

Rajasthan achieves 100% rural tap water

Bhilwara: In line with the vision of Chief Minister Mr. Bhajanlal Sharma, the Rajasthan government is committed to ensuring the supply of adequate, quality-assured, and long-term safe drinking water to all rural families in the state through tap connections.

Achieving this goal, under the strong will and guidance of District Collector Namit Mehta, Bhilwara district has attained a unique milestone in the Jal Jeevan Mission. The Mandal block in the district has become the first block in the state where 100% of households have access to clean drinking water through tap connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Significant Achievement of 100% Coverage in Mandal Block

District Collector Namit Mehta stated that Bhilwara district is progressing rapidly in implementing the Jal Jeevan Mission as per the vision of Chief Minister Mr. Bhajanlal Sharma. Under the Jal Jeevan Mission - Har Ghar Jal scheme, Mandal block in the district has become the first block in the



state where 100% of households are receiving clean drinking water through tap connections. Mandal block has achieved full saturation with 100% household tap connections, which is a historic achievement. Mehta mentioned that all 29,524 houses in Mandal block now have active household water connections providing drinking water.

Campaign Execution

Executive Engineer Project Division Mandal Siddharth Tark reported that the approval for

the Jal Jeevan Mission in Bhilwara district was granted in March 2021. To provide tap connections to every house under the Jal Jeevan Mission in Mandal block, an administrative approval of Rs. 260 crores was issued by the Finance Department on February 11, 2021, and a technical approval of Rs. 158.22 crores was issued on July 16, 2021. Additionally, the work order was issued by the Additional Chief Engineer (Project) Division Ajmer on December 21, 2021. This package included the construction

of a total of 345 kilometers of pipeline, 3 pump houses (Bhadu, Bhagwanpura, Bagaur), and 24 high reservoirs for Mandal block.

He added that by July 12 this year, the availability of pure drinking water through 100% active household tap connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission - Har Ghar Jal scheme has been ensured for a total of 29,524 homes in Mandal block, catering to an estimated population of 147,328. Out of these, 16,315 active household tap connections were executed by Project Division Mandal and 13,209 FHTCs by the regular Public Health Engineering Department Circle Bhilwara. Mandal block has been marked 100% complete on the Jal Jeevan Mission's online site (IMIS).

Superintending Engineer Project Circle II Rajiv Sugotra explained that District Collector Namit Mehta consistently monitored the progress of the Har Ghar Jal campaign by conducting regular meetings of the District Water and Sanitation Committee and the Jal Jeevan Mission. Field visits were con-

ducted to expedite the water connection works and maintain water quality, resulting in the timely achievement of this target by the PHED team. According to the state government's intent, departmental engineers developed cost-effective technical plans, ensured effective monitoring, and executed quality construction works within the stipulated timeframe to provide adequate clean drinking water to all residents of Mandal block.

Gratitude from Villagers

Lirdia village Sarpanch Devi Lal Jat expressed gratitude, stating that before having household water connections, all villagers used to fetch water from public stand posts or wells. Now, they are benefiting from clean drinking water through domestic tap connections installed in their homes.

Local resident Pooja Bhambi mentioned that earlier, village women had to carry water from far distances. However, receiving domestic tap connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission has provided them with complete relief. They are very happy and satisfied

with the government's Jal Jeevan Mission scheme.

About Jal Jeevan Mission

On August 15, 2019, India's Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi announced the 'Jal Jeevan Mission' (JJM) from the Red Fort, aimed at providing every rural household with regular drinking water supply through domestic tap connections. The mission aims to provide 55 liters of water per person per day to every rural family through 'Functional Household Tap Connections' (FHTC), ensuring clean drinking water in every home.

Jal Jeevan Mission not only ensures water availability but also guarantees the supply of quality water every time. The mission impacts society in multiple ways. Regular tap water supply relieves women and young girls from the laborious task of carrying large quantities of water for daily household needs. Additionally, women can use the time saved from water collection for income-generating activities, learning new skills, and assisting in their children's education.

Chief Minister's Major Announcements for Vagad-Mewar Region

Udaipur: Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma made significant announcements for the Vagad-Mewar region while discussing the Finance and Appropriation Bill for 2024-25, offering unprecedented gifts to the residents.



Gift of Roads for Smooth Travel: Chief Minister Sharma announced the construction and upgrading of various roads across the state with an allocation of over ₹1100 crores. For Udaipur, he declared the construction of an elevated road from Udaipur City Station to the Collector's residence at a cost of ₹210 crores. Additionally, ₹24 crores were allocated for roads in the Chaurasi Assembly constituency, ₹18 crores for the widening of the Pipal Khunt to Kelamela road in Pratapgarh district, ₹7 crores for roads in Dhariyawad, ₹3 crores for the road from Samol to Atma in Rajsamand district, and ₹2.5 crores for the road from JK School MD to Bhatkeda via the canal.

Atal Pragati Path in Villages: Chief Minister Sharma declared the construction of Atal Pragati Path in rural areas to provide urban-equivalent facilities to village residents. In the first phase, cement concrete roads will be constructed in villages with populations over 10,000, with a proposed expenditure of ₹1000 crores over two years.

Expansion of Drinking Water Facilities: Projects worth approximately ₹540 crores for drinking water facilities were announced. This includes the ₹60 crore Bherach Naka Project for villages in the Kumbhalgarh area of Rajsamand district.

Relief for Entrepreneurs: The establishment of testing labs for paid sampling in 11 districts was announced, with Banswara and Rajsamand included. All labs will be certified by NABL.

Additional Announcements: Other announcements include upgrading Jaisamand sub-tehsil in Udaipur district to a full tehsil, elevating the Tal (Devgarh) Primary Health Center in Rajsamand district to a Community Health Center, and providing LPG cylinders for ₹450 to all beneficiaries under the Food Security Scheme. In Chittorgarh district, the construction of the Bhama Shah Panorama and the Banakiya Anicut worth ₹6 crores was announced to expand irrigation facilities.



MP Warns Mewar of External Threats

Udaipur: Member of Parliament Dr. Mannalal Rawat has urged the residents of Mewar to be vigilant against external elements attempting to disrupt social harmony and peace by inciting caste-based conflicts. In a video released on social media, MP Rawat highlighted the recent incident in Adwas village, Salumber district, where a teacher named Shankar Lal was brutally murdered by his friend Fateh Singh with a sword. After the crime, Fateh Singh committed suicide using the same weapon.

Following the incident, when Shankar Lal's body was brought to Udaipur's Government Maharana Bhupal Hospital for post-mortem, certain external elements tried to create unrest. MP Rawat pointed out that these outsiders interfered with the family's consent process for the post-mortem and attempted to inject caste-based hatred through their speeches, even though the deceased and the accused were good friends without any prior caste-based issues.

The family of the deceased teacher and local residents were simple and unable to understand the disruptive intentions of these external elements. Thanks to the seriousness of local representatives and the alertness of the police administration, an unpleasant situation was averted. Protestors were firmly informed about the provisions of the Respect for Dead Bodies Act 2023, which mandates the cremation of bodies within 24 hours. The family eventually agreed to the post-mortem, and the government provided appropriate financial assistance, a compassionate government job, and other support to the deceased's dependents.

Pen Soldiers Are Never Neutral : Vedvyas

Renowned satirist Harishankar Parsai once said about eminent Hindi poet Gajanan Madhav Muktibodh that Muktibodh was tormented by the coalition of active dishonest and passive honest people. Today, neither Muktibodh nor Parsai is with us, and in the era of globalization and free trade in the 21st century, our literary world is suffering from this unholy grand coalition. Observing the silence of writers on any problem, challenge, or question of the changing India, I still feel that writers are making more compromises and submissions rather than confronting the times. Like a self-absorbed heroine. Hence, it belongs neither to you nor to me but to literature, society, and time. This ailment of passive dishonesty and active honesty has grown miserably since 2014 in the Hindi world, and everyone is searching for salvation and profit through propaganda and confrontation on their fronts.

Nevertheless, writers and cultural activists



have become irrelevant in the literary market because they have abandoned their conscience and embraced intellectual luxury to ensure security before progress. History also notes that the Progressive Writers' Association was established (1936) for the first time in the struggle for political and socio-economic change in the country, and at that time, storyteller Premchand had said that literature is the torch that leads politics and not a business of entertainment and social gatherings. Since then, all organizations with Leftist and Marxist ideologies (Progressive Writers' Association, Democratic Writers' Association, Cultural Platforms, etc.) have fragmented under the extreme interference and contradictions of Leftist parties in all linguistic consciousness in India and have been taking dips in the flowing Ganges of individualism and market-driven systems. Announcements have been made of the death of ideologies, and writers have taken the opportunistic path of leaving all options open. In 1977, for the Congress, poet Srikanth Verma and bureaucrat poet Girija Kumar Mathur had

formed the National Writers' Organization during Indira Gandhi's Emergency, but at that time, Leftist writers' associations had not surrendered before the Emergency, and Srikanth Verma's dream had shattered. I, too, lost my job at All India Radio under the Emergency and hence want to say that since the disintegration of the Soviet Union and the collapse of socialism in 1990, the free market globalization that began in India has led to fragmentation, exodus, and the coalition of active dishonesty and passive honesty in our literature, and the constitution of secularism, democracy, and socialist dreams has begun to weaken, which today has turned into an open play of Farukhabaadi. Surprisingly, the so-called All India Literary Council, initiated by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Jan Sangh, and BJP, is still not broken and scattered, but post-2014, it has openly sounded the trumpet of cultural Hindu nationalism in the fields of literature, culture, art, music, education, science, and information broadcasting and history, and is also building a new India. The truth is that since 1925, the right wing has remained united, but our movements of democratic socialist and secular literature and cultural consciousness have been continuously breaking due to internal conflicts and individualist egos. In such difficult times, my experience and request say what will happen to this new India tomorrow? Where today there is no opposition from Parliament to the street, no intervention from Janpath to Rajpath, and no Rabindranath, Subrahmanyam Bharti, Premchand, Kaifi Azmi, Mahasweta Devi, Mahadevi, Meera, Muktibodh, or Parsai in the fields of literature, culture, and education. I feel that a dark age is looming over the experiments of literature, culture, education, freedom, and truth in India because we are silent, afraid, and trapped in the market of profit and loss and anti-people thoughts, and are deceiving literature, society, and time. Because centuries of slavery have made our truth of being human fight each power system as Dalits, tribals, women, and minorities. The credibility of words has been crushed and sold in the market today. Where is the consciousness and tradition of Taslima Nasrin and Ganesh Lal Vyas Ustad now, which can again flow the Nirgun stream of Govind Guru and Kabir? We have witnessed the partition of India and Pakistan, we were organized during the Emergency, and we were not part of the Somnath to Ayodhya Rath Yatra, so why are we silent and spectators now? Who is making us fight, and who is making us puppets of the government and the market?

KONARK CORPS COMMEMORATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS

Konark Corps proudly commemorated the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas with a two-day event that showcased the might and valour of Indian Armed Forces. The celebra-



tion, held on July 25 and 26 2024, at Jodhpur Military Station, featured an impressive display of military weapons, a captivating performance by the Military Band and a series of events that honoured the bravery and sacrifice of our nation's heroes.

The military weapons display drew large crowds, giving visitors a glimpse into the latest arsenal and equipment used by our brave soldiers. The exhibition featured state-of-the-art weapons, artillery, and military vehicles, highlighting the strength and capabilities of the Indian Armed Forces.

The Military Band's performances were a highlight of the event, stirring the spirit of patriotism and pride among the audience. The band played a range of patriotic tunes, including classic military marches and martial tunes.

The event was attended by the local populace including NCC Cadets and school students of who were fascinated and intrigued by the awe-inspiring display, which inspired and motivated the children to don the uniform and serve the nation.

Madan Rathore Appointed as Rajasthan BJP State President

Rajya Sabha MP Madan Rathore's appointment as Rajasthan BJP State President has drawn a stream of well-wishers to his temporary residence at Western Court in New Delhi. Previously, Rathore received a warm welcome from central ministers and MPs upon his arrival at the Parliament building on Friday. He will assume his new role shortly.

Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal congratulated Madan Rathore, the newly appointed Rajasthan BJP State President and Rajya Sabha MP, expressing confidence that his organizational experience and guidance would infuse new energy into the party workers and strengthen the organization. Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat also extended heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the senior leader and skilled organizer, Madan Rathore, on his

appointment as BJP Rajasthan President, stating that new standards of success would be established under his leadership. Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma also conveyed his congratulations and best wishes on social media, emphasizing that under Rathore's energetic leadership and guidance, BJP would establish new milestones of success in the state with the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas.' He also wished Rathore a successful tenure.

Chief Minister Sharma expressed happiness over the appointment of National General Secretary and Rajya Sabha MP Dr. Radha Mohan Das Agrawal as Rajasthan State In-Charge and National Secretary Vijaya Rahatkar as Co-In-Charge. He conveyed his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes, expressing confidence that their organizational skills and experience would benefit the Rajasthan state organization significantly.

Madan Rathore, the newly appointed Rajasthan BJP State President and Rajya Sabha MP, expressed his gratitude to the party's top leadership, stating that he was deeply grateful and lacked words to express his thanks. He assured that he would strive to meet the expectations of the party leadership.

Outgoing State BJP President MP CP Joshi had offered to resign after the Assembly elections and just before the Lok Sabha elections. Discussions had been ongoing for a long time on who should be appointed as the President since both Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma and State President CP Joshi belong to the Brahmin caste.

Madan Rathore's appointment comes at a time when by-elections are to be held on five assembly seats in Rajasthan. The BJP, aiming to secure victories in these by-elections after the loss in the Lok Sabha elections, has replaced CP Joshi with Madan Rathore as the State President. Rathore, considering himself a true soldier of the party, has also expressed his determination to win the by-elections. He has clearly stated that he will make every effort to win the by-elections by maintaining better coordination between the government and the organization. These by-elections will be a litmus test for him in the near future.

Operation Cyber Strike: Recovery and Return of 326 Lost, Snatched, and Stolen Mobile Phones

Kota: City SP Dr. Amrita Duhan reported the success of Operation Cyber Strike, during which 326 mobile phones, valued at 7.5 million INR, were recovered and returned to their owners. This initiative aimed to address the high number of pending reports on the CEIR portal and at various police stations. Under the guidance of Additional SP Dilip Saini, a team conducted a technical analysis of data related to lost, snatched, and stolen phones from within and outside Rajasthan.

With the cooperation of police station teams, the campaign recovered valuable multimedia phones from various states. These phones were handed over to their owners by the Kota City Police Superintendent. Among the recovered phones, 14 belonged to coaching students, earning public appreciation for the police administration's efforts. The police superintendent's office team and station-level teams played a crucial role in this campaign.

City SP Duhan urged the public to report mobile thefts or losses online on the Rajasthan Police website and to use the CEIR portal to block and trace lost phones, preventing misuse.

Vidhi Sanadhya Shines at State Level Swimming Championship

Udaipur: Vidhi Sanadhya from Udaipur's Sports Village made a remarkable impact at the 73rd State Level Senior Swimming Championship in Kota by winning a gold medal. Swimming coach Dr. Mahesh Paliwal informed that despite being a junior swimmer, Vidhi competed fiercely with senior swimmers. On the first day of the competition, she clocked 3:16.25 in the 200-meter breaststroke and secured the gold



medal today with a time of 1:30.15 in the 100-meter breaststroke. Vidhi still has one more event to compete in.

In addition, Nikhil Jangid won a silver medal in the 50-meter freestyle, and bronze medals in both the 800-meter freestyle and 50-meter backstroke.

Guntash Kaur secured a bronze medal in the 50-meter butterfly and also won bronze in the 4x200-meter freestyle relay.

The Sports Village was abuzz with joy over this achievement. Coaches Narpat Singh (boxing), Reena Purohit (yoga), Usha Acharj (basketball), Khemraj (tennis), Jitendra Singh (skating), Bhiguraj Singh (archery), Shahrulkh (cricket), and Bhubendra Singh (gym) extended their congratulations to the athletes.