

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

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

**Rajbhasha Kirti Puruskar**

The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation won the second prize as part of the Rajbhasha Kirti Puruskar 2018-19 in the 'Ministries/Departments with less than 300 personnel' category.

**(A) Swachh Bharat Mission(Grameen)**

**Swachh Mahotsav 2019**

"Swachh Mahotsav 2019" was organized on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, graced the occasion and addressed the participants. The President gave away the Swachh Bharat Awards in various categories for outstanding contribution to the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen). On the occasion, the Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat presented the Swachh Bharat Mission's book on Behaviour Change Communication to the President. More than 1300 swachhata champions including school children, NCC cadets, volunteers from NSS and NYKS, swachhagrahis, sarpanches, representatives from the States and Union Territories, officials from central government ministries and media persons participated in the grand event. The Minister of State, Jal Shakti, Shri Rattan Lal Kataria, was also present on the occasion.

**Swachhta Hi Seva (SHS) 2019**

Swachhta hi Seva 2019 was launched by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, from Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The theme of SHS 2019 is 'plastic waste awareness and management'. The campaign has been organized from 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to 2nd October 2019. The campaign also included a nationwide shramdaan for plastic waste collection and segregation on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019. The collected plastic waste will then be recycled and effectively disposed before Diwali (October 27, 2019).

On the launch event, the PM also interacted with a group of women from Uttar Pradesh who segregate plastic waste into recyclables and non-recyclables, and in a unique gesture, also participated in the segregation activity himself. Addressing an audience of about 20,000 farmers, sarpanches, women groups and swachhagrahis, the Prime Minister urged all citizens to limit the use of single use plastic products.

**SAN-Sadhan Hackathon**

SAN-Sadhan Hackathon, was organized by the Ministry of Jal Shakti and the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) in association with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, towards the formulation of thought-

provoking ideas and technological innovations for accessible toilets for Divyangjans. The SAN-Sadhan Hackathon Award Ceremony and exhibition was organized on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at Dr Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi. The Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat gave awards to innovators in the area of Divyang friendly toilets. The winners were given cash awards and piloting opportunities in the field across the country under SBM.

### **Rural Sanitation Strategy 2019-2029**

A ten-year Rural Sanitation Strategy 2019-2029 was launched by the Minister of Jal Shakti on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at the India International Centre, New Delhi. The Strategy focuses on sustaining the sanitation behavior change that has been achieved under the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G), ensuring that no one is left behind, and increasing access to solid and liquid waste management.

On 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019, a national consultation with State officials and development partners was also held for the Rural Sanitation Strategy 2019-2029 in New Delhi, attended by State Officials and Development Partners provided feedback on Rural Sanitation Strategy 2019-2029.

### **(B) Jal Jeevan Mission**

#### **State level consultations of Jal Jeevan Mission**

Five regional meetings were held at different zones with all States and Union Territories on 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> September at Chandigarh, 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> September at Puri, 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September at Bengaluru, 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> September at Ahmedabad and 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September at Guwahati to gather inputs from States on the current ground situation of drinking water supply and to discuss innovative practices and challenges faced. In these meetings, the following activities were carried out:

- Review of ongoing National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) with government officials.
- Stakeholder consultations with government officials, NGOs, Civil Society Organizations and individuals working in the field of rural drinking water supply.
- Consultation with government officials on the modalities of implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission.

### **Jal Shakti Abhiyan**

#### **Krishi Vigyan Kendra Melas**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> September, as a special focus day under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan, Krishi Vigyan Kendra Melas were organised across the country. The Melas were oriented towards generating awareness among farmers on water use efficiency and the selection of water efficient crops.

The initiative was led by the designation JSA teams as well as the Assistance Secretaries allotted to the different Central Ministries.

#### **Monitoring meetings, visits and video conferences**

- Review meeting with the Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary in-charge of rural sanitation was held on 1<sup>st</sup> September at Ahmedabad, in pursuance of the Swachh Bharat Mission to be organised on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 in the district. Field visits were also undertaken to review the progress under SBM-G and Jal Shakti Abhiyan in the surrounding villages.
- Attended workshop on Integrated Watershed Management at the National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee. The same was attended by the Minister of Jal Shakti as well.
- Visit to Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, on 11<sup>th</sup> September for the launch of Swachhata Hi Seva 2019.
- Attended regional workshop at Bangalore, Karnataka, for the Jal Jeevan Mission on 14 September 2019.
- Attended regional workshop at Ahmedabad, Gujarat, for the Jal Jeevan Mission on 19 September 2019.
- Visited Mumbai, Maharashtra, to participate in the India Today Conclave and address a workshop on the water supply sector organised by Arghyam on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019.