



Safe Water Enterprise Alliance

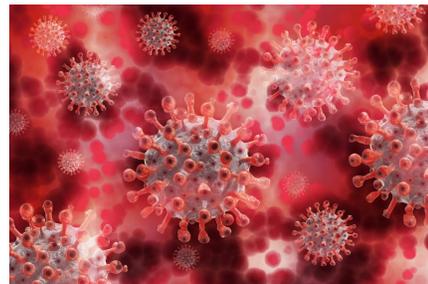
A Safe Water Network India Initiative

SEWAH MONTHLY UPDATE

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RISE OF COVID CASES IN INDIA

In May 2021, India witnessed a steep surge in COVID 19 cases throughout the nation. The pandemic was at its worst ever intensity. The SEWAH partners extended their services to help the communities recuperate from the dreaded pandemic. From driving awareness campaigns to providing vaccination support and humanitarian aid, the SEWAH partners ensured that the help reaches as many communities as possible through the optimum use of technology.



The partners provided home delivery of safe and affordable drinking water in selected areas of 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.

WKRCs as Covid Warrior Centres

During the month of May, SEWAH at Safe Water Network India conducted virtual dissemination of Covid Resources to the community. The information on Covid Safety, especially Home Isolation, and campaigns around Vaccination were conducted in English and regional languages (Hindi & Telugu). The field executives and operators are committed to engaging in global efforts to ensure that necessary resources are provided to save lives and protect livelihoods from Covid. During the first wave in India, we installed various Hand-Wash Stations. Presently, as India is going through a second wave of Infections, the team is focussing on creating awareness and helping the community with correct information and facts. While we continue to use touchless payments and create awareness amongst beneficiaries at our Water ATMs, dissemination of facts and resources online is pivotal as lesser people are leaving their homes. Project SEWAH's 6 partners are campaigning in 11 states and 15 cities pan-India. These messages have also been transmitted on WhatsApp to more than 20,000 community people across SWNI's 141 Urban Water Stations.



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Do You Know?
More than 80% of Corona positive patients do not need to get admitted into a hospital.

We share the government guidelines on process to follow and precautions to undertake during **Home Isolation.**

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Do Vaccination
To Make The Nation Safe

Register on: **CoWIN & Aarogya Setu App Now.**
And don't forget to register those who might not have easy access to the internet

IEC material on Home Isolation and vaccine registration



Humanitarian work during COVID rise in Ma

Catch the Rain

Team SEWAH rolled out the campaign supporting the Ministry of Jal Shakti's "Catch the Rain" campaign under the National Water Mission. SEWAH has been supporting the Ministry of Jal Shakti in their "Catch the Rain Campaign". Along with our WKRC partners, we are disseminating posters and videos to generate awareness amongst the community about water conservation and rainwater harvesting.



The Ministry of Jal Shakti under their National Water Mission - II has launched the "Catch the Rain" campaign in the Monsoon months to conserve water. Project SEWAH is collaborating with the Ministry to create awareness and disseminate IEC to our audience

and community on social media and around WKRC centers in 11 states and 15 cities. In the upcoming monsoon months, partners will:

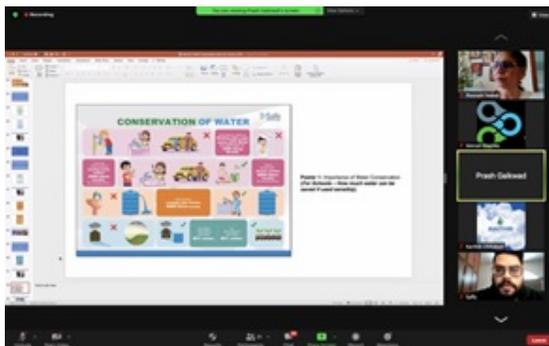
- Organize community walks and sports.
- Transform WKRCs to “Jal Shakti Kendras” which will Disseminate IEC material related to Rainwater Harvesting and Water Conservation.
- Post educational videos, testimonials on social media handles and share in the community WhatsApp group.
- Work with the municipality for local water body rejuvenation in their city



Videos highlighting judicious use of water and water conservation

Dialogue Factory Webinar

A webinar showcasing IEC materials like posters, DIY Guide, Comic Book, and Videos was conducted with USAID and WKRC Partners on Monday, May 12, 2021. Inputs and feedback were shared with the Dialogue Factory team by WKRC Partners and Mr. Anand Rudra, Senior Advisor – WASH, USAID India.



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 May 2021

Projects worth ₹ 987 crores completed in Assam
Projects worth ₹ 1168 crores completed in Tamil Nadu
Projects worth ₹ 412 crores completed in West Bengal
Projects worth ₹ 729 crores completed in Telangana
Projects worth ₹ 184 crores completed in Rajasthan
Projects worth ₹ 4953 crores completed in Karnataka
Projects worth ₹ 268 crores completed in Haryana
Projects worth ₹ 447 crores completed in Madhya Pradesh
Projects worth ₹ 1291 crores completed in Madhya Pradesh

Jal Jeevan Mission

Progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission: 15.63 lakh connections were provided in May taking the total number of connections to 4.21 crores since the launch of the mission. 62 districts are 100% FHTC districts. The Union Government releases INR 7575 crores to the state for 'Har Ghar Jal'. The states and the UTs will focus on water quality monitoring and surveillance to prevent people from falling sick during the pandemic. Potable drinking water in quality-affected habitations will be the top priority.

Monthly news & updates

Centre issues advisory to states to provide tap water connections to remaining village households

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Test water sources to ensure potable water in villages, Centre issues advisory to states amid Covid surge

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Big Move To Digitize Water Supply Infrastructure Across Rural India

In a major initiative to digitise water supply infrastructure in rural India, National Jal Jeevan Mission has reached out to all States/ UTs for rolling out of sensor-based IoT solutions to measure and monitor water supply in the hinterland. The initiative aims at ensuring water service delivery in rural homes by addressing various issues that cause disruption in water supply on regular basis.... [Read More](#)

Uranium in 83% of water samples, says BARC study

Uranium was detected in 83.6 percent of all the collected water samples during a nationwide survey by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) for mapping of uranium content in drinking water sources across India. About 55,554 surface and ground-water samples were collected for the survey. "Out of 12 water quality parameters measured to understand the geochemical process... [Read More](#)

Inside India's new plan to deliver water

A few years ago, many scholars were drawn to a curious social phenomenon in Danganmal, a parched hamlet in Maharashtra. Dire water crises had turned the village's monogamous population into a polygamous community over time. Apart from mass-mobilisation campaigns to conserve rainwater and restore traditional water bodies, the

mission has a never-before target of providing every household with a functional piped water connection that delivers 55 litres per capita per day by 2024. ... [Read More](#)

The Water Story – 2021 – Where do we stand?

Scientists have been emphasizing on maintaining hygiene, social distance and washing hands as part of the solution against the deadly novel corona virus-19, the unseen enemy that has created havoc across the globe. Young and old, people are fighting the tiny enemy with the best possible efforts of social distancing, self-imposed lockdown and the lucky ones getting vaccinated... [Read More](#)



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