

Jal Jeevan Mission – Har Ghar Jal

Over 70 per cent Rural Households have Tap Water Connections in India

Over 10 Crore Rural Households provided with Tap water Connections since launch of Mission

(Ministry of Jal Shakti)

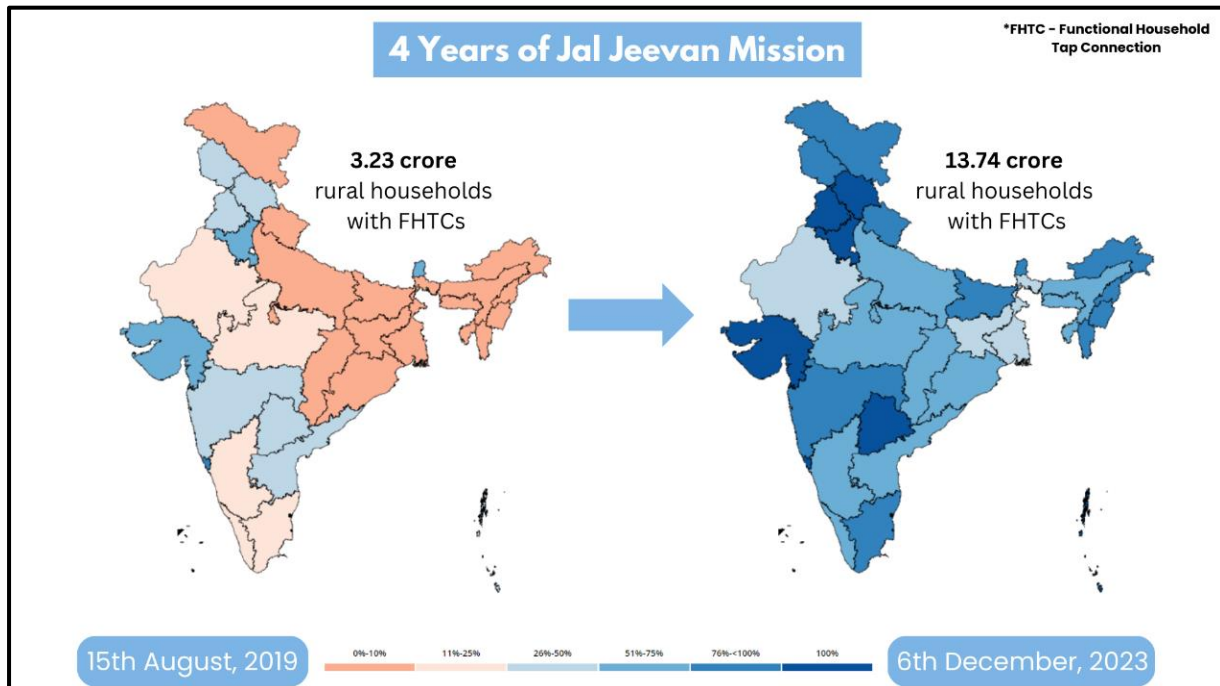
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“The vision of Jal Jeevan Mission is not only to make water accessible to the people. It is also a massive decentralization movement. This is a village-driven and women-driven movement.”

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Introduction

The [Jal Jeevan Mission](#) (JJM), also known as Har Ghar Jal, is a flagship program of the Government of India that aims to provide safe and adequate drinking water to every rural household. The mission was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the ramparts of the Red Fort on 15th August, 2019 and is being implemented in partnership with state governments. In addition, functionality of all existing water supply systems and tap connections was also intended to be ensured through JJM. The programme aims to directly benefit more than 19 Crore rural families, bridging rural–urban divide and improving public health.



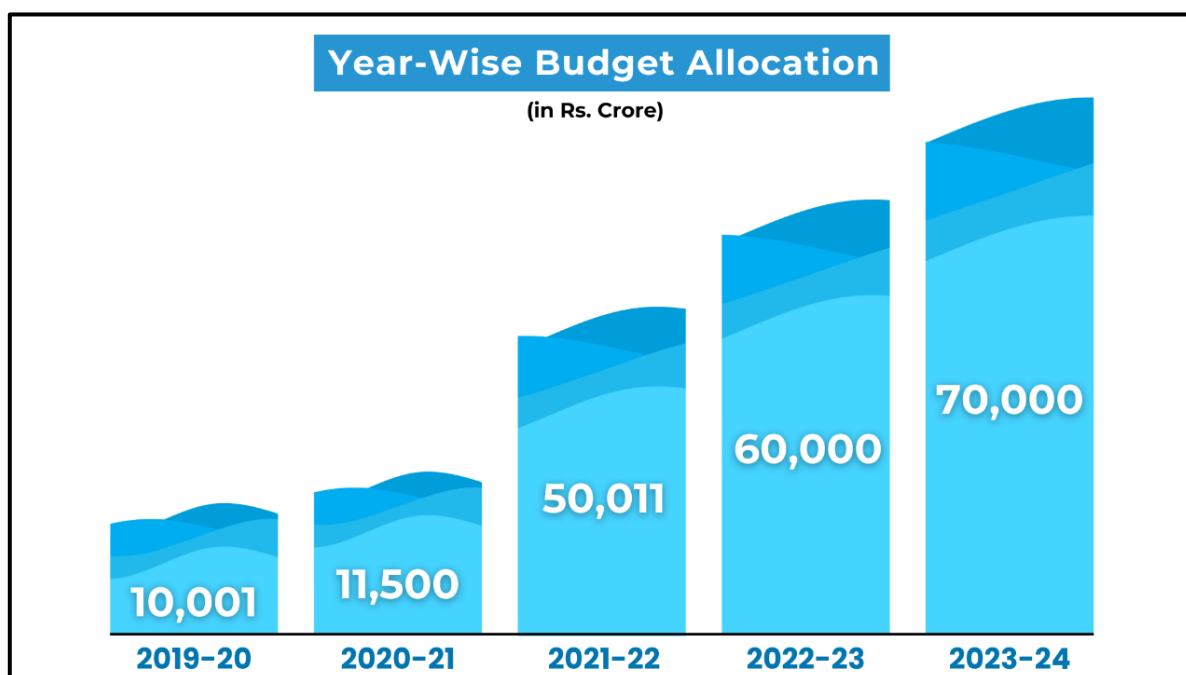
Jal Jeevan Mission strives for the freedom of mothers and sisters from centuries old drudgery of fetching water for the household, and improving their health, education and socio- economic

condition. The Mission is bringing ‘ease of living’ and adding pride and dignity to rural families.

Jal Jeevan Mission also implements source sustainability measures as mandatory elements, such as recharge and reuse through greywater management, water conservation and rainwater harvesting. The Mission is based on a community approach to water and will include extensive Information, Education and Communication (IEC) as a key component. JJM looks to create a *janandolan* for water, thereby making it everyone’s priority.

Implementation and Budget

To achieve the mammoth task of providing tap water supply to every rural household in a span of five years, **Rs 3.60 lakh Crore** has been allocated. In the Union Budget 2023-24, a massive Rs. 70,000 crore has been earmarked for the implementation of the mission. This represents a **7-fold increase** in the budget from around Rs. 10,000 crore in 2019-20.



‘Bottom Up’ Approach

Jal Jeevan Mission is implemented by using ‘bottom up’ approach where community plays a vital role from planning to implementation, management, operation and maintenance. To achieve this, Village Water & Sanitation Committees (VWSC)/ *Pani Samitis* are being constituted and strengthened. Village Action Plans are developed through community engagement and Implementation Support Agencies (ISAs) are engaged to support village communities in programme implementation and create awareness among people.

As of September 5th, 2023, more than **5.27 lakh Village [Water & Sanitation Committees](#)** (VWSC)/ *Pani Samitis* have been constituted in the country and **5.12 lakh [Village Action Plans](#) (VAPs)** have been prepared including the plans for drinking water source augmentation, greywater treatment and its reuse, and regular order and maintenance of in-village water supply systems.

Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance Activities

[Water quality monitoring](#) & surveillance activities are given top priority under the Jal Jeevan Mission. Five women in each village are being trained to test water samples of any kind of contamination by using Field Test Kits (FTKs). FTKs are procured and handed over to Panchayats. The FTK helps to test water on nine parameters viz; pH, alkalinity, chloride, nitrate, total hardness, fluoride, iron, residual free chlorine and H₂S. More than **23 lakh women** have been trained so far to test water quality through FTKs.

There are **2,111 water testing laboratories** in the country. Of these, **1324 laboratories are NABL accredited**. For the first time in the country, water testing laboratories are opened to public to get their water samples tested at nominal rates. Many States have provided mobile vans to enable collecting and testing water samples in faraway remote villages.

Major Achievements

At the time of announcement of Jal Jeevan Mission on 15th August 2019, only 3.23 Crore (17%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections. Working with 'speed and scale', the life changing mission has increased the rural tap connection coverage from just 3.23 Crore households to **over 13.74 crore rural households** in a short span of 4 years.



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Key Highlights (As of December 06, 2023)

- Over 70% (13.74 crore)** of rural households in India now have tap water connections.
- 154 districts, 1,570 blocks, 95,728 Gram Panchayats and 1,99,675 villages have achieved **complete tap water coverage**.
- Nearly **90% of schools** and **over 85% of Anganwadi centers** now have tap water for drinking, cooking, handwashing, and toilet use.

Progress Under the Mission (as of December 06, 2023)

- ❖ **13.74 Crore** (71.42%) rural households in the country have been provided with tap water connection.
- ❖ **154 districts, 1,570 blocks, 95,728 Gram Panchayats** and **1,99,675 villages** have become 'Har Ghar Jal'.
- ❖ Over **1.92 Crore households (70.65%)** in Aspirational Districts and more than **2.05 Crore households (69.65%)** in JE-AES water quality affected regions are getting

access to clean tap water. Prior to announcement of JJM, only 24 lakh homes (7.16%) in Aspirational Districts and eight lakh homes (2.64%) in JE-AES affected districts had tap water supply.

- ❖ **9 States/UTs**, which include, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Telangana, A&N Islands, Dadra Nagar Haveli & Daman Diu and Puducherry have provided **tap water connection to all rural households** (100%) in the respective State/UT as on December 06, 2023.
- ❖ Other States are fast moving and are close to achieving 100% coverage shortly. Of these **Mizoram stands at 97.55%, Bihar at 96.41%, and Arunachal Pradesh at 96.11%** are set to become 'Har Ghar Jal' soon.
- ❖ As of December 06, 2023, **99,630 rainwater harvesting facilities and 1,26,037 Grey Water Reuse structures** have been developed in schools across the country.
- ❖ A [recent report](#) on Jal Jeevan Mission by the **World Health Organisation** estimates that the mission could **avert nearly 400,000 deaths** from diarrheal diseases, **prevent 14 million Disability Adjusted Life Years (DALYs)** and **save up to \$101 billion**.

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