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सचिव भारत सरकार पंचायती राज मंत्रालय SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

D. O. No. M-11015/170/2019-FD

Date: 12th March, 2021

Dear

As you are aware, the Jal Shakti Abhiyan with the campaign theme "Catch the rain, where it falls, when it falls" will be observed from 22 March, 2021 to 30 November, 2021, i.e. the pre-monsoon and monsoon periods of 2021.

- 2. Under the campaign, various activities for water conservation and augmentation of ground water availability are to be taken up with active participation of people. The proposed activities are enumeration and digital mapping of all existing water bodies, removal of encroachments and de-silting of tanks to increase their storage capacity, removal of obstructions in their channels, repairs to traditional water harvesting structures, construction of rainwater harvesting structures including check dams and farm ponds, rejuvenation of rivers, lakes and streams etc. All these activities are to be taken up before the onset of the monsoon, so that adequate space for decentralized storage of large quantity of rain water is created.
- 3. The Hon'ble Prime Minister will launch the campaign on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021 (the World Water Day) and will address District Magistrates/District Collectors/Deputy Commissioners of all districts and Sarpanchs of all Gram Panchayats, except in the election bound States, through video conferencing. The Panchayati Raj Department in your State may advise the Gram Panchayats/ Traditional local Bodies to conduct a special Gram Sabha on the occasion. In the Gram Sabha, the Sarpanchs, elected representatives and other participants in the Gram Sabha will participate and listen to the address of Hon'ble Prime Minister. After the PM's address, the participants should take a "Jal Shapath" (copy enclosed) and subsequently discuss issues related to rain water harvesting, preparation of plans for water conservation and mapping of all water bodies. The letter by Hon'ble Prime Minister to the Sarpanchs on water conservation, excluding the election bound states, which are being sent separately, should also be read out in the Gram Sabha.
- 4. The Panchayats/ Traditional local bodies in your State may also be advised to utilize the funds under the various schemes and programs, including the Fifteenth Finance Commission Tied Grants towards creation and maintenance of roof rain water harvesting systems and groundwater recharge in various Panchayat/ Government owned/controlled buildings/ structures like the Gram Panchayat Bhawans, Aanganwadis, Schools, CSC buildings, Community Halls, Primary Health Centres/ Hospitals, Post office buildings, Bank/ATM buildings/structures, Police Stations,

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Markets/ Shops etc towards water conservation under the campaign. They may also prepare nurseries to take up tree plantations during monsoon period.

- 5. In view of the short time available before the onset of monsoon period, it is requested that the Panchayats/ Traditional bodies may be asked to discuss all their plans for the above activities in right earnest in the Gram Sabha. The progress of achievements of the various milestones and targets are also to be monitored continuously so that the objectives of the campaign can be achieved. Just before the onset of the monsoon in May/June, 2021, a follow up Gram Sabha may also be held to review the implementation and verify completion of all the plans and achievement of the results as planned. A Gram Sabha may also be convened in the week before the last day i.e. 30, November, 2021, of the campaign for stock taking of Jal Shakti Abhiyan activities.
- 6. The periodical progress and achievements in this regard may also be communicated to this Ministry regularly.

Yours sincerely,

(Sunil Kumar)

Encl: a/a

Chief Secretaries,

All States / UTs.

Copy to:

Principal Secretary / Secretary, Panchayati Raj Department, All States/ UTs.



## राष्ट्रीय जल मिशन



में पानी बचाने और उसके विवेकपूर्ण उपयोग की शपथ लेता हूँ / लेती हूँ।

मैं यह भी शपथ लेता हूँ / लेती हूँ कि मैं जल का समुचित उपयोग करूँगा / करूँगी।

तथा पानी हर एक बूंद का संचयन करूँगा / करूँगी और जल शक्ति अभियान 'कैच द रेन' को बढ़ावा देने में पूरा सहयोग दूंगा / दूंगी।

में पानी को एक अनमोल संपदा मानूँगा/मानूँगी और ऐसा मानते हुए ही इसका उपयोग करूँगा/करूँगी।

मैं शपथ लेता हूँ / लेती हूँ कि मैं अपने परिवारजनों, मित्रों और पड़ोसियों को भी इसके विवेकपूर्ण उपयोग और उसे व्यर्थ नहीं करने के लिए प्रेरित करूँगा / करूँगी।

> यह ग्रह हमारा है और हम ही इसे बचा सकते हैं और अपना भविष्य सुरक्षित कर सकते हैं।

हम सब मिलकर जल आंदोलन को जन आंदोलन बनायेंगे।





## NATIONAL WATER MISSION WATER PLEDGE

I take an Oath to conserve water and to use water wisely.

I pledge to consume water judiciously and not waste even a drop of water.

I will conserve every drop of water and will take part in 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain' campaign whole heartedly.

I will treat water as a very precious resource.

I pledge to motivate my family, friends, and neighbours to use water wisely, efficiently and not to waste it.

It is our planet and only we can save it and thus save our future.

We together will make "Jal Andolan"

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