



Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari Initiative

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Recently, the Prime Minister launched the 'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari' initiative from **Surat, Gujarat**.

- It focuses on [water conservation](#) and aims to construct approximately **24,800 rainwater harvesting structures** in Gujarat.
- It is a “**Whole-of-Society and Whole-of-Government**” approach, highlighting the importance of community involvement and governmental coordination in **water management**.
- **Water Stress in India:** India has **18%** of the world's **population** but only **4%** of its **water resources**.
 - **256 out of 700 districts** have been reported as having “**critical**” or “**over-exploited**” groundwater levels.
 - Rural women often **walk over 2.5 kilometers** to reach a water source.
 - **163 Million** Indians lack access to **safe drinking water**. **21%** of [communicable diseases](#) are linked to unsafe water.
- **Other Water Conservation Initiatives:**
 - **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM):** **JJM** expanded **pipled water** connections from **3 crore** to over **15 crore households**, benefiting over 75% of the country's rural population.
 - **Amrit Sarovar Construction:** More than **60,000 Amrit Sarovars (water bodies)** have been constructed, contributing to enhanced **water storage** and management.
 - **Catch The Rain Campaign:** It urges states and other stakeholders to create [Rain Water Harvesting Structures \(RWHS\)](#).

Read More: [Water Management: From Scarcity to Sustainability](#)

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