



Second Phase of 'Rajiv Gandhi Jal Sanchay Yojana'

Why In News?

- On September 7, 2022, Aparna Arora, Principal Secretary, Rajasthan Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department, informed that the state government has decided to start the second phase of 'Rajiv Gandhi Jal Sanchay Yojana', in which an order has been issued.

Key Points

- According to the order issued by Secretary Aparna Arora, the main objective of the second phase of the scheme is to discuss with the general public and construct pucca anicuts, MIT, WHS and MST on priority, conserve various financial resources and revive traditional drinking water and water sources.
- Similarly, to overcome the shortage of drinking water in the villages, to make drinking water available near the village or villages, to increase the ground water level, to increase the irrigated and arable area by rainwater harvesting and conservation, to increase the irrigated and arable area by conserving water and soil, etc.
- In the second phase, about 4500 villages of 352 Panchayat Samitis of Rajasthan have been included in this campaign.
- The working period of the second phase will be 2 years. Committees have been formed at the state, district and block levels for its effective implementation and monitoring. Along with this, gram panchayat level executive committee has also been formed to publicize the action plan.
- Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department administrative department and Catchment Development and Land Conservation Department will be the nodal department for the implementation of the second phase. District Collector will be the nodal officer for effective implementation of this scheme.
- It is noteworthy that Rajiv Gandhi Jal Sanchay Yojna was started on 20th August, 2019 for maximum collection, conservation and equitable use of available water in the state. In the first phase, 4029 villages were included in 1450 gram panchayats.