



Jal Shakti Abhiyan

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Why in News

The Centre has decided to utilize the forthcoming monsoon season to expand its water conservation efforts under the **Jal Shakti Abhiyan**.

Such interventions would **ensure water source sustainability** in rural areas and would strengthen the ongoing **Jal Jeevan Mission** being implemented by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Key Points

- The Jal Shakti Abhiyan was launched by the **Ministry of Jal Shakti** in 2019.
- It is a **campaign for water conservation** and **water security** in the country through a collaborative effort of various ministries of the Government of India and state governments.
- The **focus** of the campaign is on **water stressed** districts and blocks.
- The **important water conservation interventions** are :
 - Water conservation and rainwater harvesting,
 - Renovation of traditional and other water bodies/tanks,
 - Reuse of water and recharging of structures,
 - Watershed development and
 - Intensive afforestation.
- Last year Jal Shakti Abhiyan covered 256 water stressed districts across the country. More than seventy- five lakh traditional and other water bodies and tanks were renovated and around a crore water conservation & rainwater harvesting structures were created.

Jal Jeevan Mission

- Jal Jeevan Mission, a central government initiative under the **Ministry of Jal Shakti**, aims to ensure access of piped water for every household in India.

- Government of India has **restructured and subsumed** the **National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) into Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)** to provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to every rural household i.e., **Har Ghar Nal Se Jal (HGNSJ)**.
- The Jal Jeevan Mission is **based on various water conservation efforts** like point recharge, desilting of minor irrigation tanks, use of greywater (wastewater from sinks, kitchen) for agriculture and source sustainability. It will be based on a **community approach** to water.
- The Prime Minister has appealed to all states to generate maximum community participation in the form of **'Jan Andolan'** to achieve the target of functional household tap connection by 2024.

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