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Message From The Project Director

A major objective of Atal Jal is to bring attitudinal & behavioural changes in the community and for this IEC and awareness activities are one of the most important aspects of the Scheme.

While regular awareness activities are being implemented at National & State levels, it was felt that a concentrated effort would be more meaningful and have a larger impact on the stakeholders. For this, 'Atal Bhujal Pakhwada' was organized in all the participating States from 13th to 27th February 2023. This is encapsulated in our lead story. In the first week, the focus was on increased sensitization and awareness of the grass root level stakeholders, while the second week had various theme-based activities like Pani Chaupal, Nukkad Nataks, Exhibition etc. One of the highlights was the visible presence of women who participated with fervour & enthusiasm. A big thank you to all the States for making the Pakhwada a great success.

We were honoured to be awarded the Excellence Award for the Best Sustainable Water Management - Government by the Water Digest. We dedicate this award to the participating States, districts and of course to the Gram Panchayats and DIPs who are working towards the goal of sustainable groundwater management.

Another highlight of the quarter was the participation of Atal Jal in the exhibition held during the 2nd meeting of the G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Working group in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

The stall depicted the ethos of Atal Jal transforming a water deficit Gram Panchayat into a water-efficient Gram Panchayat.

We would love to hear suggestions on the newsletter from you so that we can improve it further.

Warm Regards

Pratul Saxena



Atal Bhujal Pakhwada: 13th to 27th February 2023 Community Empowerment through IEC and Capacity Building

To sensitise and raise awareness amongst the community about Atal Bhujal Yojana. "Atal Bhujal Pakhwada", a two-week extensive awareness campaign, was launched in all the 80 districts of the seven participating States. Activities in the Pakhwada were categorized with a well-defined objective. The first week was focused to ensure sensitisation of the community whereas during the second week, theme-based activities were carried out.

During the Pakhwada, several programmes were conducted in the States with an emphasis on participatory groundwater management through the community aimed at sustainability and briefing about various facts and myths related to groundwater. The State wise activities conducted during the Pakhwada are briefed below.

Gujarat: Hon'ble Cabinet Minister Sh. Kunwarjibhai Bavaliya, Water Resources and Water Supply inaugurated the Atal Jal Pakhwada in the State. In his inaugural message, he emphasised on important role of Women in groundwater management. Hon'ble State Minister Sh. Mukeshbhai Patel, Forest and Environment, Climate Change, Water Resources and Water Supply also emphasized different activities for water conservation through a participatory approach. Sh. K.A. Patel, Secretary (WR), NWRWS & KD, Gujarat highlighted the objectives of Atal Bhujal Yojana. Later, the Atal Jal Rath was flagged off by the Hon'ble Ministers and Secretary. The theme of Atal Jal Rath

Exposure Visit for Supply & Demand-side Interventions, Training cum Interaction with Participatory Ground Water Management Committees etc.

Haryana: The Atal Bhujal Pakhwada was inaugurated by flagging of Atal Jal Rath in the State. Awareness was created by distribution of pamphlets, display boards with information about the Atal Bhujal Yojana and the role of the community in sustainable groundwater management. Other prominent activities carried out during the Pakhwada were Nukkad Nataks at Gram Panchayat level, painting competitions and marathon at school levels, Paani Chaupal in most of the GPs. Pamphlets, Calendars, and Stickers were distributed as IEC material at District/Block/GP level. Seeds were also distributed to Anganwadi/Community members. Officers of various line department shared their field experiences during various programmes.

Karnataka: The SPMU, Karnataka broadcasted audio



messages on the importance of water efficient practices use, water conservation and the need for community participation in groundwater management through publicity van during the Pakhwada. Various farmer's group were oriented on water efficient techniques and different measures for optimum utilization of water in agriculture during the two week long celebrations. Trainings on monitoring of groundwater levels carried out by on site demonstrations at piezometers. Awareness programs also organized in schools where the students were oriented on need for water conservation and efficient water use. The other prominent events during the Pakhwada included rallies by the school students, teachers, and the community to sensitise the masses towards water conservation at GP level.



was 'Water conservation and efficient water use in agriculture'.

Amongst other activities conducted were painting competition in Schools, Prabhat Pheri, canopy campaign, Street plays, Choupal Charcha on Ground Water Management, Door to door Campaign,



Atal Bhujal Pakhwada: 13th to 27th February 2023 Community Empowerment through IEC and Capacity Building



Maharashtra: Various activities during the Pakhwada included Press conference, airing of spots and jingles on Akashwani radio station and exhibition on millets at the district level to celebrate “International Year of Millets, 2023” were carried out. In addition, awareness meetings at district, block and Gram Panchayat levels were also conducted. Exhibitions were also organised at the district level. Other awareness activities included videos on Atal Jal, Painting /Debate/Rangoli Competitions, Awareness Campaign, Prabhat Pheri, Street Plays, Pani Choupal, Focused Group Discussion, Expert Talk, Exhibitions, Meetings, Awareness, Plantation, Vegetable Seed/ Millet seed Kit Distribution, Seminars/workshops, Women /SHG workshops and Trainings etc.



Madhya Pradesh: Hon'ble Union Minister Sh. Prahlad Singh Patel, State, Food Processing Industries, Government of India, inaugurated the Atal Bhujal Pakhwada in Madhya Pradesh. During this Pakhwada, Jan Chaupal / farmers meeting were organized at GP

level. Atal Jal Awareness Raths was flagged off by Shri Sanjay Kumar Mishra (IAS), Collector & District Magistrate, and a bundeli song on Atal Bhujal Yojana was played highlighting water conservation and efficient Ground Water use in agriculture and the domestic sector.

Rajasthan: Display of videos on Atal Jal (Documentary), Jagrukta Rally, Prabhat Feri, Wall Painting, Ratri Chopal, Seminars/workshops and Training were conducted by SPMU, Madhya Pradesh



during the period. A short film on Atal Jal was screened among the community for sensitisation. Drawing competitions was organised in Primary and Middle schools at GP level in which certificates were given to students.

Uttar Pradesh: State Program Management Unit (SPMU), Uttar Pradesh commenced Bhujal Jagrukta Raths, Prabhat Pheris, School level activities such as paintings and drawing competitions, Nukkad Nataks, Women Meetings, Door to Door Meetings, Public Disclosure of Data (Display Board) and trainings on the occasion of Atal Jal Pakhwada. A song on the theme of Atal Jal “Jal Hai Jeevan Ka Aadhar” was produced and played on Bhujal Jagrukta Rath.

The Pakhwada activities were publicized through social and print media, with state and local newspapers publishing articles highlighting the program's objectives under Atal Jal.



1st All India Annual State Ministers' Conference on "Water Vision @ 2047", Bhopal (MP)

The 1st All India Annual State Ministers' Conference with the theme "Water Vision @ 2047" was held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on 5th & 6th January 2023 as part of the India @ 2047 vision plan. The main objective of the conference was to improve engagement and partnership with states and sharing of initiatives and schemes of the Ministry of Jal Shakti. The involvement of the community in the preparation of water security plans and management of resources at the scale of Gram Panchayat, under the Atal Bhujal Yojana,



was also highlighted by Hon'ble Prime Minister. The key speakers from the participating states including Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh also showcased the activities initiated and achievements under Atal Bhujal Yojana in their respective states, during the conference.

The conference was graced by the Chief Guest Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti, GoI and dignitaries including Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, Hon'ble Minister of State for Jal Shakti, GoI; Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh; Shri Tulsi Ram Silawat, Hon'ble Minister, Water Resources



Department (WRD), Madhya Pradesh; Shri Pankaj Kumar, Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti, GoI; Ms Vini Mahajan, Secretary, Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, GoI and Hon'ble Ministers from the various States. The conference was attended by Ms Neety Nagi, Deputy Director, NPMU, Atal Bhujal Yojana.

Shri C. Mrityunjay Swamy, Project Coordinator, PIA Karnataka and Secretary, Minor Irrigation & Groundwater Development Department, shared best practices adopted in Karnataka under Atal Bhujal Yojana. The reuse of treated wastewater for groundwater recharge was applauded by the Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti who suggested all other states adopt such practices to augment the groundwater resources in water-scarce areas.





16th Water Digest Water Awards 2023

Excellence Award for Best Sustainable Water Management - Government to Atal Bhujal Yojana

Atal Bhujal Yojana received the Excellence Award for the "Best Sustainable Water Management - Government" during the 16th Water Digest Water Awards 2023. The Water Awards 2023 were declared by the Water Digest in partnership with UNESCO and supported by the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The award was received by the Project Director and Deputy Secretary, Atal Bhujal Yojana in a prestigious function held on 16th March 2023 at New Delhi.

The award recognised various unique initiatives of the scheme like micro-level sustainable

groundwater management through community participation with focus on demand side interventions in identified water stressed areas, efforts being done for community empowerment, gender mainstreaming and social inclusion through various IEC and Capacity Building initiatives and various efforts for development effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, and ownership. Further, the award also considered efforts for technological innovations and to create a digital footprint viz "Atal Jal" mobile application to capture the real time data and to generate integrated information database at Gram Panchayat level.





Atal Bhujal Yojana at G20 Summit, Gujarat

The State of Gujarat hosted the 2nd Environment & Climate Sustainability Working Group Meeting from 27th to 29th February 2023 during the G20 event at Gandhinagar. Ministry of Jal Shakti participated in the event and showcased the exhibits of various departments and programs.

An informative stall of Atal Bhujal Yojana was also setup in the exhibition pavilion. The Atal Jal stall narrated a story of a Gram Panchayat 'Before and After Atal Jal' visualized through two models, two photographs and eight posters on the major components and activities.

The exhibit of Atal Bhujal Yojana narrated a story of transformation of a Gram Panchayat from water deficient to water efficient through community led sustainable ground water management. The story begins with a visual model of a gram panchayat with a business as usual and dreaming for "Let the past- be the past". The story marches ahead and witnesses various activities beginning with the Information Education and Communication (IEC), Training and Capacity



Building, Women Empowerment to promote Gender Equality, Environmental and Social safeguards to protect the ecosystem, preparation of community led Water Security plans through demystification of science, various Demand and Supply side interventions being implemented



through convergence, equipment installed for hydrological and hydrogeological monitoring and the data disclosure for the public. The story as such does not have the end as it's the journey which has just begun for transformation. The dream model of Atal Jal Gram Panchayat and the photograph titled "The Journey has just begun" are in perfect sync and symbolizes the positive impacts of the scheme for replication.

The stall was graced by Smt. Darshana Jardosh, the Hon'ble Minister of State for Railways & Textile, GoI; Smt. Leena Nandan, Secretary, MoEF; Smt. Debashree Mukherjee, Special Secretary (DoWR, RD & GR), MoJS; and Sh. Subodh Yadav, Joint Secretary (Admin, IC & GW), DoWR, RD&GR. Foreign delegates, Chairman - Central Water Commission, Conservator of Forest, Gujarat, dignitaries, officials and representatives from Government of Gujarat also visited the stall.



Atal Bhujal Yojana at G20 Summit, Gujarat

Visitors appreciated the information provided in a simplistic yet effective manner through the story. All visitors were provided with an Informative folder, a newsletter and a souvenir as token of

remembrance and gratitude. Wide media coverage was done by various News channels and newspapers for all the three days.



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Third meeting of National Level Steering Committee (NLSC), New Delhi

The third meeting of the National Level Steering Committee (NLSC) of Atal Bhujal Yojana was held on 19th January 2023 at New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Water Resources, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti. The meeting was attended by Senior Officers of seven States where the project is being implemented as well as some line Departments. The Special Secretary, Joint Secretary (Admin, IC&GW), Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor DoWR, RD & GR, MoJS were also present during the meeting.

The Committee reviewed the overall progress of the scheme and directed the States to expedite convergence for implementation of various interventions proposed under Water Security Plans (WSPs). Completion of WSPs was praised by the

Secretary and at the same time it was emphasized that this is an iterative process and the WSPs are to be updated annually in consultation with the community.

Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR iterated that the sustainability of the drinking water sources is to be given utmost priority while taking up interventions under this Scheme. Since communities are at the forefront of the project, the importance of the capacity building of the communities was also emphasized. The Special Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR scored the importance of continued engagement with the community with a focus on the aim that the WSPs are to be owned by the Communities, for which regular IEC and awareness activities are to be carried out.



Training on Physical Verification Protocols

Officers from the NPMU visited all 7 states from 14th to 28th February 2023 to discuss the verification protocol for Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLI) 3, 4 and 5. They interacted with the officers at SPMU and DPMU, experts and DIP personals regarding various issues being faced during the verification of claims for

the year 2021-22 and also any other related issues raised by the States and district units. The NPMU team resolved all the issues and guided the States for filling up the claim formats and submission of the data for claim submission for the financial year 2022-23.

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National Learning Workshop – Thane, Mumbai

The National Learning Workshop on “Aspiration to Implementation” was organised by Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (RMP) and PriMove at RMP, Thane from 20th to 21st January 2023. The objective of the workshop was to address the issue of infrastructure



creation to service Delivery under Jal Jeevan Mission.

Dr. Umesh S. Balpande, Director, NPMU, attended the workshop and was one of the panellist during the session on “Source Sustainability – Challenges and Solutions” along with Padmashri Sh. Popatrao Pawar,

President of Aadarsh Gram Programmes of Govt. of Maharashtra; Sh. Laxman Singh, Secretary, GVN, Latoria, Rajasthan; Sh. Sujoy Mojumdar, WASH Specialist, UNICEF, India; Sh. Chintamani Joshi (IAS),



Commissioner, GSDA, Govt. of Maharashtra and Dr. Chandrakant Bhoyar, Senior Geologist, GSDA, Pune. During the panel discussion, Dr. Balpande highlighted the priority to ensure source sustainability under JJM by preparing water security plans at the level of Gram Panchayats and to implement interventions proposed through various ongoing government schemes into action.

Indian Science Congress – Nagpur (Maharashtra)

The 108th Indian Science Congress was held in Nagpur on January 4, 2023, and was attended by Dr Umesh S. Balpande, Director, NPMU. Academics and scientists from all over the country attended the conference. Dr. Balpande delivered a presentation on "Atal Bhujal

attended by about 100 participants from various spheres. The attendees were very appreciative of the national efforts being made through the Atal Bhujal Yojana to manage groundwater sustainably.



Yojana - An initiative towards Community Driven Sustainable Groundwater Management" during the Earth System Sciences session. The presentation was



The stall setup by Central Ground Water Board, Central Region, Nagpur displayed the posters and banners highlighting the key components of the Atal Bhujal Yojana.

A two-days National Level Training cum Workshop on "Participatory Groundwater Management" was organised from 3rd to 4th February by SPMU,



The objective of the training was to emphasize community participation for groundwater management. The training was also focused on



at the level of Gram Panchayats to increase their understanding in all the aspects of the scheme through various activities like sensitization through IEC and capacity building, data collection and dissemination, and bringing the behaviour change in the community for sustainable management of groundwater.



During the training cum workshop, lectures / presentations were delivered by the experts to the participants from all the seven States. An exposure visits to Mota and Nana Angiya Gram Panchayats of Nakhatrana Block, District Kachchh was also



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National Training cum Workshop on “Participatory Groundwater Management” at Agricultural Research Institute, Rajasthan

The SPMU, Rajasthan and NPMU, New Delhi collaborated to host a two-day national level training cum workshop on "Participatory Groundwater Management" on 21st and 22nd February 2023, at the Agricultural Research Institute in Jaipur, Rajasthan.



The training was attended by a total of 70 participants from all seven states of Atal Bhujal Yojana, including officials and experts from the SPMUs and DPMUs. The objective of the training was to orient the participants about Participatory Groundwater Management, Institutional Framework, Behavioural Change, Water Resources Planning, Water Games for Crop Water Budgeting, etc.

Sh. Mahesh Joshi, Hon'ble Minister, PHED, Government of Rajasthan, inaugurated the programme. The training cum workshop was attended by Sh. Subodh Agarwal, ACS & Project Coordinator, Sh. Surajbhan Singh, Project Director, and others from SPMU Rajasthan. Ms. Neety Nayar, Deputy Director, and Dr K. K. Gaur, Social Expert, NPMU attended the training and gave presentations on participatory groundwater management and Institutional Frameworks and Behavioural Change at Community Level for Sustainable Groundwater Management. The invited speakers and experts presented their experiences in managing groundwater. The participants of the workshop got benefited from the success stories of three innovative farmers as well as

their insights into the difficulties they faced. Gujarat's M/s Foundation for Ecological Security (FES) hosted the Water Games on Crop Water Budgeting.

An exposure visit to Village Laporia, Dudu block, District Jaipur was organized for all the participants on the second day of the training program. Padamshree Lakshman Singh ji guided all the participants and showcased his efforts in the field of sustainable water management through community participation. He also demonstrated the Chauka system, a water-harvesting structure in the field. A visit to the best practices adopted by the farmer-beneficiaries for



groundwater resource management in Begus Bajeri, Jaipur district was also carried out. Drip and sprinkler irrigation techniques adopted by the farmers were showcased. During the visit, plasticulture & poly houses adopted by the group of farmers on cucumber



cultivation became a point of attraction among the participants.

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National level Training cum Workshop on "Source Sustainability", Lucknow (UP)

A two-days National Level Training cum Workshop on "Source Sustainability" was organised from 14th to 15th March 2023 by SPMU, Uttar Pradesh under the guidance of NPMU, New Delhi. The program was organised at the State Institute of



Rural Development (SIRD), Lucknow. The program was inaugurated by the Director, Ground Water Department, Uttar Pradesh in presence of Sh. Sujit Sinha, Team leader, NTSA, NPMU. Dr. P.C. Chandra, Retd. Sr. Geophysicist, CGWB and Sh. S.G



Bhartariya, Regional Director, CGWB also graced the inaugural function. About 70 officers and experts from all the seven States attended to the training cum workshop.

During the training, lectures / presentations were delivered by the experts on sustainability of resources particularly in reference to Bundelkhand area of Uttar Pradesh. On the second

day of the training, exposure visit was planned for all the participants and were taken to Amrit Sarovar site in Lucknow and the farm of Padma Shri Sh. Ram Saran Verma, whose adoption of innovative techniques has changed cropping patterns and produced high yields with minimal water use, marking it the best example of agro



economics. Padmashree awardee Sh. Uma Shankar Pandey, whose untiring efforts led to transformation of Jakhni Village into Jal Gram also guided the participants during the exposure visit.

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National workshop on "Best Practices in Groundwater Management and Exposure visit to Model Village Hivare Bazar" at Pune (Maharashtra)

A National level workshop on "Best Practices in Groundwater Management" was organised by SPMU, Maharashtra under the guidance of NPMU, New Delhi from 20th and 21st, March 2023 at



IISER, Pune, Maharashtra. An exposure visit to Hiware Bazar- A Model Village in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra was arranged as a part of the National workshop for all the participating States. The national workshop was inaugurated by



Dr V. K. Pakhmade, Joint Director, GSDA, Maharashtra; Shri Sujit Sinha, Team Leader, NTSA, NPMU, New Delhi, and Shri. R. S. Goski, Nodal Officer, Atal Bhujal Yojana, GSDA, Maharashtra. The workshop was attended by about 120 participants from all the seven States under Atal Bhujal Yojana. On the first day of the national

workshop, eight lectures / presentations were delivered by the experts with the overall theme on best practices in groundwater management.

All the participants of the National workshop were taken to visit the model village of Hiware Bazar,



District Ahmednagar. Padmashree Sh. Popatrao Pawar guided all the participants and shared his experiences towards sustainable groundwater management through community participation. The participants were also taken to Gram Panchayat Ralegan Siddhi, district Ahmednagar to meet with Padma Bhushan Shri Anna Hajare who transformed his village from water deficit to water surplus by involving the community. Sh. Anna Hajare with his inspiring words encouraged all the participants and asked to do their best in villages for long-term development.



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Physical Training cum workshop on Public Financial Management System

Officials from all seven States attended the physical training and workshop on “Public Financial Management System (PFMS) CNA/EAT model II on 7th February 2023, at NPMU, New Delhi. The training was given by Sh. Anup Katoch, PFMS training cell. Interested representatives from the different Line departments, DPMUs, and SPMUs also joined the training sessions virtually. The objective of the workshop was to provide training on how to operate the PFMS portal on the CNA module, and also to provide the clarifications / queries raised by participants. The training was found very useful for the

implementation of the new fund flow system in PFMS.



Physical verification in Gram Panchayats under DLI#3 and DLI#4

NPMU, Atal Bhujal Yojana received a claim for convergence of funds for 4093 Gram Panchayats (GP) from the six States for FY 2021-22 under DLI#3 - Public financing of approved Water Security Plans through convergence and DLI#4 - Adoption of practices for efficient water use. Physical verification in these GPs was carried out for the interventions claimed by the States.

The NPMU successfully conducted physical verification of 205 GPs across the six states. The verification included conducting random field visit, interacting with the beneficiaries as well as comparing

supply-side interventions were also inspected by the officials.



the supporting documents for claims by the states. During the physical verification, various demand and

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International Women's Day (IWD) celebration

Maharashtra : On the occasion of World Women's Day, on 8th March 2023, a workshop on "Women's Participation in Water Sector" was organised at Bhujal Bhawan, Ground Water Survey and Development Agency, Pune. Shri. Chintamani Joshi, Commissioner,



Ground Water Survey and Development Agency, Pune, Maharashtra in his speech expressed that the Women are the best management experts and as a result, women who have done well in their homes, businesses, and careers must invest heavily in the



water sector. While saving water in the domestic and agricultural sectors, our children should be taught to conserve water."

The workshop was attended by Women Sarpanches, Village Water & Sanitation Committee (VWSC) members and Gram Panchayat Members who have done outstanding work in the field of groundwater

management. A badge of honour, a certificate and a cap were presented to all the participants.

The workshop recognized the exceptional contributions of 20 women from Purandar and Baramati Gram Panchayats by awarding "Jeevan Gourav Puraskar", that acknowledges their outstanding work in groundwater management. The award was a tribute to their hard work and dedication in the field and it served as an inspiration to other women to follow in their footsteps.

The Gender Mid-Term evaluation study report was also released during the event.

Haryana: The District Program Management Unit of Haryana hosted a seminar at "Panipat Museum" to spread awareness about the significant roles played by women in groundwater management and discussed ways to increase the meaningful engagement of women in Atal Bhujal Yojana. It included presentations by experts, panel discussions and question-answer sessions about Gender Equality and Mainstreaming through Women's Empowerment.

Atal Jal's informational material were distributed to the participants for understanding the program and about Gender Equality. The participants also took the "Water Oath" during the event.

The International Women Day was also celebrated by other states to recognise the role of women in water management and their leadership.



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Models for efficient water practices and conservation attracts visitors: Chikkaballapura Festival

Chikkaballapura festival, Karnataka was organized by the district administration, Chikkaballapura from 7th to 14th January 2023. The festival was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka Shri. Basavaraja Bommai in the presence of Hon'ble Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar, Medical Education, Hon'ble Minister Shri. Byrathi Basavaraj, Urban Development Housing, Hon'ble Minister and District in-Charge Shri. MTB Nagaraj,



Power, Hon'ble Minister Shri. Sunil Kumar, Rajyasabha Member and Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari Dr Veerendra Heggade.

A model representing an ideal village under Atal Bhujal Yojana with all activities was showcased to create awareness among the visitors on different



aspects of the project and showcased the physical model of aquifer system, observatory borewell, injection well and precision irrigation within the model village. A mobile LED display van was also set up for creating awareness of the program among more than 75,000 visitors through audio-visuals about the project. Dignitaries visited the models of the Atal Bhujal Yojana set up as part of the model village and took note of the working of the structures and their contribution to water conservation and recharge.

Atal Bhujal Yojana tableau displayed on Republic Day - Haryana

On the occasion of the 74th Republic Day, a tableau of the Atal Bhujal Yojana was displayed during the parade at the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Stadium, Sirsa district, Haryana. Sh. Devendra Singh Babli, Hon'ble Minister, Panchayat and Development Department and Sh. Partha Gupta, Deputy Commissioner, Sirsa graced the function. The tableau, depicted several operational models and exhibits, including management of rainwater collection, precision farming, injection well/recharge well, drip irrigation, sprinkler irrigation, earth layers, and drip irrigation. The tableau became the main centre of attraction

during the program for all the people and fetched many inquiries regarding the scheme and its benefits.



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Mid- Term Review by the World Bank team in Gujarat

The World Bank team and officers from NPMU visited Gandhinagar on 3rd to 4th January 2023 as part of the Mid-Term review mission and had meetings with the policymakers, officers at SPMU, DPMU, and DIP personals.

The mission also visited the Sant Sarovar recharge structure, Piezometer site in Badpura Gram Panchayat, Gandhinagar district and Recharge Tube well site in Umta Gram Panchayat of Mehsana district. During the field visit the team held detailed discussions with PGWMC members in Badpura GP and Laxmipura GP. The interactions with the participants also demonstrated that women are well-sensitized. The team discussed technical issues with the District Collector, Mehsana and officials from the line departments.



The team also had a meeting with the Special Secretary (WR), Project Coordinator, Additional Secretary & Chief Engineer (P), Govt of Gujarat and discussed various key concerns of the scheme.

Mid- Term Review by the World Bank team in Maharashtra

The World Bank team and officers from NPMU visited Nagpur and Mumbai during the Mid-Term review mission of Maharashtra State and had series of meetings with the policymakers, SPMU, DPMU, and DIP personals.

The team also visited two Gram Panchayats viz. Khedi Gowargondi in Narkhed taluka and Khursapar in Katol taluka of Nagpur district, Maharashtra to ensure ground implementation of the scheme. The team also had a meeting with the District Collector, Nagpur and discussed various key concerns particularly to give more emphasis on convergence under DLI#3. Shri C. Joshi (IAS), Commissioner, GSDA & Project Director, SPMU, Maharashtra and other officers accompanied the mission during the visit.

The team also had a meeting with the officers of all the line departments on virtual platform at

Mumbai. The team also had a meeting with Sh. Rajesh Kumar (IAS), Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj of Maharashtra, holding a charge of Principal Secretary, Water Supply and Sanitation Department, GoM and discussed important issues for successful implementation of the scheme in the State.



HIGHLIGHTS



Mid- Term Review by the World Bank team in Uttar Pradesh

The World Bank's Mid-Term Review Mission was held on 12th January 2023 at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. The World Bank Representative and the NPMU team met with officers of SPMU, Line Departments, DIPs, SIRD, and other organisations. A wrap-up meeting was also held with the Principal Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh. During the discussions, it was suggested that adequate efforts be made to optimise the use of the incentive amount released to the State under the scheme. Similarly, progress made under DLI#3

and DLI#4, i.e. convergence of funds and increase in area under efficient irrigation system, should also be increased proportionally.



Mid- Term Review by the World Bank team in Madhya Pradesh

The World Bank's Mid-Term Review Mission in Madhya Pradesh took place on 10th January 2023, at SPMU Bhopal. The World Bank Representative and the NPMU team met with the officers of SPMU. Important issues concerning the State were thoroughly discussed, including the fiduciary aspect, incentive fund utilisation, convergence, Training and IEC progress, and a progress review of various activities of the DIPs. The meeting was attended by the representatives of various line departments, State level officers, SPMU/DPMU officers/officials, Subject experts, and DIP officials. Sh. S.N. Mishra (IAS), Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resource Department (WRD), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, chaired the wrap-up meeting with NPMU, SPMU, and World Bank representatives to discuss the next steps to achieve project objectives.

The team also visited Berkhedi Guru Gram Panchayat, block Sagar, district Sagar, and spoke with the Sarpanch and Gram Panchayat members

about their Water Security plan and proposed interventions. The team also met with the DM/CEO of the Zila Panchayat and line department officers to discuss the overall progress of Atal Jal in Sagar District. On the second day, the team went to Gram Panchayat Bachalon, Block Sagar District Sagar, to monitor the field activities and interact with VWSC members, women, and community representatives.



HIGHLIGHTS



Mid- Term Review by the World Bank team in Karnataka

As part of the mid-term review mission of the Atal Jal implementation in Karnataka, the World Bank & NPMU, the Atal Jal team visited several Gram Panchayats in Tumkur district. Sh. Ramachandraiah.B.G, Project Director, SPMU; Smt. Sujatha HL, nodal officer, other officials from SPMU, as well as DPMU Tumkur and representatives from various line departments accompanied during the visits. On 16th January, 2023, a community gathering was conducted at the Dabbegatta panchayats in the Madhugiri block of Tumkur district. The World Bank and NPMU interacted with the community to ensure their participation in Atal Bhujal Yojana for groundwater management. Using a Participatory Rural Appraisal exercise, the community informed the steps taken to prepare a water security strategy and the status of its execution to date.

The team also had interactions with locals at many locations where supply and demand side initiatives were undertaken in convergence with line

departments and Atal Jal incentive money. The World Bank delegation also had a meeting with CEO, Zilla Panchayat, Tumkur and other senior officers of line departments. On 17th January, 2023, the World Bank and NPMU team also had a meeting with the Project Coordinator, Sh. C. Mrutyunjaya Swamy, and briefed about the status of scheme implementation in the State and suggested to accelerate the scheme's activities.



Wrap up of Mid-Term Review by World Bank of Atal Bhujal Yojana

The wrap-up of the Mid-Term Review Mission by the World Bank was held on 19th January 2023 in New Delhi. Sh. Satyapriya, Task Team Leader, World Bank, summarized the month-long Mission in terms of overall and State-wise progress. The key findings of the mission as well as challenges

were highlighted during the session. All seven states also presented the best practices being adopted in their respective States under Atal Bhujal Yojana and showcased how the outcome of this scheme shall bring change in Ground Water Management at the ground level.

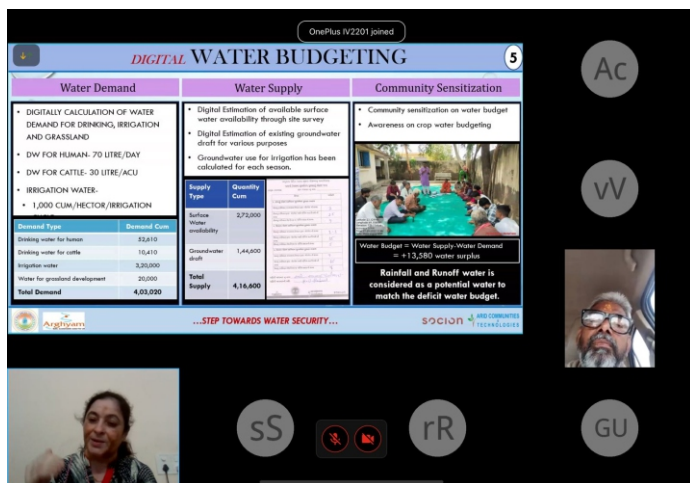


HIGHLIGHTS



World Water Day 2023

The World Water Day was celebrated by NPMU on 22nd March 2023 by organizing a "Water Talk" on virtual platform. Eminent personalities viz. Padma Shree awardee Shri Uma Shankar Pandey, Dr. Nandakumaran P., Ex-Chairman CGWB and the First Project Director, Atal Bhujal Yojana; and Dr. Sazina Bhimani, ACT, Bhuj, Kachchh were invited to deliver a talk. Sh. Pratul Saxena, Project Director, Atal Bhujal Yojana welcomed all the key speakers and the participants and briefed the objectives of the program.



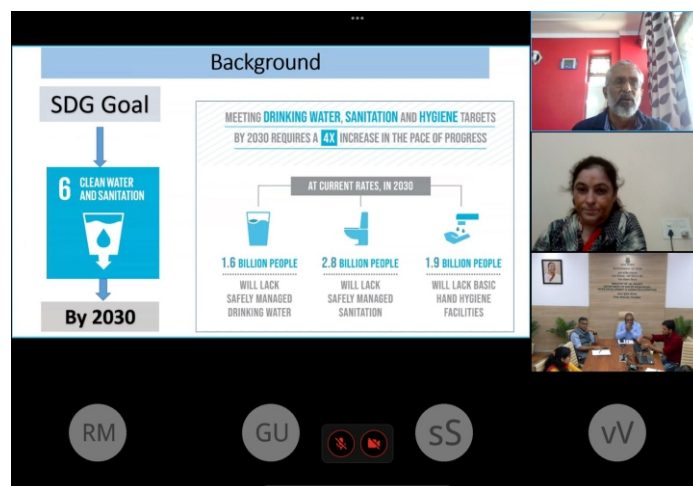
Dr. Nanadakumaran P. emphasized that Atal Bhujal Yojana is well in tune with the Sustainable Development Goal -6 (Clean water and sanitation). He mentioned certain challenges, like lack of awareness, dependence on groundwater, limited institutional support, conflicts, climate change impact etc. To meet these challenges, he made several suggestions which include creating an enabling environment for Ensuring community participation, and the adoption of innovative technologies.

Padma Shree Dr Uma Shankar Pande mentioned the importance of Water and trees in human and environmental protection for saving flora and fauna. He explained the efforts made by him in the

water-stressed Bundelkhand area in close cooperation with the community members on conservation of these two precious elements of life. Further, he explained his slogan "Khet par meidh, meidh par ped"; besides, he told the importance of checking water quality by the community and the efforts to be made on saving water during its usage for different purposes. He also reiterated that the concept of Atal Bhujal Yojana is excellent and could be a game changer for efficient groundwater management.

Dr. Sazina Bhimani presented a case study covering a cluster of 19 villages under the Atal Bhujal program in Kachchh district of Gujarat. She explained the concepts of Bhujal Jankar and Community Resource Person (CRP) in detail and their roles in creating awareness and preparation of Water Security Plan (WSP). She also emphasised that the involvement of CRP could be considered as the catalytic agent in making the programme successful.

The program ended with a formal vote of thanks by Dr Umesh S. Balpande, Director, NPMU to the guest speakers and participants.



HIGHLIGHTS



World Water Day Celebrations in the States

Gujarat: A Farmer's Workshop with notable experts was organized as part of the celebration in Block Vadali, District Banaskatha. The experts provided information, and each farmer was provided with a copy of the village's water budget and GP-level water security plan. Farmers were urged to take advantage of the subsidies and adopt micro irrigation and less water-intensive crops. The programme was successful and ended with the commitment to conserve water. Information was also provided to the farmers on how to raise groundwater levels through a variety of actions.



Haryana: Irrigation & Water Resource Department, Bhiwani organised a Mini Marathon in the district. Men and Women of all the ages participated in the marathon. They covered seven km while running



across the city, promoting groundwater conservation and the World Water Day 2023 theme, "Accelerating the transformation to tackle the water and sanitation issue". The Nodal Officer, Bhiwani encouraged the winners with the awards for both the male and female

categories.



Rajasthan: Hon'ble Minister Dr Mahesh Joshi, Public Health Engineering and Ground Water Department, Government of Rajasthan flagged off the Atal Jal chariots. These chariots toured 1139 GPs in 17 districts of the state and provided information on water-saving methods and efficient irrigation practices.

Uttar Pradesh: An exhibition on water conservation techniques was organized in which a model of drip irrigation method was showcased. The exhibition created an awareness on groundwater management and water smart agricultural practices. The program was attended by farmers, Jal Saheli and VWSC members and local citizens. During the program, appreciation certificates were distributed to water heroes who did excellent work during Atal Jal Pakhwada.

District Banda's District Horticulture Department hosted a two-day Kisan Goshthi/Fair. Honourable Member of Parliament Sh. R.K. Patel, District BJP President Sh Sanjay Singh, Padmashree Sh. Umashankar Pandey, Chief Development Officer Sh. Bed Prakash Maurya, and others joined during the inauguration of the Kisan Mela. Each Gram Panchayat's Jalveer received a Jalveer Recognition Certificate for their outstanding efforts in promoting and harvesting water through the Atal Bhujal Yojana.

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- 1 Awareness campaign during the Atal Bhujal Pakhwada, District Satara, Maharashtra
- 2 Demonstrating new technologies for water conservation to the students at Exhibition, Chikkamagaluru festival, Karnataka
- 3 Use of mulching for cultivation of vegetables in Gujarat
- 4 Flagging the Atal Jal Rath for awareness, district Fatehabad, Haryana
- 5 Atal Jal Mobile van demonstrating Rainwater Harvesting and Injection Well during exhibition, Karnataka
- 6 Demonstrating a model of Atal Jal village to the Hon'ble Minister, WRD, Govt. of Gujarat during exhibition.
- 7 Gram Panchayat level training organized by WALMI, Bhopal under Atal Bhujal Yojana

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- 1 IEC activities in Bheru Ki Talai Pilwa Gram Panchayat, Chandwaji Panchayat Samiti, Amer Jaipur Rajasthan
- 2 Block Level Training Conducted at Vadnagar, District Mehsana, Gujarat
- 3 Atal Jal Pakhwada an exposure training has been conducted for supply side intervention at Nakhatrana Taluka, Kachchh District of Gujarat.
- 4 Training program conducted about drip and sprinkler system in Gp Bijauli, Block Rajpura, District Meerut, Uttar Pradesh.
- 5 District level training program under Atal Bhujal Yojana at Damoh, Madhya Pradesh
- 6 GP level Awareness Program in school at Kavanadhala Panchayat, Madhugiri taluk, Karnataka
- 7 Display of Atal Jal village model during the Pakhwada at Bepadar and Vadhasar GPs, Saraswati Block, Patan District, Gujarat

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अटल भू-जल योजनान्तर्गत जागरूकता कार्यक्रम: रैली निकालकर ग्रामीणों को जल संरक्षण के प्रति किया जागरूक

सीधा सवाल । सीधा सवाल। चित्तोडगढ़। अठार भूजल योजना के तहत ग्राम 'चायन घटवलिया', उत्तपुरा, निवासगंज पंछीली में भूजल विभाग चित्तोडगढ़ एवं सर्व मानक संचयन के संस्कार तत्वावधाने मानकतः कार्यक्रम आयोजित किए गए। इनमें स्थानीय विद्यार्थियों के छत्र-छाया में रेली निवासगंज ग्रामीणों के जल संरक्षण के प्रति जागरूक किया। रेली के पड़ाव चित्तकला प्रतियोगिता आयोजित किए गए। इसमें छत्र - छात्रों ने जल बचाव व जल संरक्षण एवं पुनर्भरण प्रतियोगिता संचालित, जो प्रायः प्राप्त जल द्वारा भूजल पुनर्भरण एवं जल प्रणालियों में रिचार्ज पॉइंट द्वारा भूजल पुनर्भरण से संबंधित चित्र बनाकर जल के महत्व का स्पेरेश दिया। प्रतियोगिता में प्रथम, द्वितीय, तृतीय स्थान प्राप्त करने वाले छत्र-छात्रों को भूजल विभाग द्वारा हार्दिक व प्रमाणपत्र देकर सम्मानित किया गया। साथ ही, गांव में चापल अंतर्गत छत्र बरिशार के पानी को इकट्ठ करके जल संरक्षण एवं पुनर्भरण संचालना, जल के प्राप्ति जल द्वारा भूजल पुनर्भरण एवं जल प्रणालियों में रिचार्ज पॉइंट द्वारा भूजल पुनर्भरण आदि विषयों पर चर्चा की गई। इस अवसर पर भूजल विभाग के अधिकारी, छत्र छात्र व ग्रामीण उपस्थित रहे।

❑ आयष-अंतिमा नेटवर्क

खेतड़ी (विजेन्द्र शर्मा)। मानोता जाटान के राजकीय उच्च माध्यमिक विद्यालय में बृहस्पतिवार को अटल भू-जल योजना के अंतर्गत आईईसी गतिविधियों में अटल भू-जल योजना के तहत भू-जल विभाग झुझू को ओर से चित्रकला प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। आईईसी विशेषज्ञ अशोक कुमार सैनी के द्वारा आयोजित चित्रकला प्रतियोगिता में विद्यालय के 41 विद्यार्थियों ने भाग लिया। प्रतियोगिता की थीम पर वर्षा जल का संरक्षण रखा गया, जिसमें प्रतियोगिता में अलग-अलग चित्रकारी का भू-जल संरक्षण करने के बारे में दर्शाया गया। विद्यालय स्तर पर जुरी के माध्यम से प्रथम द्वितीय एवं तृतीय स्थान पर रहने वाले विद्यार्थियों का मयन किया तथा आईईसी विशेषज्ञ अशोक कुमार सैनी के द्वारा उनको पुरस्कृत किया गया। प्रधानाचार्य सुरेश चंद चेजारा ने अटल भूजल योजना के बारे में विस्तार से बताया। व्याख्याता मंजू कुमारी एवं वरिष्ठ अध्यापक वर्षा भाई ने सहयोग प्रदान किया।

कुश्नपुर, 24 जनवरी (रामपाल शर्मा) : उपायुक्त शनिवतु शर्मा ने कहा कि पानी को एक-एक बूंद बचाने के लिए लोगों को आसुरक करने की जरूरत है। इस जिले में लगातार भूकल स्तर गिरता जा रहा है। अगर यही स्थिति रहे तो जल की कमी का सामना करना पड़ेगा।

हिए भी जल की पियाग। इसलिये हर गंधी स्थिति को जलान में रखते हुए पानी को बचाने और संरक्षण को भी बहुत ज़रूरत है। उदात्तक शान्तु शान्तु गंधावरा को पुष्पिल लानु से हरियाणा सिंचाई एवं जल संसाधन विभाग की तरफ से आयोजित अन्तर् भुजल योजना की प्रचार यात्रा को लेकर अतिरिक्त एक कार्यक्रम में बोले थे। दूसरे पक्षे जलुयुक्त शान्तु शान्तु गंधावरा, पुष्पिल अथौलक सुदुत सिंह भारिया, एडवोकेट अखिल पिलानी, एएसपी कर्ण गोपाल, सुपरमार्केट भूद पाल, जिला परिषद के सौंदर्यो भूद सिंह, सटीमप चंदका कटारिया ने अन्तर् भुजल प्रचार यात्रा को हरि श्रुती देव

रखना किया। उदात्तक ने लोगों को निदेश देते हुए कहा कि अन्तर् भुजल योजना के तहत संस्थापित अधिकारी जलान के तहत कुकुल को ड्रकॉ बोले जाते थेओ मैं जयता से जयता जगज्जकता अभियानों को चकार जल संरक्षण अभियान को सलत बना सका। इस अभियान को लेकर सकार और प्रशान आमजन को संस्थापन उत्पलन करवा सकता है। हरि जगज्जकता ला सकता है। रही मायन में पानी को बचाने के लिए आमजन के प्रयास बहुत ज़रूरत है। सौंदर्यो हरिदेव सक्की के सुपरटेंड इंजीनियर ओली कोशिक ने

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कि यह अटल जल रथ गाँव-गाँव जाकर डार्क जॉन वाले क्षेत्रों में आमजन को जागरूक करने का काम करेगा। इस अभियान के तहत पोलियो, लाइवा, व शास्वद के डार्क जॉन वाले सभी गाँवों का एकत्र किया जाएगा ताकि विभाग व सरकार द्वारा मिली अटल जल स्कीमों से संपर्क। अटल जल रथ का इस ग्रामीणों को घटते भूख और प्रबंधन की ओर प्रेरण करन है। इस प्रयत्न लोगों को भूख का माहव गिनती को समझना है। इस रथ अटल भूख योजना इंग्लैण्ड विभाग से सुचन, वरुण विशेषज्ञ डॉ सतिवदत डंडा वरुण विशेषज्ञ कमलेश चौधरी टीम से गाँव डार्क जॉन, नवीन नौ, सांगलवा, सुनील कुमार श्रेष्ठ थे।

नवभारत, पधरिया। मध्यप्रदेश के 9 विकासखंड में से एक दमोहा जिले की पधरिया विकासखंड में जहां अटल भू जल योजना पर प्रशिक्षण आयोजित हो रहे हैं। इसी क्रम में आज दिनांक 05 जनवरी 2023 को पधरिया के ग्राम पंचायत बांसा कला में सरपंच श्री यतेन्द्र सिंह बांकड़ा की की उपस्थिति में आयोजित किया गया। मध्यप्रदेश जल भूमि प्रबंधन वाल्मी संस्था के मास्टर ट्रेनर आजाद दुबे ने बताया कि अटल भू जल योजना के हर

प्रशिक्षण अलावा-अलाता त के है पर सबका सम्बंध जल से हैं, हमें गांव के लगातार गिरते भूजल बचाने का काम करना है, भूजल को हमें रोकने के लिए समुदायिक रूप से अभी आकर प्रयास करना होगा तभी हम अपने गांव को पानीरक्षित बना सकते हैं। हमें किनारे पानी नगरपालिका किचन और हमने पिकनी

तलाब आदि के माध्यम से कैसे हम जल को स्पर्शवाहक सकते हैं, इस विषय पर अरुणदास प्रशिक्षण शिविर में रहतीं। इस अवसर पर सामाजिक संस्था नेहरू युवा नव जगत् नव नव मंडल बांसा कला के अयुक्त घनश्याम पटेल, डीपीएमयू देहाद से विक्रम सिंह ठाकुर, आईसी शिवोषाज, सुपरवाइजर पुनम गुप्ता, डी. सुपरवीसर हरिचरण अठ्ठाया, सिखिल इंजीनियर, दिलीप पटेल सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता, अरुण भूजल वॉलंटियर उपेन्द्र भूजल, ग्राम रोजगार सहायक धर्मेश सिंह ठाकुर, ग्राम पंचायत बांसा कला में स्थित आंगनवाड़ी से गीता ठाकुर, रामनगरी पटेल, सविता बेरवाल, आदि आगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ता सहायिका, ग्राम के नामस्थानी नागरिकों की भागीदारी रही।

જિલ્લામાં અટલ ભૂજલ યોજના પળવાડિયા
અંતર્ગત પ્રેરણા પ્રવાસનું આયોજન કરાયું



ગાંધીનગર । અદલ બુજલ યોજના અંતર્ગત પાણીના વિવેક પૂર્વક ઉપયોગ તેમજ ઘટના ભૂમર્ગ જળ અટકાવવા જળજાગૃતિ માટે જનકલાથી ચેરીટેબલ ટ્રસ્ટ દ્વારા તથા ગુજરાત જળસંપતિ વિકાસ નિગમ દ્વારા, ગાંધીનગર દ્વારા અદલ બુજલ પાનપાણી ઉજ્જવળ અંતર્ગત ક્ષાલ તાલુકાના ગામડાઓમાંની સરયંચ તથા જાગૃત મેક્યુટોનો પ્રેરણા પ્રવાસનું આયોજન કર્યું હતું. જેમાં જાદરાશાહી પટેલ, સતિપભાઈ કરવરિયા, ગોવંદભાઈ પટેલ પાટી આપી હતી.

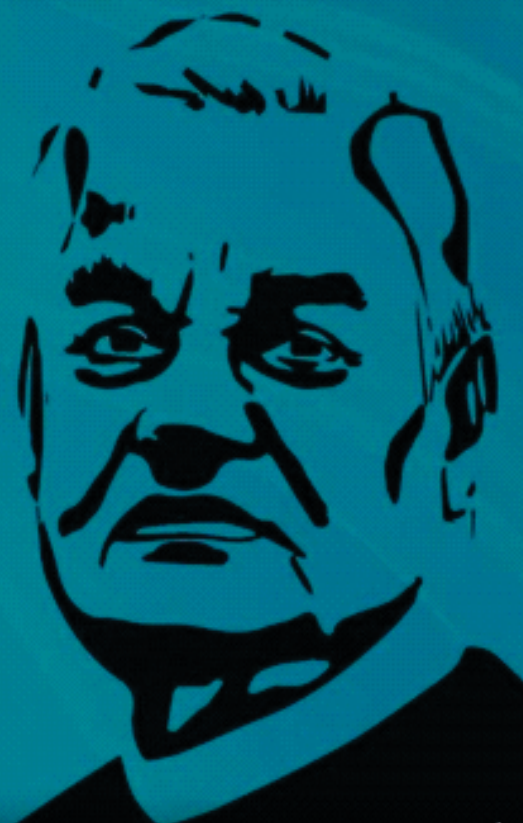
झांसी। अटल भूजल योजना के अंतर्गत जिले की 31 ग्राम पंचायतों में जल संरक्षण का काम कराया जा रहा है।

इसकी मॉनीटरिंग की जिम्मेदारी लखनऊ की टीम को सौंपी गई है। इसी क्रम में सोमवार को राज्य प्रबंधन इकाई लखनऊ के अधिकारियों ने विकासखंड बबीना की ग्राम पंचायत डगरवाहा का निरीक्षण किया। जिसमें ग्राम पंचायत में कराए जा रहे काम चेकडैम, तालाब, खेत में लगाए गए सिंक्रलर आदि को देखा। भूगर्भ जल विभाग उग्र के निदेशक वीके उपाध्याय, अधिशासी अभियंता अनुपम श्रीवास्तव, सीनियर जियोफिजिस्ट शशांक शेखर सिंह, नोडल अधिकारी मनीष कुमार कनौजिया, आईईसी एक्सपर्ट मोहम्मद हैदर, परामार्थ समाजसेवा संस्थान के कोआर्डिनेटर पंकज गौतम उपस्थित रहे। संवाद



“तीव्रता से गहरे हो रहे जल संकट से लड़ने के लिए,
हमारे पास एकजुट होने के अलावा कोई विकल्प नहीं है”

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