

Jal Hi AMRIT Scheme

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Recently, the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** approved the **Jal Hi AMRIT Scheme** to promote efficient <u>water management</u>.

- It is being launched under AMRUT 2.0 reforms.
- It incentivises states and Union Territories (UTs) to manage <u>sewage treatment plants (STPs)</u> efficiently, ensuring the production of good-quality, recyclable treated water.
 - STPs purify water by removing sewage and contaminants, making it suitable to be released into natural water sources.
 - Clean Water Credits will be awarded in terms of Star-rating between 3 stars to 5 stars certificate valid for six months.
 - STPs with Clean Water Credits of 3-star and above in different groups as below will be given financial incentives.
- According to the <u>Central Pollution Control Board</u> (March 2021), India's current water treatment capacity is 27.3% and the sewage treatment capacity is 18.6 % (with another 5.2 % capacity in development).
- Both Swachh <u>Bharat Mission 2.0</u> and <u>AMRUT 2.0</u> focuses on waste water management.
 - AMRUT 1.0 primarily aimed at providing basic services such as water supply, sewerage management while AMRUT 2.0 focuses on <u>City Water Balance Plan (CWBP)</u> to recycle/reuse treated sewage.

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