



Status of Jal Jeevan Mission in Jharkhand

Why in News?

The [Jal Jeevan Mission \(JJM\)](#) in Jharkhand has been disrupted in **eight districts**, affecting thousands of households.

Key Points

- The '[Har Ghar Nai Jal](#)' scheme, under the JJM aims to provide clean drinking water to every home, has been halted in Pakur, Sahibganj, Dhanbad, Dumka, Garhwa, Gumla, Latehar, and Simdega for the past two months.
- The primary reason behind this suspension is the **non-release of funds by the central government**, leading to contractors stopping work due to unpaid dues.
 - The Jharkhand government has requested a sum of **₹6,324 crore** from the central government to revive and expedite the mission's activities.
- **Launched in 2019**, the Jal Jeevan Mission set an ambitious target of providing tap water connections to **62,55,717 households** in Jharkhand by December 2024.
 - However, as of now, only **34,19,100 households** have received connections, covering just **54.66%** of the target.
- This figure is significantly below the **national average of 79.79%**, leaving around **45%** of households without access to **clean drinking water**.
- The Jharkhand government is now **urging the central authorities to release the pending funds** promptly to reinvigorate the mission.

Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

- **About:**
 - Launched in **2019**, it envisages supply of **55 litres of water per person per day** to every rural household through **Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC)** by 2024 which has been extended till 2028 in [Budget 2025-26](#).
 - JJM looks to create a jan andolan for water, thereby making it everyone's priority.
 - It comes under Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- **Aim:**
 - The mission ensures functionality of existing water supply systems and water connections, water quality monitoring and testing as well as sustainable agriculture.
 - It also ensures conjunctive use of conserved water; drinking water source augmentation, drinking water supply system, [grey water](#) treatment and its reuse.
- **Features:**
 - JJM focuses on **integrated demand and supply-side management of water** at the local level.
 - Creation of local infrastructure for source sustainability measures as mandatory elements, like [rainwater harvesting](#), [groundwater recharge](#) and **management of household wastewater for reuse**, is undertaken in convergence with other government programmes/schemes.
 - The Mission is based on a community approach to water and includes extensive Information, Education and Communication as a key component of the mission.

▪ **Implementation:**

- **Paani Samitis plan**, implement, manage, operate and maintain village water supply systems.
 - These consist of **10-15 members**, with at **least 50% women members** and other members from **Self-Help Groups, Accredited Social and Health Workers, Anganwadi teachers**, etc.
- The committees prepare a **one-time village action plan**, merging all available village resources. The plan is approved in a **Gram Sabha** before implementation.

▪ **Funding Pattern:**

- The fund sharing pattern between the Centre and states is **90:10** for Himalayan and **North-Eastern States, 50:50** for other states, and **100%** for Union Territories.

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