

Recent Initiatives Undertaken By The Department Of Drinking Water And Sanitation Under Swachh Bharat Mission – Grameen

▪ **Swachh Survekshan Grameen (SSG)**

- Swachh Survekshan Grameen (SSG) is being conducted since 2018 to rank the States and Districts on the basis of their performance on key quantitative and qualitative Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen parameters.
- SSG has proven to be not just a ranking exercise but also a vehicle for creating a 'Jan Andolan' (people's movement) and ensuring prompt action for achievement of SBM(G) targets.
- This year, SSG 2023 is being conducted with an objective to make it more participatory by introducing Panchayat Self-Assessment on ODF Plus parameters.
- SSG ensures continued participation of the GPs throughout the year in the SBM-G programme through Self-Assessment and Peer Verification
- As part of SSG, Rewards, Awards and Recognition of states/UTs along with their blocks & districts is done at National, State and District levels.
- As on date more than 99% GPs completed their Baseline Self-Assessment and currently all GPs are undertaking Peer Verification.

▪ **Retrofit to Twin Pit Abhiyan**

- To ensure safe disposal of the faecal sludge in rural areas, Retrofit to Twin Pit Campaign was launched
- This campaign is focused on safe disposal of faecal sludge through simple on-site methodology i.e. twin pits and retrofitting of toilets, particularly converting single pit toilets to twin-pit toilets and safe management of effluent from septic tanks by construction of additional pit.
- As on date nearly 5 lakh retro-fittings have been completed.

- **Swachh Iconic Places**

- Initiative wherein all stakeholders are involved for maintaining cleanliness of 100 places across India that are "iconic" due to their heritage, religious and/or cultural significance i.e. Ajmer Sharif Dargah, Ajmer, Rajasthan, CST, Mumbai, Maharashtra, Golden Temple, Amritsar, Punjab, Kamakhya Temple, Guwahati, Assam, Maikarnika Ghat, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, Meenakshi Temple, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, to name a few.
- In last four phases, 39 Iconic places and heritage sites of historical, spiritual, and cultural significance have been selected and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) are financially supporting the SIP sites.
- Currently 29 SIP sites out of 39 SIP sites have been mapped with PSUs.

- **Other activities**

- Launch of SBM 2.0 Mobile App to capture SLWM progress
- Engaging women SHGs in SLWM and providing them with income generation opportunities and
- SBM academy - IVRS based (online course)
