

Sanitation Survey (Swachh Survekshan Grameen)

The impetus of Phase-I Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) was to bring about behavioural change among communities and promote Safe Sanitation practices.

Under Phase II, the focus is on sustainable usage of toilets and implementation of Solid and Liquid Waste Management thereby achieving Visual Cleanliness. The goal is to achieve Clean and Green Villages.

In order to assess the Cleanliness status of the rural areas and the existing Sanitation facilities, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, GoI has proposed to conduct Sanitation Survey (Swachh Survekshan Grameen) every year. This survey attempts to rank the States and Districts on the basis of various sanitation parameters taken up for assessment.

Based on the survey outcome for the year 2022, Tamil Nadu has been adjudged third position at the National level. Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development Thiru.KR. Periyakaruppan and Principal Secretary Smt. P. Amudha., I.A.S., received the award on behalf of Tamil Nadu from the Hon'ble President of India at a ceremony held on October 2nd at New Delhi.

Tamil Nadu has also been recognised and awarded at the National Level for Sujalam 1.0, a 100-day campaign, conducted on water conservation through establishment of kitchen garden, construction of individual household soak pits and community soak pits.

Today while the Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti was reviewing JJM and SBM 2.0, he appreciated the Village Sanitation Saturation Plan (VSSP) preparation strategy & requested to share it with all States during the National Workshop held at Le Royal Meridien, Chennai.

The National Level workshop was organised under the chairmanship of Secretary, Smt. Vini Mahajan, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India for dissemination of the findings of Swachh Survekshan Grameen - SSG 2022 (Sanitation Survey) by Ministry of Jal Sakthi at Chennai, Tamil Nadu on 13th October 2022.

Apart from presenting the findings of survey report 2022, in depth discussion was held on the methodology and criteria for the survey to be held for SSG 2023.

In this workshop, Smt. Vini Mahajan,IAS, Secretary and Shri. Vikas Sheel,IAS, Additional Secretary, Shri. Samir Kumar,IES, Joint Secretary to Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation and Shri. Alok Prem Nagar,IFS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Panchayat Raj from Government of India and Smt.P.Amudha,IAS, Principal Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Government of Tamil Nadu, participated.

Delegates from 28 States attended the National Workshop in which Secretaries/Mission Directors/State Coordinators and other Officials participated.

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