

Jal hi Amrit

‘**Jal hi Amrit**’ initiative is being launched under AMRUT 2.0 reforms during the 100 days agenda of the Government.

2. The **Clean Water Credit System** is proposed to be implemented under AMRUT 2.0 reforms as per the following framework:

(i) Under this initiative, it is envisaged to incentivise State & UTs to manage the used water (sewage) treatment plants (UWTPs/ STPs) efficiently for ensuring recyclable good quality treated water, meeting environmental standards, on a sustained basis. This in turn would open up future avenues for suitable ‘fit for purpose’ reuse and hence enable achieving the objective of augmenting water availability, under the Mission.

(ii) The **purpose** of the exercise is to build the competition among the cities, develop capacities and incentivise them to attain the best quality of used treated water at the treatment facilities. The main focus is thus on capacity building & incentivizing qualitative improvements in the treated discharge effluent.

(iii) **Strategy** - ULBs/ Parastatals will participate by filling in STP details via an online module on the AMRUT 2.0 portal, followed by third-party verification through desktop assessment and field verification. This would be complemented by a detailed gap analysis and targeted training programs based on gaps for field officials. A mid-course assessment and water quality testing will be conducted, culminating in a final assessment & award of **Clean Water Credits** in terms of Star-rating (between 3 stars to 5 stars) certificate valid for six months. STPs will then be re-examined for re-validation of the credits.

(iv) Based on the final assessment STPs with Clean Water Credits of at least 3- star and above will be incentivized as per below details:

STPs with Clean Water Credits of 3-star and above in different groups as below will be incentivized:

	Group - 1	Group - 2	Group - 3	Group - 4	Group – 5
Clean Water Credits	STPs with treatment capacity				
	< 5 MLD	5 to <10 MLD	10 to <50 MLD	50 to <100 MLD	100 MLD & above
*****	0.75 Crore	1.5 Crore	4 Crore	6 Crore	8 Crore
****	0.5 Crore	1 Crore	2 Crore	3 Crore	5 Crore
***	0.25 Crore	0.75 Crore	1.0 Crore	2 Crore	3 Crore

- For revitalization of existing STPs to meet the environmental standards, a **70:30 incentive structure** is proposed, based on their achieved Clean Water Credits of 3-stars and above. For these STPs in nominal terms, the upfront proposed incentive is 70% and that too after undergoing detailed rounds of rigorous evaluation and capacity building. Remaining 30% is sought to be released after successful maintaining of clean water ratings for next 6 months.
- With Clean Water Credits of 3 Star and 4 Stars STPs will also be eligible for balance incentive upon upgradation of their Standards to 4 Star & 5 Star respectively by next year and balance incentive will be given as earmarked for higher Clean Water Credits.

3. **Permissible utilization of incentive** - The incentive so released, would be utilized by the concerned STP for improvement of and STP's operating efficiencies, technology upgradation, capital expenditures for reuse infrastructure, setting up of real time data management system (OCEMS & SCADA etc.) and capacity building of staff.

4. As on date, 140 STPs with Operational Capacity 5,000 MLD have been onboarded for this scheme and further work is in progress.
