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[Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, chaired a meeting with District Collectors & CEOs Zila Parishad of the districts covered under the Atal Bhujal Yojana.]

On 7th February, 2024, a meeting was chaired under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, with the District Collectors & CEOs Zila Parishad of the districts covered under the Atal Bhujal Yojana. The meeting was attended by 70 District Collectors/ CEOs Zila Parishad/ representatives from the District Administration of Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh States along with Joint Secretary (A, IC & GW), DoWR, RD & GR, higher officers from the participating States and NPMU, Atal Bhujal Yojana. At the outset, the Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation emphasized the spirit of the program, stating that it stands as the largest pilot program globally, with a focus on demand-side management through community participation. She emphasized the importance of incorporating innovation via smart agriculture and irrigation technologies and the need to document the best practices, emphasizing inter-state peer learning for large-scale replication. The DCs/CEOs Zila Parishad of Mehsana, Sirsa, Ramanagara, Niwari, Nagpur, Rajsamand and Shamli districts of Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh State respectively, presented the status of implementation of Atal Jal along with best practices adopted for ground water management in their districts.

