



Safe Water Enterprise Alliance

A Safe Water Network India Initiative

SEWAH MONTHLY UPDATE

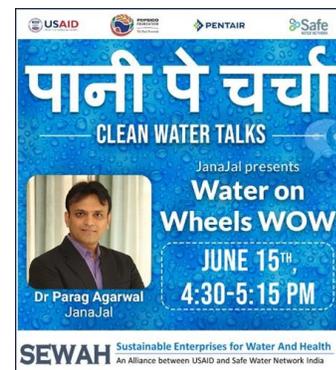
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Continued Humanitarian Efforts

In June 2021, the COVID-19 cases declined, however, the situation continued to remain critical in India. The SEWAH partners continued their efforts to provide assistance to the underserved communities in the form of dissemination of IEC materials, providing vaccination support, and ensuring last-mile delivery of safe and affordable drinking water.



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Summer Internship at Safe Water Network

The Safe Water Network, under the aegis of Project SEWAH, launched a 'Summer Internship Program' in collaboration with the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (UPES), Dehradun. Eight undergraduate students belonging to disciplines such as engineering, business management and law commenced their social internship focussed on water-based issues. The students were placed under experienced mentors and were assigned



projects on topics such as 'water literacy and water-based skills', 'water quality, 'innovation in water sector' and 'mainstreaming women in water enterprises'. The inaugural session for the internship was held on 16th June 2021 and it was attended by senior leaders of 'Safe Water Network' in addition to the mentors and student interns.

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.

Pani Pe Charcha - Clean Water Talk Series

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The first session took place on June 14th, 2021 where WKRC partner, JanaJal shared the best practices and innovations of their Water on Wheels (WoW) program. WoW is an innovative and accessible mobile Water ATM which is a custom-built deep technology-enabled battery-operated vehicle with a tank capacity of ~600 liters. JanaJal WoW serves ~1800 Litres of water or 90 cans every day. The launch of the first cluster of JanaJal WoWs at scale is being planned in Eluru District of Andhra Pradesh. The local administration has approved the project for 500 WOWs to be deployed over a period of 6 months supported by 84 existing water treatment plants which would be entrusted for operations and maintenance to the company. Bajaj Auto, a US \$13.6 billion.

The company has extended its support to the WoW program through its pan India footprint of dealers, service centers, and spares. Their CNG-powered Maxima Cargo chassis with a 1-ton payload will be utilized to build the JanaJal WoW. The mobile ATMs will also be disseminating relevant information and awareness campaigns for GoI and local stakeholders on one of the side panels of the vehicle. Moreover, there also exists the opportunity for private sector companies to advertise, thereby triggering a value-added revenue stream. JanaJal offers an amalgamation of Water on Wheels and Water ATMs and also has the resources to take under operations and maintain existing water treatment plants.

USAID visit to WKRC Partner JanaJal's Water ATM

USAID officials along with Safe Water Network India's team visited our WKRC partner Janajal's Water ATM located at Church Road, New Delhi. The aim of the visit was to understand and discuss the Water ATMs service delivery during the Covid times.



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 June 2021

Projects worth ₹ 7573 crores were awarded in Maharashtra

Projects worth ₹ 6475 crores were awarded in Madhya Pradesh

Projects worth ₹ 1635 crores were awarded in Jharkhand

Projects worth ₹ 490 crores were awarded in J&K

Projects worth ₹ 298 crores were awarded in Himachal Pradesh

Projects worth ₹ 2593 crores were awarded in Haryana

Projects worth ₹ 553 crores were awarded in Delhi

Projects worth ₹ 516 crores were awarded in Gujarat

Jal Jeevan Mission

Progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission: 18.21 lakh connections were provided in June, 2021 taking the total number of connections to 4.39 crores since the launch of the mission. 64 districts are 100% FHTC districts. 104 key resource centers (KRCs) of JJM were empaneled to build capacity for various stakeholders at national, state, and district levels. JJM was lauded at the 'World Sustainable Development Summit.

Monthly news & updates

Smart Water Cities: Multiple pipe scans monitoring water quality allow a smart water operation of the distribution network

Smart Water Cities aim to continuously supply the city with fresh drinking water, the environmentally friendly drainage of dirty water, and the safe drainage of rainwater. In order to be able to guarantee good water quality, be it drinking or wastewater, more and more cities start to monitor their water networks ... [Read More](#)

Current scenario and the evolution of waterless technology in future

The current situation in the country has left us in need often using infrastructure that has been affected majorly due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It has caused damage to the supply chain, production processes, and manufacturing facilities along with uncertainty in the minds of consumers. The waterless technology would help in gaining new markets and opening in new product segments since it would promote a sustainable environment which would be the need of the hour once the nation has healed from the aftermath of the virus.. [Read More](#)

Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and AquaKraft to partner for COVID-19 Response and in the areas of Drinking Water and Sanitation

In an endeavor to strengthen healthcare infrastructure in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and augment India's efforts for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, the Public Health Foundation of India and AquaKraft Projects Private Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding to launch an Integrated Public Health Initiative – "ARAIKE LIFE." This initiative will work in the areas of Sustainable Development Goals 3 (Good Health and Well- Being) and 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) with a focus on COVID Response Innovation... [Read More](#)

Water conservation is 'service to nation': PM Modi on Mann Ki Baat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday highlighted the importance of water conservation as he addressed the 78th episode of Mann Ki Baat, his monthly radio programme. Speaking on the show, which he hosts on the last Sunday of every month, PM Modi said monsoon has arrived and asked citizens to "once again focus on water conservation." "When clouds rain, they rain not only for us but also for generations to come," PM Modi said... [Read More](#)

UNDP applauds rapid development in 117 under-developed districts in India, Jal Shakti Mission proved to be a game-changer

On June 11, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) published an independent appraisal report, wherein it praised the success of local area development in India via the Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP). The ADP programme was launched by PM Modi in January 2018 to uplift the quality of life in districts that were lagging behind in Human Development Index (HDI) parameters... [Read More](#)



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