



MISSION AMRIT SAROVAR

"हम सब मिलकर एक काम कर सकते हैं।
हम संकल्प करे कि इस वर्ष प्रतिपदा से अगले
वर्ष प्रतिपदा तक, हर जिले में 75 अमृत सरोवर बनाएंगे।"

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India





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Water is one of the most important natural resources. It is an invaluable gift from nature to the entire human race. Two-third of the earth is covered with water, but only two to three percent of available water is usable. Today, many countries of the world, including India, are facing acute water crisis. Realizing the same problem, Hon'ble Prime Minister has called for the construction of 75 Amrit Sarovars (ponds) in each district of the country.

Amrit Sarovars will play an important role in increasing the availability of water, both on surface and under-ground. Development of Amrit Sarovars is also an apt symbol of constructive actions, dedicated to the country on the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, marking 75 years of Independence from colonial rule, that create sustainable and long term productive assets, beneficial to both the sentient beings and environment.



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Objective

Objective of Mission Amrit Sarovar is “construction/development of at least 75 Amrit Sarovar (ponds) in every district of the country”. Each Amrit Sarovar will have pondage area of minimum of 1 acre (0.4 hectare) with water holding capacity of about 10,000 cubic meter.

Coverage

All rural districts will develop having at least 75 Amrit Sarovars totalling about 1,00,000 Amrit Sarovars in the country.





Whole of Government Strategy



This Mission would be run with a “Whole of Government” approach in all its aspects, accordingly a wide swath of Ministries/Departments and Organizations would work together to accomplish the goals. Following Ministries and Organizations have agreed to participate:

1. Ministry of Rural Development (Dept. of Rural Development/ Dept. of Land Resources)
2. Ministry of Jal Shakti (Dept. of Water Resources/ Dept. of Drinking Water & Sanitation)
3. Ministry of Culture
4. Ministry of Panchayati Raj
5. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
6. Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N)
7. Ministry of Railways
8. Ministry of Road, Transport and Highway



Implementation Strategy

In order to optimize the benefit of the Amrit Sarovars and to ensure that the implementation is done in the most credible manner, latest and most relevant technologies like remote sensing and geospatial will be used extensively from site selection till its completion.



Minimum Pondage area of 1acre (0.4 hectare)

This Amrit Sarovar will be constructed on at least 1 acre of land with a water holding capacity of about 10,000 cubic meters. If the district is unable to create as many new Amrit Sarovars, then district may take up rejuvenation of the existing structures for restoring their ecological and productive utility.

75 Amrit Sarovars per district:

At least 75 Amrit Sarovars in every district, totalling about 1,00,000 Amrit Sarovar will be constructed or rejuvenated in the country. However, there would be no bar to the district taking more such structures

Common Signage (Board and Logo)

To mark the occasion, an information board will also be put up at every Amrit Sarovar in which all the information related to the work will be available to the public. Information board will have a common signage (Board) of standard size (5 feet height, 4 feet width) and common logo, the design of board and logo will be shared subsequently.



Amrit Sarovar Portal and Mobile App

Amrit Sarovar Portal and Mobile App developed by Bhaskaracharya National Institute of Space Application and Geomatics-National (BISAG-N) will be used for tracking the progress/ performance of Mission Amrit Sarovar in districts. The link of web portal for the Mission Amrit Sarovar is <https://water.ncog.gov.in/AmritSarovar>.



Use of soil/silt excavated from sites

A joint advisory was issued to all the Chief Secretaries for utilisation of soil and silt excavated from Amrit Sarovar sites for infrastructure projects such as projects of Railways, NHAI, MoRTH and other public agencies. Railways and MoRTH have started mapping the infrastructure projects with Amrit Sarovar sites. As of now, more than 857 Railways Project and 674 MoRTH projects are mapped so far and around 745 Railway projects and 46 MoRTH are using the soil from these sites.



Geo-tagging

All Amrit Sarovar constructed/rejuvenated will be geo-tagged at three different phases i.e. before the construction, during the construction and after the completion of asset creation using GeoMGNREGA app of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.



Plantation on work site

Commemorative plantation of tree such as नीम (Azadirachta Indica), पीपल (Ficus Religiosa), बरगद (Ficus Benghalensis) etc. should be done at Amrit Sarovar work site on 15th August, 2022 by freedom fighter or her/his family member or by the family of martyr (post-independence) or a local padma awardee. In case there is no such citizen available, the eldest citizen of the specific/local gram Panchayat should be requested to lead the plantation.





Peoples' Participation

Peoples' participation is the key to entire initiative, as it is meant to evoke collective spirit of the community.



Foundation stone for the Amrit Sarovar will be led by freedom fighter or her/his family member or by the family of martyr (post-independence) or a local padma awardee. In case there is no such citizen available, the eldest citizen of the specific/local gram Panchayat to be engaged.

People may also participate by donating construction material, benches and by Shram Daan. It may also seek such support through crowd sourcing and CSR contributions. If village community desires beautification works on the Sarovar site, it may mobilize necessary donations.

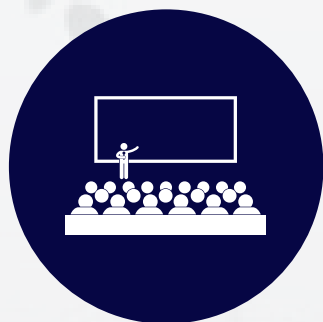


Gram Panchayat will decide for a fair disposal of silt coming out of this Amrit Sarovar construction/renovation.

On the occasion of every Independence Day (i.e. on 15th August) Tricolor to be hoisted at Amrit Sarovar worksite, by the freedom fighter or his/her family member or by the family member of martyr or a local Padma Awardee.



Peoples' Participation



Development of Amrit Sarovars is an occasion which celebrates 75 years of Azadi, therefore, all associated occasions including foundation laying, plantation, flag – hoisting on the eve of Independence Day and dedication to the community would include and engage elected representatives, PRI representatives, Self Help Groups, youth and school children. Needless to say, freedom fighter or her/his family member or by the family of martyr (post-independence) or the eldest citizen of the specific/local Panchayat would be given place of pride in all such events.

Possible users of such water structure, including for irrigation, fishery or water chestnut cultivation, should be identified and creation of their group encouraged. There should be full involvement of such association(s) during the entire process of development of Amrit Sarovar viz. feasibility assessment, execution, or its utilization.



Adhyaksha/Collector/CEO will felicitate all such Gram Panchayats after construction/rejuvenation of Amrit Sarovar.



Resources / Funds for the Mission



- Resources for this activity available from Mahatma Gandhi NREGS, XV Finance Commission Grants (both tied and untied), PMKSY-WDC, PMKSY-HKKP-RRR or similar schemes from the State/ Central Govt. either individually or in combination may be accessed for this purpose.
- Public contribution (crowd funding/CSR) for the work is also allowed.
- Scheme funds should not be used for beautification works.

Initiatives undertaken

Achievement of first milestone - 15th August 2022

- The sites of Amrit Sarovar are identified as the sites for flag hoisting for 15th August. In almost all the Mission Amrit Sarovar sites where the work is commenced, the tricolor was hoisted by either, freedom fighter or freedom fighters' family member or Martyrs or its family members or by Padma awardee. A total of 11,986 photographs of flag hoisting were uploaded in the Amrit Sarovar portal by Panchayat Level Officer.
- As a part of first Independence Day after commencement of Mission Amrit Sarovar, as commemorative planation, Neem, Peepal and Banyan saplings were planted at the site by the people.



Dedicated Prabhari for each Amrit Sarovar site

A dedicated set of Prabharis, comprising Panchayat Pratinidhi (PP) and Panchayat Level Officer (PLO) is allocated to every identified Amrit Sarovar.

Panchayat Pratinidhi is nominated by Gram Panchayat who acts as citizen supervisor and is responsible for faithful and fair execution of the Amrit Sarovar in the Panchayat while protecting the community interest.

As on date a total of 47,549 Panchayat Pratinidhi and 59,148 Panchayat level officers are assigned to the Amrit Sarovar site.

Panchayat level officers are assigned to each Amrit Sarovar to monitor the progress and ensure faithful implementation of the mission in panchayat while reporting the progress in the form of document, with appropriate photos and videos. By using “Amrit Sarovar” Mobile Application, Panchayat Level Officer is responsible for:

- uploading at least 3 videos of site viz. before commencement, during development and on completion,
- details on User group and their testimonials,
- updating Amrit Sarovar work progress, and
- upload any other media documenting the development of Amrit Sarovars

Mission Target and Achievement

Mission Amrit Sarovar	Number
INITIAL TARGET	50,000
SITES ARE FINALIZED FOR BY STATES	88,343
ONGOING WORKS	52,245
AMRIT SAROVAR HAS BEEN COMPLETED	25,036

