

## Year End Review, 2024 | Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR), Ministry of Jal Shakti

### About the Department (DoWR, RD & GR)

- DoWR, RD & GR is mainly responsible for laying down policy guidelines and programmes for the development, conservation and management of water as a national resource.

#### Responsibilities of the department

- Relation to diverse uses of water
- Water laws and legislations
- Addressing inter-State and trans-boundary water issues
- Bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation
- General policy guidelines and programmes for assessment, development and regulation of the country's water resources.
- Water quality assessment and rejuvenation of river Ganga and its tributaries and also conservation and abatement of pollution in other rivers.

#### Attached Subordinate offices/ Societies



### Swachh Bharat Mission - Grameen (SBM-G) Phase II

- The key objective of SBM(G) Phase II is to sustain the ODF status of villages and to

improve the levels of cleanliness in rural areas through solid and liquid waste management activities, making all villages ODF Plus Model which includes:

- ODF Sustainability
  - Solid Waste Management
  - Liquid Waste Management
  - Visual Cleanliness
- A remarkable 460% surge in ODF Plus villages, from 1 Lakh villages in December 2022 to over 5.61 Lakh ODF Plus Villages in December 2023.
  - The total programme outlay of SBM (G) Phase II is over Rs.1.40 lakh crore.

***SBM (G) dashboard*** is a dynamic platform designed to advance villages towards becoming ODF plus Model with identified verification systems.

### **Rural WASH Partners' Forum (RWPF)**

- RWPF is *a platform under Ministry of Jal Shakti* to support States/ UTs in for their flagship programme, 'Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)' and 'Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen (SBM-G)'.
- Over 200 Development Partners, UN agencies, Corporates, Civil Society Organizations, and sector partners have come together to supplement the efforts of the government through their presence and activities on ground.

### **National WASH Experts**

- Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee National Institute of Water and Sanitation (SPM NIWAS) has been entrusted with the task of empanelment and deployment of National WASH Experts for:
  - Ground truthing and technical assistance to States in the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

### **Light House Initiative**

- **Aim** - To *develop 209 Villages as Model ODF plus villages* spread over in 76 GPs of 54 Blocks OF 45 Districts that would cover all components of ODF Plus and will serve as a learning lab.
- *Launched on July 2022* in collaboration with India Sanitation Coalition- FICCI (ISC-FICCI).

### **Swachhata Green Leaf Rating (SGLR)**

- DDWS-SBMG in *collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism* rolled out a SGLR *for all the hospitality facilities in the country*.
- The SGLR system encourages hospitality owners to adopt better technologies for sanitation to make their facilities SGLR compliant to achieve Swachhata Green Rating from 1 leaf to 5 leaf.
- SGLR nudges both tourists and businesses to adopt practices harmonious with nature, the SGLR program aims to develop an economically viable, responsible, and resilient

tourism industry.

## GOBARDhan

- GOBARDhan is an important initiative of SBM-G Phase II.
- **Objective** - To *generate wealth and energy by converting bio-waste* including animal waste, agri-residue into bio-slurry and biogas, reduce emission of methane gas and contribute towards circular economy thereby improving the lives of rural communities.

## Jal Jeevan Mission

- It is a transformative initiative dedicated to *providing safe and ample drinking water to all rural households*.
- *Launched in August 2019*.
- Over the past 5 years, this mission has achieved a significant milestone, reaching 15.30 Crore households with tap water connections and profoundly impacting rural communities.

*Jal Jeevan Mission Lauded during the Evaluation of the World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) at UNESCO.*

## Har Ghar Jal Certification

- Once a village is declared as Har Ghar Jal, the Gram Panchayat of that village conducts a special Gram Sabha and passes a resolution with the concurrence of all the village members.
- The members includes all the households, schools, Anganwadi, and public institutions in their village have functional tap water connection and thus declare themselves as 'Har Ghar Jal Certified'.

## Jal Jeevan Samva

- Jal Jeevan Samvad is a *monthly newsletter* that adopts a unique theme, serving as a focal point for the stories, articles and insights shared within its pages that was launched in October 2020.

## National Symposium on Safe Water and Disinfection

- It was *jointly organized by National Jal Jeevan Mission, Evidence Action and Development Innovations Lab (DIL)* at SPM NIWAS, Kolkata.
- The symposium was held to seek inputs from States/ UTs on their experience in implementing Safe Water initiatives & strategies and the way forward to scale up the most effective and easier-to-operate solutions and models.

## References

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