

SHEKAWAT LAUNCHES HAR GHAR JAL UTSAV AND QR CODE SERVICES

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The Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi has virtually addressed the 'Har Ghar Jal Utsav under Jal Jeevan Mission and launch of QR code services for water bill payment event organized at Institute Menezes Braganza, Panaji [today](#).

Union Minister for Jal Shakti Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant, Minister for Public Works Department, Shri Nilesh Cabral, Minister for Water Resource Department, Shri Subhash Shirodkar, Secretary in the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ms Vini Mahajan, IAS, Principal Chief Engineer Shri D.C.Gupta, Shri Santosh Mhapne for PWD were present on the dais.

The programme was organized to commemorate Goa becoming the 1st State to achieve 100 per cent piped water supply system and launch of QR code services for water bill payment at the hands of Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

During his virtual address, the Prime Minister congratulating the Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant, his Cabinet Minister and people of Goa for achieving success in becoming the 1st State to achieve 100 per cent piped water supply system for every household, expressed his happiness towards another milestone achieved under the mission Har Ghar Jal i.e. 10 crore rural households of the country have been connected to piped clean water facility including Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu as first Union territories, and more than one lakh villages in different states of the country have turned ODF plus. Apart from this, India has also significantly increased the number of wetlands. [Today](#) its number has also increased to 75. Of these, 50 sites have been developed in the last 8 years only he added

The Chief Minister speaking on the occasion congratulated the entire team of PWD, WRD, Directorate of Panchayat etc who were felicitated on the occasion at the hands of the Union Minister for Jal Shakti Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat towards their immense contribution to achieve the great success of certifying Goa as 1st State to achieve 100 per cent piped water supply system for every household under Har Ghar Jal under Jal Jeevan Mission mission. He also appreciated for the self initiative taken of Shri Alen Lobo, to prepared QR coding of all water bodies in the State by spending his own money.

Speaking on QR Coding, he said Goa is the first State to provide the QR coding facilities for the billing. He thanked for TGSB bank for supporting to this system. Through this system billing and collection system will be improved, he added.

He said, Jal Jeevan Mission is a flagship programme of the Government of India that was announced on [August 15, 2019](#) from the ramparts of Red Fort by a visionary Prime Minister. The mission aims to make provision of potable tap water supply in adequate quantity, of prescribed quality and on regular & long-term basis to every

rural household of the country by 2024. He expressed his happiness towards Goa becoming the first State to achieve this mission in spite of many difficulties and Covid-19 pandemic. Till now, 14 national accreditation lab has been established in the State to provide purified water in every household he added.

By making maximum use of different technologies, we are going forward and achieved so far ODF, Har Ghar Jal, 100% electrification etc., with the support of all cabinet ministers, MLA, bureaucrats, officers and every staff of the department. He also recalled the Atmanirbhar Bharat mission started by the Prime Minister of India; the Government has started the Swayampurna Goa mission and set the target for sustainable development goal to support the Atmanirbhar Mission, CM said.

Goa is the number one State to provide one of the best solid waste management facilities including to treat bio-medical waste. Even to treat e-waste management facility Goa will be the first State including treating construction waste material, CM said.

The Chief Minister said any development in the State is possible when people participation is involved. He urged upon the people to participate in every mission of the Government for Development of the State

Union Minister, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said ,we need to recollect and understand the ideology behind freedom struggle made by our freedom fighters, which gone through many worst situations while achieving the freedom to make India in new form as it was their dream, he said.

We can give true tribute to our great freedom struggler by making India as per the dream that they have seen, he added.

Har Ghar Jal Se Jal is the mission announced by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the intention for better cause of the society, he said.

He congratulated the Chief Minister, cabinet minister and the entire team members who were part of the achievement. He also paid tribute to late Shri Manohar Parrikar for his great contribution towards development of Goa.

After assuming the Office of the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi had announced that the Government will work for the upliftment of all people. Accordingly, many schemes were announced as per the requirement of the society i.e. providing financial assistance, Pradhan Mantra Awas Yojna, Har Ghar Bijli, Ujwala Yojna including Har Ghar Jal Yojna which is in 2019, Union Minister said.

As per feedback from the states, it revealed that only 16 % population of this country are able to get tap water , hence announcing the Har Ghar Jal se Jal by 2024 was the biggest challenge to cover entire 84 % of the rest of the population of the country. If we consider this population figure, it is more than overall population of Europe. Though this was biggest challenge, it was planned systematically by sharing the responsibility as designing, planning etc through State, many State achieved even after facing Covid-19 pandemic, he pointed.

Though Goa has achieved Har Ghar Jal target much earlier, certificate was not awarded unless every panchayat send a recorded message of Village representative that every household got the water, he pointed.

When Sustainable Development Goal in united nation, India was the largest Open Defecation country in the list, thereby putting a big challenge to make Open Defecation free and with the help of people's participation it was achieved, he added.

Minister for Public Works Department, Shri Nilesh Cabral and Minister for Water Resource Department, Shri Subhash Shirodkar also spoke on the occassion.

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