



## Safe Water Enterprise Alliance

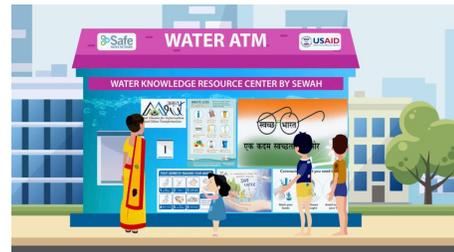
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### SEWAH MONTHLY UPDATE

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## Water Knowledge Resource Centers

New Water Knowledge Resource Centers (WKRCs) were established by SWE alliance partners to enable community awareness about consuming safe drinking water and maintaining personal hygiene. Project SEWAH has facilitated 27 WKRCs to date that are benefitting over 200,000 people 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 4 Water Knowledge Resource Centers (WKRCs)

Safe Water Network and SEWAH Partners Drinkwell, JanaJal, and Water Health India launched 4 new Water Knowledge Resource Centers taking the count to 27 Water ATMs, Project SEWAH reaches out to over 2,00,000 beneficiaries across India in 19 cities and 11 states.



## USAID Visit to Water Knowledge Resource Centers

USAID officials paid a visit to the 25th WKRC established by JanaJal. The event was attended by Warren Harray - Office Director Program Office, USAID, Anand Rudra - Senior WASH specialist, USAID, Mark Tegenfeldt - Head OSSI, USAID, Veena Reddy - Mission Director, USAID, Poonam Sewak - Vice President, Program and Partnerships, Safe Water Network and Praveen Kumar - Managing Director, Janajal. The second visit to Vizag was attended by Hyderabad Mission Director USAID and USAID Hyderabad Consulate General Mr. Joel Riefman to Meghdoot 'Water from Air' initiative of Maithri Aquatech. The visit received press coverage and can be accessed by [clicking here](#).



USAID visit to WKRC

## Pani Pe Charcha - Clean Water Talks

Safe Water Network India hosted its 7th and 8th "Pani Pe Charcha" - Clean Water Talks in the month of September. The 7th talk was conducted by Dr. TNVV Rao discussing Water Quality Assurance for Water ATMs was hosted on September 14, 2021 and saw an attendance of over 60 sector partners and stakeholders.

The 8th clean water talk was conducted on September 28, 2021 by Mr Anuj Sharma from Primal Sarvajal. The theme for this session was to discuss the role of IoT for improved service delivery in Water ATMs.

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## CLEAN WATER TALKS

7<sup>th</sup> talk in the series

### Water Quality Assurance from Water ATMs

Dr. TNVV Rao  
National Water Quality Expert

SEP 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-5:15 PM

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## CLEAN WATER TALKS

8<sup>th</sup> talk in the series

Piramal Sarvajal presents

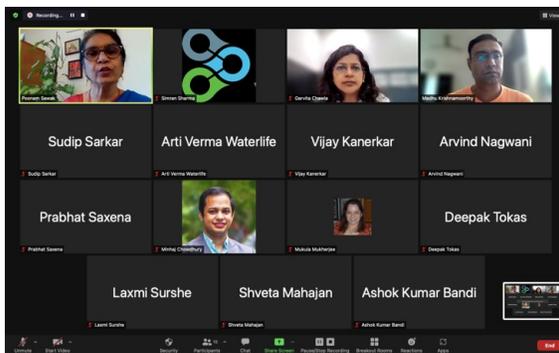
### Role of IoT for Improved Service Delivery in Water ATMs

Mr. Anuj Sharma  
CEO of Piramal Sarvajal

SEP 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-5:15 PM

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## Panel Discussion on “Fair Risk Tenders



Panel Discussion on “Fair Risk Tenders to promote private sector participation to scale-up SWE’s” was organized by WaterHealth India as the current Chair of SWE Alliance secretariat. The discussion was attended by WKRC partners where they shared their experiences in setting up SWEs and developing government tenders and service level agreements.

## 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 September 2021

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development started Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav celebrations from 27th September onwards. MoHUA organized several events throughout the country to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of India’s Independence.

27 gram-panchayats were selected for the AMRUT scheme in different parts of Dakshina Kannada. The pentchant that will implement the scheme would get 25 lakhs for development works.

## Jal Jeevan Mission

**Progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission:** Over 18 lakh connections were provided in September taking the total number of connections to over 5.02 crores since the launch of the mission. Over 79 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.

3-day conference series was organized by NJJM, DDWS, and MoJS in association with UNICEF in the last week of September where that transformation of Jal Jeevan Mission into a Jan-Andolan was discussed. A variety of other topics such as developing strong ground-level leadership and adopting technology to ensure efficient delivery.

The Minister of State for the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Shri Prahalad Singh Patel reviewed the JJM works in states such as dam raw water intake well in Jhansi and JJM projects in Kamroop, Assam.

## Monthly news & updates

### **Jal Shakti Ministry considers 14 proposals for pure water supply**

Undertaking the IoT-based monitoring of drinking water quantity and quality in rural drinking water systems in different parts of the country is one of the eight proposals for R&D along with six other proposals for innovation considered for listing by the technical committee of the Jal Shakti Ministry. These 14 proposals would now be considered for listing in the Innovation Portal of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation under the Ministry of Jal Shakti... [Read More](#)

### **Safe Water Network speaks on 'Collaborative Action to Close the Gender Gap in WASH Workforce' at Stockholm International Water Institute: World Water Week 2021**

Safe Water Network, the internationally renowned NGO, and USAID presented their insights on 'Collaborative Action to Close the Gender Gap in WASH Workforce' at the Stockholm International Water Institute: World Water Week 2021. The session was attended by Ms. Pooja Singh, Head Program and Monitoring Safe Water Network, Ms. Portia Persley, Division Chief - WASH USAID, Ms. Juhi Gupta, Head of Sustainability PepsiCo, Ms. Deepa Karthyken, Co-founder & Director, Athena Infonomics. The session was moderated by Kelly Ann Naylor, Associate Director, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Section... [Read More](#)

### **Safe Water Network presented initiatives for making cities water-positive in Stockholm**

Safe Water Network, the internationally renowned NGO, and USAID presented their insights on 'Making City Water Positive through City Water Balance Plans' at the Stockholm International Water Institute: World Water Week 2021 ... [Read More](#)

### **Now 42.2% Indian rural households have tap water connection**

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### **Centre working to ensure tap water connection for every household by 2024, says Shekhawat**

Union minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said under the Jal Jeevan Mission, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government is working to ensure that every household in the country has a piped water connection by 2024. Shekhawat was speaking to reporters here late on Saturday night as he arrived on a day-long visit to the district. When PM Modi announced the Jal Jeevan Mission on August 15, 2019, only 3,29,00,000 households out of 19 crore had tap water connections. Mothers and sisters in 83 percent of the households had to fetch water, the minister said... [Read More](#)

### **Jal Jeevan Mission takes tap water to 5 crore new rural households**

The 'Har Ghar Jal Yojana' of the Ministry of Jal Shakti has achieved a significant milestone of providing tap water to over five crore (5,00,09,340) new rural households. With this achievement, about 8.24 crore rural households (42.83 percent) have started getting pure drinking water in sufficient quantity through taps, a ministry release said... [Read More](#)



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