



First 'Har Ghar Jal' State: Goa

Why in News

Recently, Goa has become the first '**Har Ghar Jal**' State in the country as it successfully provided **100% Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs)** in the **rural areas** covering **2.30 lakh rural households**.

Key Points

- **Early Achiever:** State's commitment and brisk efforts have ensured advancement and achievement of targets well **before time, i.e. 2024 at national level**.
- **Annual Action Plan:** Goa prepared the State's Annual Action Plan (AAP) to provide 100% Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) in rural areas by **2021**.
 - Goa utilized the benefits of the [Jal Jeevan Mission \(JJM\)](#) which aims to improve the quality of life and bring 'ease-of-living' to rural communities.
 - Accordingly, fund allocation from the Union to Goa in 2020-21 has been increased to Rs. 12.40 Crore for the plan.
- **Convergence of Schemes:** The State explored through convergence of various programmes like the [Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act \(MGNREGA\)](#), [Swachh Bharat Mission \(Grameen\)](#), [15th Finance Commission](#) for rural local bodies, etc. for strengthening of drinking water sources, water supply, grey water (any domestic wastewater excluding sewage) treatment & re-use and operation & maintenance.
- **Water Testing Facilities:** The State is in process of getting **14 [National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories \(NABL\)](#) accredited water quality testing laboratories**.
 - Jal Jeevan Mission mandates **training 5 persons in every village especially women** to be trained in using **Field Test Kits**, so that water can be tested in the villages.

Jal Jeevan Mission

- **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**.
- 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**, would be undertaken in convergence with other government programmes/schemes.
- 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.
- **Funding Pattern:** 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 ₹3 lakh crore.

Way Forward

- Having achieved universal access, the State now plans for a sensor-based **service delivery** monitoring system so as to monitor the functionality of water supply i.e. potable water in adequate quantity and of prescribed quality.
- Goa's achievement is an **example for other States to emulate** and ensure every rural home gets tap connection.
- Especially in these times of **Covid-19** pandemic, it is all the more imperative to have assured safe water supply within households.
- This silent revolution happening in rural India in terms of household tap water connections is a work in progress for a **'New India'**.

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