ODF+ Model latest by March, 2025.

VII. Secretary, DDWS chaired a virtual review meeting on 3rd January, 2024 with 6 scientific research institutions undertaking 8 R&D projects approved by the Technical Committee set up under the Department. The meeting was also attended by officers from DPIIT and O/o Principal Scientific Adviser.

VIII. Secretary, DDWS had a review meeting on 28th January, 2024 with Advisor and other officers of UT of Lakshadweep at Kavaratti, to assess the progress and implementation of JJM and SBM (G) in the UT. Secretary, DDWS also undertook field visits to see the progress, impact and continuing challenges.

IX. AS&MD-NJJM chaired a virtual meeting on 1st January 2024 to review the status of Planning & Implementation in PVTG habitations, mapping on IMIS and Plan for SLSSC approval.
