

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

Subject: Monthly summary for the month of September, 2023 in respect of Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

I. Swachhta Hi Sewa (SHS)

- i. Swachhta Hi Sewa (SHS) Pakhwara 2023 was launched on 15.9.2023 through Video Conference jointly by Hon'ble Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Hon'ble Union Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj and Hon'ble Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs. State Secretaries In-Charge of Rural and Urban Sanitation and Mission Directors, SBM (G) and SBM (U) in States/ UTs attended the VC. DMs/ DCs/ Municipal Commissioners/ CEOs, ZPs! BDOs and Sarpanches also participated in the VC.
- ii. Secretary, DDWS and Secretary, MoHUA took a joint VC on SHS Pakhwara 2023 on 19th September, 2023 with ACS/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary in-Charge of Rural Sanitation and Mission Directors (SBM-G) as well as their urban counterparts to expedite progress.
- iii. Secretary, DDWS took another review VC on 23rd September, 2023 with all the ACS/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary in-Charge of Rural Sanitation and Mission Directors (SBM-G) in all States/ UTs.
- iv. Secretary, DDWS and Secretary, Ministry of Tourism took a joint VC on the occasion of World Tourism Day on 27th September, 2023 with ACS/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary in-Charge of Rural Sanitation/ Tourism in all States/ UTs. In the VC, Swachhata Hi Sewa Pakhwara 2023 and "Travel for LIFE" campaigns were jointly reviewed.
- v. SHS fortnight organized jointly by MoHUA and DDWS from 15th September to 2nd October, 2023 saw the participation of 71 Ministries and Departments of GoI that came together in a Whole of Government approach to lend their support to the cause of sanitation, reinforcing the concept "Sanitation is every one's business".
- vi. Around 6 crore people participated per day, on average, across the country, taking the total participation to well over 109 crores as reported. A whopping 53 crore people gave Shramdaan for Swachhata' from across the country over the 18-day period, averaging around 3 crore people participation per day. These efforts showed remarkable results - cleaning of 7,611 beaches, revitalizing 6,371 riverbanks and waterfronts, reclaiming over 15,576 legacy waste sites, improving 3,620 tourist and iconic destinations, and restoring over 1,23,840 public spaces. Additionally, over 16,000 water bodies were cleaned, over 87,000 institutional buildings got rejuvenated, and nearly 66,779 garbage-vulnerable sites were cleaned. This 'Jan Andolan' achieved multiple outcomes for the nation including declaration of over 75% of India's villages as ODF Plus and 4 States/UTs of UP, Assam, Tripura and Puducherry declaring themselves 100% ODF Plus under Swachh Bharat Mission - Grameen.



- vii. Responding to the clarion call of the Prime Minister for 'Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta Ek Saath', over 8.76 crore people (including over 6.86 crore in rural areas) participated in 9 lakh events across the nation on 1st October, 2023.

II. Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

25.68 lakh households were provided with functional household tap water connections, taking the total number to 13.15 crore. An amount of Rs 8,191 crore was released to the States/ UTs during the month.

Secretary, DDWS took a VC meeting with all States/ UTs on 15th September, 2023 to assess the progress and implementation of JJM.

Secretary, DDWS, Secretary, M/o Panchayati Raj & Secretary, M/o Skill Development & Entrepreneurship jointly chaired a VC meeting with all States/ UTs on 20th September, 2023 on roll-out of Jal Jeevan Mission - skill development initiative 'Nal Jal Mitras' Programme.

III. Swachh Bharat Mission — Grameen - Phase — II

3,74,808 Individual House Latrines (IHHLs) and 925 Community Sanitary complexes (CSCs) have been constructed during the month. 6,126 villages were reported to have been covered with Solid Waste Management and 14,486 villages were reported to have been covered with Liquid Waste Management during the month.

14,426 villages have declared themselves ODF Plus, taking the total number to 4,48,740 out of 5,91,758 inhabited villages. This is over 75 % of villages in the country, that have attained the status of ODF Plus village, where the Open Defecation Free (ODF) status is sustained and either Solid or Liquid Waste management arrangements are ensured. An amount of Rs 704 crore was released to the States/ UTs during the month.

4 States/ UTs of UP, Assam, Tripura and Puducherry have declared themselves 100% ODF Plus during the month, taking the total number to 16.

Secretary, DDWS and Chief Secretary, Gujarat co-chaired a Review Meeting on the implementation of SBM-G and JJM in Gujarat on 6th September 2023 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat, where all concerned Administrative Secretaries participated in person, and Collectors and other district officers joined through VC.

