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Goodbye 2021!!

2021 was an eventful year for the SWE Alliance and Project SEWAH. While the country was mired in lockdowns and travel restrictions, Project SEWAH continued to deliver on several fronts. The highlight of 2021 were the Water Knowledge Resource Centers (WKRCs) that were launched in 25 cities across 12 states. Besides WKRCs several projects to create WASH awareness and water literacy were implemented across the country.



Towards Attaining UN SDG 6.0

India ranks 115 out of 162 countries in terms of SDGs performance according to the report 'SDG Index Report 2019' released by UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network. In terms of SDG 6.0 achievement, India scores 56.6% which needs to be significantly improved considering India's population and growth in demand in domestic water consumption. The Government of India has launched several flagship schemes such as **Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)** and **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)** to provide piped water connections in urban and rural areas of India.

Project SEWAH has been actively working towards fulfilling SDG 6.0 specifically in terms of **targets 6.1, 6.2, 6.4, and 6.b**. SEWAH will continue working on these sub-goals through its various projects in 2021 as well.

SEWAH Initiatives

PROJECT SEWAH: Project SEWAH, abbreviated for Sustainable Enterprises for Water And Health, is a joint collaboration between Safe Water Network India and USAID to strengthen the journey towards self-reliance in Urban Drinking Water through the multiplier effect of knowledge hub and by leveraging the SWE Alliance. The project aims to create a legacy of a sustainable and reliable safe drinking water footprint in the urban cities to accelerate the SDG 6.1 by developing capacities of the citizens, PHED engineers, SWE

implementers, and other stakeholders in the ecosystem so that SWEs are sustainably delivering safe drinking water reliably to the local communities.

Launch of Project SEWAH's 10 Water Knowledge Resource Centers (WKRCs)

Safe Water Network and SEWAH Partners Drinkwell, JanaJal, Rite Water Solutions, and Water Health India launched 10 new Water Knowledge Resource Centers taking the count to 45 Water ATMs, Project SEWAH reaches out to beneficiaries across India in 25 cities and 12 states.



Pani Pe Charcha - Clean Water Talks

Paani Pe Charcha 12th Clean Water Talks, by Ms. Pooja Singh Singh from SWNI on December 14, 2021. Pooja Singh spoke about the monitoring and evaluation of the SWEs. She also highlighted the best practices and experiences from Alliance members and WKRC partners which were shared with the sector.



AMRUT Mission Updates

The **Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)** is a flagship scheme of the Government of India that focuses on water supply, sewage management, stormwater drainage to reduce flooding, green space, non-motorized urban transport. The Government has selected over 500 cities under the scheme to implement 11 reforms. The criterion for the selection of the cities are the following:

1. The cities with a population of more than 1 lakh
2. All the capital cities that are not covered in the above criteria
3. 10 cities from islands, tourist destinations, and the Hill States
4. 13 cities on rivers with a population of more than 75000 and less than 1 lakh.
5. All the cities that are classified as Heritage cities under the HRIDAY scheme

AMRUT Highlights in December 2021

AMRUT 2.0 has set a target to provide 2.64 crore tap connections and 2.64 Crore sewer connections. 1,326 projects worth ₹ 41,847 Crore grounded and 114 lakh new water tap connections provided under AMRUT.

Jal Jeevan Mission

Progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission: Over 18 lakh connections were provided in December taking the total number of connections to over 5.51 crores since the launch of the mission. Over 84 districts are 100% FHTC districts. For smart monitoring and measurement of water supply systems IoT based sensor monitoring systems were set up in 10 villages of Bagpat, Uttar Pradesh.

Several pieces of training and capacity-building workshops were conducted by prominent key resource centers (KRCs) under Jal Jeevan Mission. The workshops were specifically organized for the officials for the middle management. Experts from distinguished key resource centers (KRCs) such as the Center of Science and Environment (CSE) and Himalayan Institute Hospital Trust.

Teams from Jal Jeevan Mission visited villages in Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka, and Chattisgarh to understand the issues and the challenges in the implementation of the mission at the ground level. The mission team members interacted with the local government representatives and members of the local community to discuss the mission objectives, planning, and best practices.

Monthly news & updates

Jal Jeevan Mission: A socio-economic transformation through water

The vision statement of the Centre's flagship Jal Jeevan Mission states that 'Every rural household has drinking water supply inadequate quantity of prescribed quality on a regular and long-term basis at affordable service delivery charges leading to improvement in living standards of rural communities. The vision statement of this ambitious plan, launched in August 2019, promises to improve the living standard of rural communities. Access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services would improve the living conditions by augmenting health, life expectancy, education, gender parity and employment opportunities...[Read More](#)

Centre nods drinking water supply schemes worth Rs1,816cr for Rajasthan

Drinking water supply schemes worth Rs1,816cr were approved for Rajasthan in the State-level Scheme Sanctioning Committee (SLSSC) meeting. These schemes will provide tap water connections in 2,348 villages spread over 20 districts of the State. It will provide tap water connections to over 3.8 lakh rural households. While approving proposals, the SLSSC has given special attention to water quality issues in 16 districts impacted with geo-genic contamination, thereby urging to make provision of tap water supply in these areas on priority... [Read More](#)

AMRUT 2.0 Target to Provide 2.68 Crore Tap Connections and 2.64 Crore Sewer Connections

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The government aims to provide tap water supply to all rural households in nine states, UTs by 2022

The Union Jal Shakti Ministry aims to provide tap water supply to all rural households in nine states and Union Territories by next year, a senior official said on Monday. The remaining 16 crore rural households across the country will be provided with functional household tap connection by 2024, said Bharat Lal, the additional director and director-general of Jal Jeevan Mission. According to the data shared by him, the Jal Shakti Ministry aims that all households in Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Manipur, Jammu and Kashmir, Meghalaya, and Ladakh will be provided with functional household tap connections in 2022...[Read More](#)

Jal Jeevan Mission: Tap water supply provided to more than 5.44 crore households

Bharat Lal, Additional Secretary and Mission Director, National Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) said, "Awareness is an only key in engaging communities to own, operate and manage their in-village water supply system for ensuring regular and long-term clean tap water supply in rural homes." He was delivering a keynote address in an interaction organized by UNICEF WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene). Lal said that the aim is to make every

village a 'WASH-enlightened village'. To ensure transparency and accountability in the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission, he said that all information about Jal Jeevan Mission is in public domain and the JJM dashboard... [Read More](#)

101 Stories of Inspiration': Tales of hope and success from India's grassroots

Water safety, sanitation, and hygiene are critical to human health and well-being. Safe WASH practices are not just a necessity for good health but also contribute to livelihood, school attendance, dignity and it aids in the development of resilient communities. The use of contaminated water causes diseases such as diarrhea, and untreated excreta pollutes groundwater and surface water. With just 3% of the world's freshwater available to humans, the urgency to safeguard this valuable natural resource is even higher. In India, there are millions of people living in rural areas who fight against harsh weather conditions and travel long distances to access safe drinking water...[Read More](#)

JJM drinking water supply schemes worth over ₹15,381 crores were approved in MP

Over 5.50 crore rural households across the country have been provided with tap water connections since the JJM launch in August 2019. The 22 multi-village schemes were sanctioned to provide tap water connection to more than 1.09 crore rural population, Ministry of Jal Shakti said... [Read More](#)



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