

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

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

**1. Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**

19.65 lakh households were provided with functional household tap water connections, taking the total number to 2.99 crore during 2023-24, and cumulatively 14.53 crore (75.3%). 11 out of 34 the States/UTs have declared themselves as 'Har Ghar Jal'. An amount of Rs 8,240 crore was released to the States/UTs during the month of March, completely exhausting the BE/RE of Rs. 70,000 crore during the year.

**2. Swachh Bharat Mission – Grameen- Phase – II**

2,67,620 Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs) and 1,105 Community Sanitary Complexes (CSCs) have been constructed during the month of March, 2024. 12,633 villages have declared themselves ODF Plus during the period taking the cumulative number to 5,32,559 (90.96% of all villages). 12,788 villages reported that they have become ODF+ model during the month, taking the cumulative number to 1,20,727 and till 31.03.2024 to 1,71,806 (29.34%). An amount of Rs 2,487 crores was released to the States/UTs during the month. With this, the RE of Rs. 7,000 crore was substantially utilised, leaving only Rs. 197.42 crore unutilised.

**3. GOBARdhan**

During the month 42 Bio Gas projects were made functional taking the number to 284 Bio-Gas projects made functional during the year and cumulative figure to 657 till 31.03.2024.

**4. 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission Tied Grant**

Rs. 23,644.22 crore was released as 15<sup>th</sup> Finance commission tied grant during the year and cumulative release under FFC tied grant stood at 1,06,120.78 crore till 31.02.2024.

5. Secretary, DDWS took a meeting with all the ACS/Principal Secretary/Secretary in-Charge of Rural Sanitation and Mission Directors (SBM-G) of all the states to

review the progress of Phase-II of SBM(G) through video conference on 12 March 2024.

6. In follow up to the National Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Mission (Garmin) held on 16-17<sup>th</sup> Feb,2024, a meeting was held through VC on 16.03.2024 with all the ACS/Principal Secretary/Secretary in-charge of Rural Sanitation and Mission Director-SBM(G) in all States/UTs on the way forward with regard to the identified outcomes of the said National Conference.

7. Interaction with Media Delegation comprising of 35 Journalists / Editors from 16 Countries of Central European (CE) countries was held on 15 March 2024 in coordination with MEA. The progress made under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) & Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) SBM(G) was outlined during the interaction

8. Principal Scientific Advisor and Secretary, DDWS jointly chaired a meeting on 18 March 2024 of the technical committee for consideration of 12 shortlisted technologies out of 48 proposals came for evaluation and technologies for "Web & mobile-based tool for mapping water supply networks on GIS network in rural areas" got recommended after evaluation by the committee for adoption and uploading on JJM innovation portal. Further. Ongoing 8 R&D projects (4IITs, 3 CSIR and 1 CWRDM, Kerala) were also evaluated during the meeting.

9. A brainstorming session was held on 21.03.2024 at Bharat Mandapam with Central Ministries/ Departments and Rural Wash Partner's Forum members aiming at identification of key changes in roles and responsibilities of State Water and Sanitation Mission (SWSM) and District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM). States/ UTs also participated in the session virtually.

10. A meeting was held on 11 March, 2024 to review implementation of GOBARdhan where concerned central ministries and state nodal officers participated. During the meeting, status was reviewed in detail and State Governments were requested to prioritize the establishment of 345 CBG plants registered under "Yet to start category" on the GOBARdhan portal.

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