



Madhya Pradesh First in Getting Recognition of Water Testing Laboratories

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On August 27, 2021, **Madhya Pradesh stood first** among the states to get the **accreditation certificate** from the **National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratory (NABL)** for water testing laboratories.

Key Points

- State and district level 51 laboratories of the **Public Health Engineering Department** have been granted recognition certificates by the **Accreditation Board (NABL)**. Madhya Pradesh is the first and Maharashtra is the second among the states that have received recognition for various water testing laboratories of the country.
- The quality of water being supplied to the common citizen is tested from time to time. For this, **one state level and 55 district level** (including upgraded Khurai, Mauganj, Sardarpur and Parasia) laboratories are run by the **PHE department** in the state. Apart from this, **100 subdivision level laboratories** are also operating.
- To ensure the quality of drinking water, applications are made by various states for certification of their water testing laboratories with prescribed parameters and fees.
- **Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of 51 laboratories** in the accreditation certificates issued by the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) to 182 water testing laboratories in 25 states so far.