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Dear Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary,

As you are aware, 5<sup>th</sup> June is observed as **World Environment Day (WED)** with a view to spread awareness among general public and all stakeholders and encourage them to protect and preserve the environment for sustainable World. This year too the day will be observed with series of activities by the Central, State Government, Local Administration of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and all other stakeholders. As you could recall, the Prime Minister of India launched Mission Lifestyle For The Environment (LiFE) on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2022. This mission aims to mobilise citizens to take individual and collective actions for protecting and preserving the environment. The WED, thus, can be an apt occasion to invigorate the mission LiFE campaign through larger *Janbhagidari*.

2. A separate advisory on mission LiFE was issued by the Ministry vide D.O. letter of even number dated 22.12.2022 from the Economic Adviser requesting the States/UTs to actively involve the PRIs to promote to-do list of 35 LiFE actions (copy enclosed) out of the total 75 individual life actions in the first phase that are very relevant in rural areas.

3. On the WED on 05.06.2023, all the PRIs may be advised to hold Gram Sabhas to discuss the LiFE actions with the pledge on LiFE actions. The Gram Panchayats can take various low cost and no cost activities for adoption of the 35 LiFE action. These 35 LiFE actions can be wall painted on the Gram Panchayat Bhawan and other prominent places in the villages along with logo of the mission LiFE (already shared) for spreading awareness among the people. Expenditure can be considered for booking under the un-tied grants of Fifteenth Finance Commission. The activities undertaken for water conservation by utilising tied grants of Fifteenth Finance Commission under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan can be discussed and highlighted in the Gram Sabhas and resolution be passed to expedite such works and monitor their progress. Similar environment friendly activities may be chalked out, discussed and executed at Gram Panchayat level.

4. As you are aware, the GS-NIRNAY mobile app was launched by the Minister of Panchayati Raj on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 during the inaugural function of the National Panchayat Awards Week-2023. GS-NIRNAY has been developed to record and upload Gram Sabha and proceedings of Standing Committees and these would be available in public domain. The proceedings of the Gram Sabha organized on WED along with the videos thereof may be uploaded on the mobile app of Gram Sabha-NIRNAY. The recordings made through the GS NIRNAY app would bring in more transparency and increase efficiency in the functioning of Panchayats. The app will also serve as a valuable repository of information for future references. Hence, I would request all the States/UTs to issue instructions to all elected representatives of the PRIs and PRI functionaries to download the app during this month on priority.

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5. Further, the Ministry is also in a process of creating dedicated portal or providing a link to the already existing National Panchayat Awards portal to enable the Panchayats to monitor the status of adoption of LiFE actions in their villages and update it in this dedicated link/portal. This portal is likely to be finalised and made live by end of May 2023.

6. A report, in the manner the WED was observed/celebrated, to the Ministry will be highly appreciated.

*With best wishes,*

Yours sincerely,

Encl.: As above

  
1.5.23  
(Sunil Kumar)

To

The Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary/Secretary,  
Panchayati Raj Department, all States/UTs.

**List of 35 (of 75) Priority to-do LiFE Actions-Adoption and Monitoring at the Gram Panchayat Level**

| <b>35 LiFE actions</b>                        |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Energy Saved (9)</b>                       |   |
| 1.  | Use LED bulbs/ tube-lights  |
| 2.  | Use public transport wherever possible  |
| 3.  | Use bicycles for local or short commute   |
| 4.  | Prefer CNG/EV vehicle over petrol/diesel vehicles   |
| 5.  | Use carpooling with friends and colleagues  |
| 6.  | Install a solar water or solar cooker heater on rooftops  |
| 7.  | Use biogas for cooking and electricity needs  |
| 8.  | Use smart switches for appliances which are used frequently   |
| 9.  | Install community earthen pots for cooling water  |
| <b>Water Saved (7)</b>                        |   |
| 10.   | Adopt cultivation of less water intensive crops like millets  |
| 11.   | Participate in recharge of rural water bodies through Amrit Sarovar Scheme  |
| 12.   | Practice crop diversification. Move from rice & wheat cultivation to pulse & oil seedcropping system.   |
| 13.   | Use efficient water saving technologies (like micro-irrigation, bunding, farm ponds, zero tillage, direct seeded rice, alternate wetting and drying and others) |
| 14.   | Create rainwater harvesting infrastructure in home/ schools/ offices  |
| 15.   | Use drip irrigation systems created with waste materials, wherever possible   |
| 16.   | Prefer a water purification system that wastes less water   |
| <b>Single Use Plastic Reduced (5)</b>         |   |
| 17.   | Use recycled plastic over virgin plastic, wherever possible   |
| 18.   | Use cloth bag for shopping instead of plastic bags  |
| 19.   | Participate in and mobilize participation for clean-up drives of cities and water bodies  |
| 20.   | Prefer using non-plastic eco-friendly cutlery during gatherings and events  |
| 21.   | Use steel/recyclable plastic lunch boxes and water bottles  |
| <b>Sustainable Food Systems Adopted (4)</b>   |   |
| 22.   | Include millets in diets through Anganwadi, Mid-Day meal and PD scheme  |
| 23.   | Compost food waste at home  |
| 24.   | Create kitchen gardens/ terrace gardens at homes/ schools/ offices  |
| 25.   | Prepare organic manure from cow dungs and apply to farms  |
| <b>Waste Reduced (Swachhta Actions) – (4)</b> |   |
| 26.   | Contribute cattle waste, food waste, and agricultural waste to biogas plant (provided under GOBARDHAN)  |

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| 27. | Practice segregation of dry and wet waste at homes  |
| 28. | Use agricultural residue, animal waste for composting, manuring and mulching                            |
| 29. | Do not discard waste in water bodies and in public spaces   |
|     | <b>Healthy Lifestyles Adopted (5)</b>   |
| 30. | Encourage use of millets in food and indigenous herbs and medicinal plants for nutrition and well being |
| 31. | Start biodiversity conservation at community level  |
| 32. | Practice natural or organic farming   |
| 33. | Plant trees to reduce the impact of pollution   |
| 34. | Initiate and/or join green clubs in your residential area/ school/ office                               |
|     | <b>E-Waste Reduced (1)</b>  |
| 35. | Discard gadgets in nearest e-recycling units  |