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100% Tap Water Connection in Rural Areas in Puducherry: JJM

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Why in News

The Union Territory of Puducherry has become the **fourth State/UT** after **Goa, Telangana and Andaman & Nicobar Islands** to provide assured **tap water supply** to every **rural home** under **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**.

Further, the **State of Punjab** and the **UTs of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu** have also crossed the milestone of covering **75% of rural homes** with assured tap water supply.

Key Points

- **Jal Jeevan Mission:**

- JJM envisages supply of **55 litres of water per person per day** to every rural household through **Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC)** by **2024**.
- It is under the **Ministry of Jal Shakti**.
- JJM focuses on **integrated demand and supply-side management of water** at the local level.

Creation of local infrastructure for source sustainability measures as mandatory elements, like **rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge** and **management of household wastewater for reuse**, is undertaken in convergence with other government programmes/schemes.

- It also **encompasses**:

- Prioritizing provision of **FHTCs in quality affected areas**, villages in drought prone and desert areas, **Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY)** villages, etc.
- Providing functional tap connection to **Schools, Anganwadi centres, Gram Panchayat buildings, Health centres**, wellness centres and community buildings.
- Technological interventions for **removal of contaminants** where water quality is an issue.
- The Mission is **based on a community approach** to water and **includes extensive Information, Education and Communication** as a key component of the mission.
- JJM looks to create **a jan andolan for water**, thereby making it everyone's priority.
- The **fund sharing pattern** between the **Centre and states** is **90:10** for **Himalayan and North-Eastern States**, **50:50 for other states**, and **100% for Union Territories**.
- The **total allocation** to the scheme is **over Rs. 3 lakh crore**.

- **Jal Jeevan Mission (Urban):**

- **Launch:** In the **Budget 2021-22**, **Jal Jeevan Mission (Urban)** was announced under the **Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry** to provide universal coverage of water supply to all households through functional taps in all statutory towns in accordance with **Sustainable Development Goal- 6** (clean water and sanitation).
- **Objectives:**
 - Securing tap and sewer connections.
 - Rejuvenation of water bodies.
 - Creating a circular water economy.

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