

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

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, <u>Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY)</u> 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.
 - IJM 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 <u>Budget 2021-22</u>, <u>Jal Jeevan Mission (Urban)</u> 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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