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NABL Accreditation | Rajasthan | 06 Oct 2021

Why in News

On October 5, 2021, the **State Water Resources Minister Dr. B.D. Kalla** informed that district level drinking water quality testing laboratories in 30 districts of the state have got **NABL accreditation (National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories)**, while three districts are yet to get accreditation.

Key Points

- In these **30 districts**- Ajmer, Alwar, Banswara, Baran, Barmer, Bharatpur, Bhilwara, Bikaner, Bundi, Churu, Dausa, Dholpur, Dungarpur, Sri Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jalore, Jhalawar, Jhunjhunu, Jodhpur, Karauli, Kota, Nagaur, Pali Rajsamand, Sikar, Sirohi, Tonk and Udaipur are included. On the other hand, laboratories of Chittorgarh, Sawai Madhopur and Pratapgarh are yet to get accreditation.
- The Minister of Water Resources said that under the Jal Jeevan Mission, '**Field Testing Kit**' has been made available for all Gram Panchayats of the state for monitoring clean and quality drinking water supply through '**Har Ghar Nal Connection**' in the approved projects of rural areas.
- He informed that a provision of Rs.67 crore has been made in the annual plan for the year 2020-21 under **Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance (WQMS)** in the state. Under this, the process of setting up block level drinking water quality testing laboratories in 102 out of 353 panchayat samiti headquarters in the state is underway in the current financial year.
- The **Mobile Testing Laboratory** is operated by the State Government in Jaipur, whose NABL 'Recognition' process is going on. Along with this, the process of NABL 'recognition' of mobile laboratories operated for drinking water quality testing through outsourcing in 20 other districts of Jaipur, Kota, Ajmer and Udaipur divisions is also in progress.

- The Minister of Water Resources informed that a new building of State Level Laboratory in Jaipur would be constructed at Panipech under **Public Health Engineering Department (PHED)**.
- It may be mentioned that **NABL is an independent national level organization** for certification of testing laboratories in the country. It gives NABL certification to testing laboratories under ISO/IEC 17025. This organization is **established under the 'Quality Council of India'** in the Government of India, which **certifies the laboratories for 'NABL Accreditation' after 'Performance Audit'**.