

HIMACHAL PRADESH ON THE ROAD TO BECOME 'HAR GHAR JAL' THIS YEAR

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Speaking on the implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission, Smt. Mahajan said, "While the districts have self-declared themselves Open Defecation Free, but this is not a one-time effort. Efforts under the programme are being made to bring about social and behaviour change for sustainability of the ODF status of villages at all times."

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Shri Ram Saubhag Singh, Chief Secretary, Himachal Pradesh while presenting the state performance said, "good progress has been made by the state as it ranks 8th in the country to provision tap connection in rural household. Efforts will be made to provide remaining tap water connections within few months."



Shri Singh said, “At the time of announcement of Jal Jeevan Mission on 15th August, 2019, only 7.62 lakh (44.19%) households out of total 17.27 lakh households in the State had access to tap water supply. In about 28 months, 8.25 lakh households have been provided with clean tap water. The achievement made by the State is noteworthy because of Covid-19, lockdowns and difficult terrain.”

Himachal Pradesh | Status of tap water supply in rural homes

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17,27,618

Households with
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Har Ghar Jal (100 % HHs with tap water connections)

100% FHTC
Districts

3

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100% FHTC
Villages

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only 3.23 Crore (17%) had tap water supply. During the last 28 months, despite Covid-19 pandemic and lockdowns disruptions, Jal Jeevan Mission has been implemented with speed and today, 5.60 Crore rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Presently, 8.84 Crore (45.95%) rural household across the country have tap water supply. States of Goa, Telangana, Haryana and UTs of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry, D&NH and D&D have ensured 100% household tap connection in rural areas. At present, every household in 91 districts and more than 1.32 lakh villages are receiving tap water supply in their homes.

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