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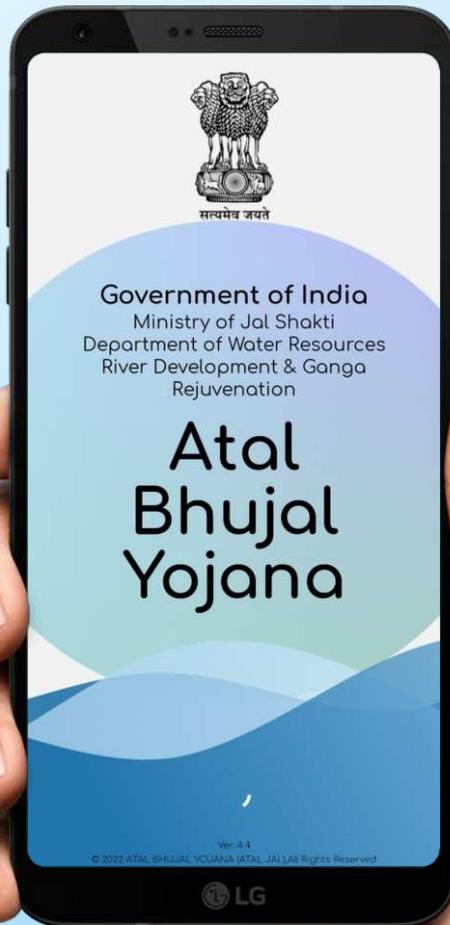
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From the Project Director's Desk



At the outset, I extend my heartfelt greetings to everyone for a very happy, healthy, peaceful and prosperous New Year. The advent of the New Year is the best time to rejoice our accomplishments of the bygone year and to determine the direction in which we wish to move ahead for creating a better tomorrow.

Through the dedication and determination of Atal Bhujal Yojana, we won the prestigious SKOCH Award in Gold Category and the entire Atal Jal team received the 16th Water Digest Water Awards 2023 for “Best Sustainable Water Management”.

Major events in 2023 includes setup of Atal Jal stall during the G20 event in Gujarat, Atal Jal Pakhwada, 3rd and 4th National Level Steering Committee meeting, Bhujal Samruddha Spardha in Maharashtra, “Jal Marathon: A Run for Water Awareness” in Uttar Pradesh and activities related to dissemination of information under IEC. The Newsletter also includes events and activities like 5th NLSC meeting and wrap up of World Bank Implementation Support Mission, celebration of Vigilance Awareness Observance Week, and many other interesting activities.

Atal Bhujal Yojana has introduced GP level Performance Ranking exercise to showcase the best 10 GPs covered in the scheme every month. We have meticulously updated all the 8213 GP level Water Security Plans through community participation, with active involvement of women and vulnerable groups. Installation of equipment and their continuous monitoring has helped in sustainable groundwater management by promoting judicious use and equitable access to water resources.

The year ahead will bring new challenges and opportunities, but I am confident that we will continue to excel in this journey with your continued support and unified efforts.

I hope you will find this Newsletter useful and provide your valuable suggestions for its betterment.

Warm Regards

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Pratul Saxena

COVER STORY



Award galore for Atal Bhujal Yojana

Atal Bhujal Yojana received Skoch Award 2023



“Atal Bhujal Yojana” was conferred with the prestigious SKOCH Award in Gold category. The award was received on 18th November 2023 at New Delhi. The award recognises Atal Jal’s outstanding contribution and achievements for sustainable ground water management with community participation in identified water stress

area in seven States. The Award is a reflection of all seven States’ dedication in scheme implementation and putting their untiring efforts in setting an example as to how the groundwater can be best managed by building the capacity of the stakeholders.

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COVER STORY



CGWB & Atal Jal jointly received First Prize in 9th Vibrant India 2023 Expo at New Delhi



The 9th Vibrant India Exhibition 2023 was organized from 3rd to 5th November 2023 at Dilli Haat, Pitampura, New Delhi. The objective of the exhibition was to recognize the achievements and Public Welfare Policies of the Government.

CGWB in collaboration with Atal Jal set up a stall in the event on behalf of Department of Water Resources (DoWR), River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti to highlight the achievements of the scheme. Information related to various activities of Atal Bhujal Yojana was also showcased.

The stall was awarded with the 1st prize for making efforts towards “Development and Management of Groundwater Resources”. The Expo was a successful event and visitors received information on various Government Schemes and Policies.

Visitors from various institutions/organizations including students from different colleges/schools, residents of Delhi and other parts of India visited the stall and showed keen interest in the displays at the Venue. Visitors were also briefed about the Atal Bhujal Yojana and its various components including role of community participation, preparation of Water Security Plan and demand & supply side interventions being proposed by the community for its implementation in the field.

The visitor's reaction was encouraging towards the outcome of the presentations/discussions. The efforts being made under the scheme were appreciated and assured that they will be making their efforts for recharging the ground water by adopting rain water harvesting.



16th Water Digest Water Awards 2023

Excellence Award for Best Sustainable Water Management - Government to Atal Bhujal Yojana



Atal Bhujal Yojana received the Excellence Award for the "Best Sustainable Water Management - Government" during the 16th Water Digest Water Awards 2023. The Water Awards 2023 were declared by the Water Digest in partnership with UNESCO and supported by the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

The award recognised various unique initiatives of the scheme like micro-level sustainable groundwater management through community participation with focus on

demand side interventions in identified water stressed areas, efforts being done for community empowerment, gender mainstreaming and social inclusion through various IEC and Capacity Building initiatives and various efforts for development effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, and ownership. Further, the award also considered efforts for technological innovations and to create a digital footprint viz "Atal Jal" mobile application to capture the real time data and to generate integrated information database at Gram Panchayat level.



Major Activities Atal Bhujal Yojana in 2023

The year 2023 marked significant progress of Atal Bhujal Yojana through a pioneering initiative aimed at sustainable groundwater management in selected water stress areas of 7 States. Several key events and accolades underscored the program's commitment to addressing water challenges. The events in 2023 highlights multifaceted approach of Atal Bhujal Yojana to ensure sustainable groundwater management, emphasizing the importance of community involvement, awareness initiatives, and international collaboration in addressing India's water challenges. A comprehensive overview of some of the note worthy milestones achieved during the year are presented below:

- 3rd National Level Steering Committee (NLSC) Meeting was held on 19th January, 2023 at New Delhi. The meeting served as a crucial platform for policy makers to discuss and strategize the implementation of Atal Bhujal Yojana at the national level.



marked the conclusion of the World Bank Implementation Support Mission, highlighting the successful collaboration between Atal Bhujal Yojana and the World Bank.



- 4th NLSC Meeting and Workshop on “Sustainable Ground Water Management” was held on 26th May, 2023 at New Delhi. The workshop was focused on sharing best practices, and aimed at enhancing sustainable groundwater management, emphasizing the importance of responsible water usage.



- A “Jal Marathon for Water Awareness” in Uttar Pradesh was organized from 16th to 20th July 2023. The marathon, spanning five days, commenced in Lucknow and concluded at Banda, raised awareness about the critical importance of water conservation.



- 5th NLSC Meeting and Wrap-up of World Bank Implementation Support Mission was held on 26th October, 2023 at New Delhi. The meeting



Major Activities of Atal Bhujal Yojana in 2023

- The State of Gujarat hosted the 2nd Environment & Climate Sustainability Working Group Meeting from 27th to 29th February, 2023 during the G20 event at Gandhinagar. An informative stall of Atal Bhujal Yojana was setup in the pavilion. A story was narrated about a Gram Panchayat 'Before and After Atal Jal' visualized through two models, two photographs and eight posters on the major components and activities. The Atal Bhujal Yojana stall was graced by the Hon'ble Minister of State for Railways & Textile, GoI, Smt. Darshana Jardosh; Secretary, MoEF Smt. Leena Nandan; Additional Secretary (DoWR, RD & GR), MoJS, Smt. Debashree Mukherjee and Joint Secretary (Admin, IC & GW) (DoWR, RD & GR) Sh. Subodh Yadav (DoWR, RD & GR). Foreign delegates, Chairman CWC, Conservator of Forest, Gujarat, dignitaries, officials and representatives from Government of Gujarat also visited the stall. The exhibition of Atal Bhujal Yojana narrated a story of transformation of a Gram Panchayat from water deficient to water efficient through community led sustainable ground water management



- Atal Bhujal Pakhwada was celebrated across all the seven States, to empower communities through Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) activities between 13th and 27th February 2023.



- A Jaldindi (Water Rally) was organized in Pune District where school students in Maharashtra actively participated in the "Jaldindi", a water rally demonstrating the commitment of the younger generation to water conservation.



- An initiative to honour and reward Gram Panchayats under the Atal Bhujal Yojana and to recognize the exemplary public engagement and work at the grassroot level, Bhujal Samruddha Spardha were organised in Maharashtra.



HIGHLIGHTS

Visit of the Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, Govt. of Gujarat



Honourable Cabinet Minister Shri Kuvarjibhai Bavaliya, Water Resource Department, Govt. of Gujarat visited the Recharge Tube well site at Navagam, a Gram Panchayat under Atal Jal in Anjar Block of Bhuj District. The Special Secretary, the State Project Coordinator and the Project Director, SPMU, Atal Jal, accompanied during the visit.

During this visit, farmers shared their experiences and the benefits they have derived from the recharge tube well. The Honourable Minister urged the farmers to adopt Micro Irrigation techniques.

Over 50 community members actively participated in the discussion. Representatives from GWRDC, DIPs and DPMU Experts were also present during this insightful interaction.

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5th NLSC Meeting of Atal Bhujal Yojana and Wrap Up of World Bank Implementation Support Mission

The fifth meeting of the National Level Steering Committee (NLSC) of Atal Bhujal Yojana was held on 26th October 2023 at New Delhi under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Department of Water Resources, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti. The meeting was attended by Members of NLSC, Senior Officers of 7 States where the scheme is being implemented, Special Secretary of Gujarat, Joint Director of Maharashtra, along with Principal Secretary and Additional Secretary, Madhya Pradesh and Secretary Namami Gange, Uttar Pradesh as well as officers/representatives from concerned Ministries and Line Departments, Officers of World Bank and NPMU attended the meeting.

The Joint Secretary (A, IC & GW), DoWR, RD & GR and the National Project Coordinator, Atal Bhujal Yojana highlighted the scheme implementation progress by the fourth year and pressed that the remaining one and a half year shall be optimally utilized for improvement in performance of the participating States. He also emphasized that the community participation is at the core of the scheme which shall be prioritized.



The meeting continued with a Joint presentation done by World Bank on “Utility of Water Flow Meter-A study of Haryana”. The meeting progressed as the Committee reviewed the follow up action on the decision taken during the 4th NLSC meeting and the overall progress of the scheme followed with discussion on various issues and challenges. Direction from the Secretary was given to seven States to expedite procurement of equipment proposed under Atal Bhujal Yojana as well as the convergence for implementation of the

intervention proposed under Water Security Plan. The Secretary accentuated that our nation is engaged in various initiatives focused on water security and management. However, the Atal Bhujal Yojana stands out as the only program addressing demand-side groundwater management, aiming to instigate behavioural changes within communities. She emphasized the fact that since Atal Bhujal Yojana is a convergence oriented program, the Chief Secretaries should regularly monitor the progress of the schemes in their States for effective implementation. She also suggested that all participating States integrate WSPs in the Gram Panchayat Development Plans. This integration will provide sustainability to the schemes' approach even after completion of project period.



All the Seven States also presented the Emerging Impacts of Atal Bhujal Yojana. The highlights included improvement in ground water level and storages; involvement of local people, particularly women in utilization of equipment for monitoring of both water level and quality which are happening in their respective state.

The NLSC meeting was followed by the wrap up of World Bank Implementation Support Mission. The Task Team Leader, World Bank summarized the month-long mission in terms of overall findings and agreed next step. Lastly, a detailed presentation was done by Quality Council of India (QCI) on verification process of DLIs to be conducted in all GPs under Atal Bhujal Yojana. All the parameters for verification process and support required from DPMU/SPMU were also shared.

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Performance Ranking of Gram Panchayat under Atal Bhujal Yojana

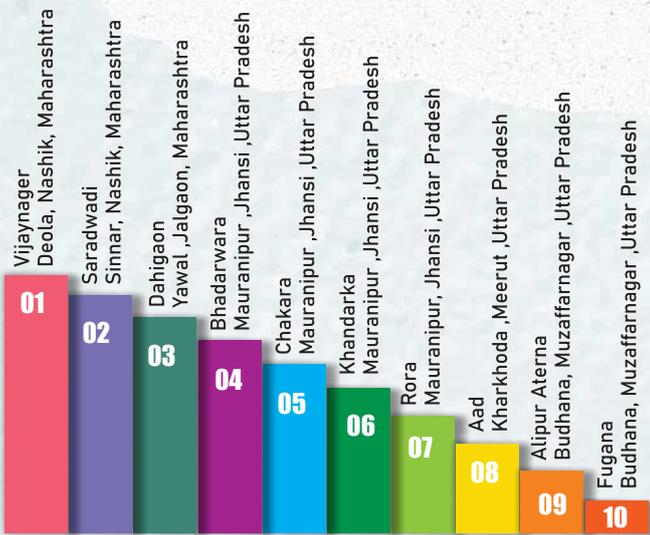
A performance ranking has been undertaken for all the 8213 Gram Panchayats across seven States, namely Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh, as part of the Atal Jal initiative.

A structured methodology has been devised to assess the performance of GPs on a monthly basis using the captured data. Performance evaluation is conducted

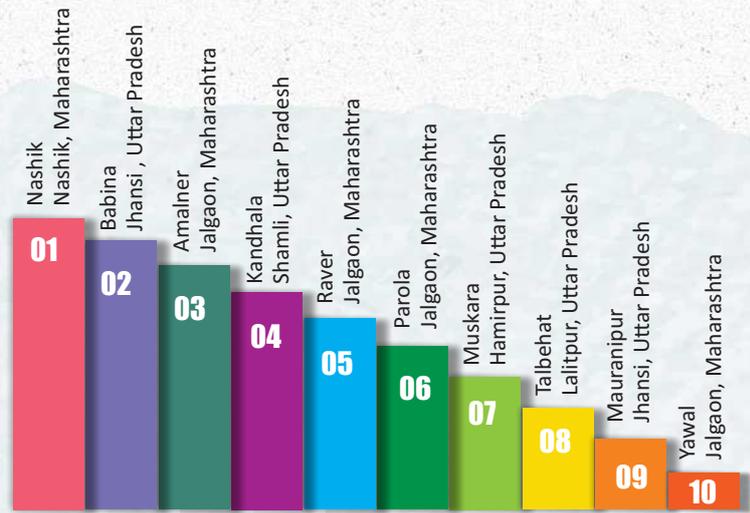
based on the assigned weightage to each parameter, and a cumulative score is computed for each GP.

The performance ranking of GPs serves as a foundation for defining the performance of Blocks, Districts, and States by averaging the scores. This comprehensive exercise is designed to motivate and enhance the performance of all Gram Panchayats involved in the Atal Jal initiative.

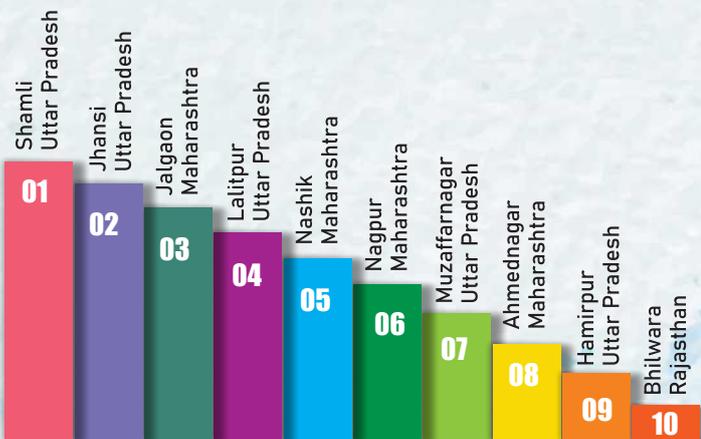
GP Ranking for December 2023



Block Ranking for December 2023



District Ranking for December 2023



State Ranking for December 2023



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National Level Training cum Workshop on "Data Analysis, Validation & Integration with WIMS" organised at Atal Jal NPMU

Two days National Level training cum workshop on "Data analysis, validation & integration with WIMS" was organized on 30th & 31st October, 2023 at Atal Jal NPMU, New Delhi. The participants in the training were the concerned experts from



the SPMU Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

The training began with an emphasis on the importance and utility of data by the Project Director, Atal Jal NPMU. The training sessions were conducted by Deputy Director, Technical Team



Leader, Geologist, Water Quality expert, Environmental Expert and Social Expert from NPMU Atal Jal.

During the training, the national perspective and state-wise progress of data collection, validation and integration was discussed in detail with the participants. Selected topics such as analysis & validation of Well Inventory data, Groundwater



level monitoring data, Groundwater quality data, Rainfall data, Geotagging of ARS & WCS structure being captured through the "Atal Jal" Mobile app, analysis and validation of water flow meter data was covered for the participants. The installation of water flow meter in every Gram Panchayat of Atal Jal was also emphasized upon. A Session on DWLR data integration with WIMS and related issues were also addressed. This was followed by a session on the social events captured through mobile app. The training concluded with directions from the Project Director, NPMU to give due attention to regular monitoring as well as validation of the data for its effective use and public disclosure.

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Quality Assessment of GP level training under Atal Bhujal Yojana in Uttar Pradesh



The quality assessment of GP-level training under the Atal Bhujal Yojana was carried out through an observation visit conducted by NPMU. The purpose was to evaluate the effectiveness of trainings at GP level. Two GPs, namely Medpur Ganawari and Datawali, in Meerut district of Uttar Pradesh were visited on 12th December, 2023 by the Director, NPMU and domain expert from NTSA. The Quality Council of India team also accompanied during the visit to examine the scope of work for assessing

similar trainings across all participating states. During the visit, the team assessed three training sessions, and held discussion with participants, trainers, and the District Implementation Partner (DIP) persons to get insights on effectiveness, methodology, topics covered, contents, and overall usefulness of the training for the participants. These trainings are being conducted by the State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), the training agency of SPMU, Uttar Pradesh.



Showcasing Atal Bhujal Yojana in “Agro Vision 2023” Exhibition in Maharashtra

On 24th November, 2023, SPMU Maharashtra participated in the Central India's largest agriculture exhibition “Agro Vision (Food, Fodder, and Fuel) 2023”. The event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Surface Transport and Highways. The event provided a platform for promotion and publicity of Atal Bhujal Yojana.

The exhibition highlighted the key objectives of Atal Bhujal Yojana and its various activities particularly preparation of community led water security plan prepared at GP level and the implementation strategy. Various water-saving methods under demand side management of groundwater were also showcased during the exhibition. The Atal Jal stall also showcased visual demonstrations of catchment areas for water conservation, Chitrarath, and demonstration of rooftop rainwater harvesting.

The event witnessed the presence of officers, professionals and experts from various organizations, farmers, women farmers, and students. The event played an important role in disseminating information, raising awareness, and engaging diverse stakeholders in sustainable groundwater management through Atal Bhujal Yojana.



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Atal Jal stall sparked a wave of mass awareness at Agriculture Fair in Gujarat

In a collaborative effort with the Department of Agriculture to commemorate International Year of Millet 2023, DPMU Gandhinagar, Mehsana, Patan and Banaskantha of Gujarat State actively participated in the Agriculture Fair. They showcased the initiatives of Atal Jal by setting up a dedicated stall in 21 Blocks.



Local villagers visited the Atal Jal stall and had the chance to learn about various monitoring equipment viz. Water Flow Meter, Rain Gauge, Digital Water Level Recorder (DWLR), Water Level

Sounder, and Water Quality Field Testing Kit. The team from DPMU and DIP conducted demonstrations of these equipment and briefed its utility to the visitors. More than 8000 visitors visited the Atal Jal stall, where they received first-hand information about the Atal Jal scheme and its initiatives. To disseminate knowledge, informative materials such as pamphlets and leaflets were distributed to the visitors. This initiative created awareness generation among community regarding ground water monitoring and its significance.



Enhancing Capacities through Exposure visit in Atal Jal: Gujarat reaches out to Madhya Pradesh

SPMU Gujarat organized a State level exposure visit on Adoption of Best Practices for Groundwater Management from 4th to 7th October 2023 in Madhya Pradesh. The exposure visit was conducted by Water and Land Management Institute (WALMI). Officers of GWRDC and Experts of SPMU & DPMU Gujarat participated in the exposure visit.



The participants were given a comprehensive overview on implementation of Atal Bhujal Yojana in Madhya Pradesh with active community participation and adoption of demand side activities. Subsequently, the team visited the Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering (CIAE) Bhopal for a field demonstration of

various types of Micro Irrigation techniques.

Visit to Sagar District and associated Gram Panchayat provided a profound insight into the operational mechanism of DPMU. Interaction with community regarding demand and supply side activities provided learning on the progress, challenges and the problem solving mechanism. Visit to Mohanpura irrigation project, in Rajgarh district, offered technical insights into its salient features, operation & maintenance procedure. Direct interaction with farmers highlighted the tangible benefit derived from the project. The exposure visit concluded with a Certificate and Memento distribution to all the participants.



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Awareness meeting conducted for data disclosure of water level and water quality in Rajasthan

As a part of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) activities, awareness campaign and publicity meetings were conducted in Atal Jal areas of Rajasthan. These initiatives witnessed a noteworthy gathering of community.



The IEC activities were dedicated to foster public awareness, divulging water level data, and disseminating information among stakeholders. The primary focus of the awareness campaign was to sensitize the participants about need for water conservation and active involvement of all the stakeholders.



Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week in Atal Jal GPs of Rajasthan

The SPMU Rajasthan observed Vigilance Awareness Week from 30th October to 5th November 2023 aligning with the theme given by Central Vigilance Commission "Say No to Corruption; Commit to the Nation".



free thought within the community. The initiative emphasized transparency, integrity and devotion to duty at all times. The program raised awareness about the importance of integrity and ethics in public life and contributed to dissemination of information on vigilance matters.



During this week, awareness programmes at GP level were organized, aiming to instil a corruption

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SPMU Maharashtra Participated in "प्रगतिशील महाराष्ट्र – उन्नति की ओर एक पहल" Exhibition

An exhibition on the theme "प्रगतिशील महाराष्ट्र – उन्नति की ओर एक पहल" was held from 1st to 3rd November 2023, in Latur district. As part of this event, DPMU Latur set up an Informative gallery to create awareness about Atal Bhujal Yojana. The Atal Jal gallery was inaugurated by Dr. Reena Dhapodkar, Director, Geological survey of India and Dr. Megha S. Shinde, Senior Geologist, GSDA, Latur.

The DPMU and DIP team showcased activities under Atal Jal through models viz. roof top rainwater harvesting, watershed management model, drip and sprinkler irrigation patterns model and Broad Bed Furrow (BBF) cropping technology pattern.

These model raised awareness about the efficient use of water and crop diversification. Visitors including students and farmers gained information about groundwater management.

The exhibition and the informative gallery served as effective platforms to disseminate knowledge about Atal Bhujal Yojana, showcasing practical models for sustainable water management and agricultural practices.



Exploring Agricultural Innovation: Study Tour under Atal Bhujal Yojana in Buldhana District - Maharashtra

One-day educational tour was organized in Village- Nandrakoli and Valti, Block- Buldhana and Chikhli of Buldhana District on 31st October, 2023.

The field visit was led by a representative from the Agricultural Science Centre in Buldhana. Participants had the opportunity to observe various agricultural practices, including polyhouse cultivation, micro-irrigation orchards, flower farming, and intercropping/crop rotation. An agriculturalist shared details about government schemes related to agriculture, insights into crop planning were provided, along with experiences of local farmers. The tour also featured a visit to an organic jaggery manufacturing unit to understand the production process and its benefits.

Subsequently, the group visited the award-winning "Mamache Wavar" Agricultural Tourism Centre in Village Chikhali and Valati of Block Haveli and Ambegaon, District- Pune, Maharashtra to explore dragon fruit cultivation and production. Information exchange took place through on-site inspections and group discussions. The exposure visit saw the participation of Sarpanch, Progressive Farmers, Women representatives, representative from the Farmer Producer Company, as well as Subject Experts from DPMU and DIP.



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Narrowcasting - An initiative for knowledge dissemination in Haryana

Narrowcasting program was organized by Suncrest Foundation in association with district Implementation partner of DPMU Yamunanagar, and SPMU Haryana. Various mini videos on success story of fellow farmers were showcased to the community. The videos were run on a big screen; the medium of information dissemination was captivating, resulting in significant community participation. The community were engaged through videos of farming technique. Short video clips on new initiatives for demand side management of groundwater were developed and shared in social media platform and circulated in WhatsApp group for easy access to all.



IEC meetings conducted to create awareness on Atal Jal in Karnataka

Public Meetings were held across 539 Gram Panchayats (GPs) under Atal Jal to orient community regarding the groundwater situation within their respective GPs. Information on status of water availability and its utilization was disseminated among the community members. Updates on the implementation of activities outlined in Water Security Plans (WSPs) were also shared during these meetings. Also, public gatherings were organized with the objective of guiding the PGWM Committee and community on

the revised WSPs, seeking their approval in the process.

In addition, 575 door-to-door household visits were conducted to raise awareness about various aspects of the Atal Bhujal Yojana. Information on the status of water availability and its utilization was communicated to the community during these visits. Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials, including pamphlets and brochures, were distributed as part of the door-to-door outreach initiative.



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Promotion of Underground Pipeline (UGPL) Under Atal Bhujal Yojana through Convergence in Haryana

A campaign to promote subsidies for Underground Pipeline (UGPL) under Atal Bhujal Yojana took place during “Jan Samvaad Program”. The activity covered Ladwa, Shahbad and Pehowa block of Kurukshetra. On spot registration of interested farmers was done for underground pipeline. Guidance from DPMU team was provided to the communities regarding the process of registration and benefits of UGPL. The event aimed to disseminate information, facilitate registration, and offer guidance regarding the subsidy provision

to promote groundwater conservation through UGPL initiatives.



Celebrating children's day by nurturing young mind under Atal Bhujal Yojana in Karnataka

On 14th November 2023, as part of the Children's Day celebrations, SPMU Karnataka orchestrated a series of vibrant awareness programs specifically tailored for the future leaders of our community –the school children. A diverse array of activities, including the Jatha program, debate competition, essay competition, painting competition, and folk

songs, were carried out in Higher Primary School and High School within the Gram Panchayats covered by Atal Bhujal Yojana. These activities ensured widespread participation, aiming to enlighten young minds and amplify awareness about Atal Bhujal Yojana and the significance of groundwater management amongst the children.



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District level training on “Efficient Water Use Practices” in Gujarat

In all the 6 districts of Gujarat covered under Atal Jal, one day training on monitoring of equipment and efficient water use practice were conducted by SPMU, Gujarat. The participants included DIP personnel, officers of the Line Departments, CRPs, PGWMC members, master trainers of WALMI and DPMU officers. Topics covered in the training were status of Atal Jal in the district, demonstrations of ground water related equipments, convergence works by line departments for efficient use of water in Agriculture, and role of CRPs.



The training were concluded with an exposure visit to organic farming field, micro irrigation and rain water harvesting structure. The training sessions were interactive and beneficial, and enhanced knowledge exchange and practical learning.



District Level Exposure visit in Maharashtra

On 11th December, 2023, a district-level exposure visit for Sarpanchs, Deputy Sarpanchs, Bhujal Mitras, progressive farmers of 80 gram panchayats of Man, Khatav and Wai blocks of Satara District was organized under Atal Bhujal Yojana at Krishi Vigyan Kendra Baramati. The officers from Ground Water Survey and Development Agency, Satara, experts of District Project Management Unit (DPMU), DIPs co-ordinator, their experts and community mobilisers were present during the exposure visit.

During the exposure visit, participants were informed about honey bee rearing plants, soil testing, micro-nutrient testing, establishment of a farmer producer company, coarse vegetable

plants, water management, information on the latest technology related to agriculture, fruit processing centre, animal husbandry, vegetable quality centre and fish production. Overall, the visit brought enthusiasm in participants and knowledge sharing on various demand side management initiatives which may be reflected in Atal Jal.



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Progress review of Atal Jal implementation in Karnataka

A review meeting was held at SPMU Bangalore by Deputy Director of Atal Jal and State Nodal Officer of Karnataka with the Officers and Experts of SPMU on 18th December, 2023. The meeting was also attended by the Project Director, SPMU. During the meeting, progress and issues of various aspects under Atal Bhujal Yojana like, Incentive fund



utilization, procurement of equipment, data filling in MIS, status of data validation by State, training, IEC activities, social management, issues in MADB, issues with Water level monitoring, rainfall data, data integration, CRP identification, progress under various DLIs were discussed and directions were given accordingly.

Field visit was carried out on 19th & 20th December, 2023 to interact with the communities to understand the awareness among the villagers

about the activities of Atal Bhujal Yojana. Various demand & supply side activities through convergence and incentive funds, mode of data disclosure, and utilization of equipments were verified during gram panchayat visit. The Deputy Director also interacted with the beneficiaries of PVTG community to understand their requirement and issues. The field observations & issues raised by the community were finally discussed with the Project director, SPMU for necessary action.



Progress review of Atal Jal implementation in Haryana

A meeting to review the status of implementation of the scheme and to address the issues in Haryana was conducted by Deputy Director & State Nodal Officer, National Program Management Unit (NPMU), Atal Bhujal Yojana at SPMU Haryana on 22nd December, 2023. The officers and experts from SPMU Haryana and senior officers from the concerned line departments were present in the meeting. The major issues discussed during the meeting included status of Incentive fund utilization, Gram Panchayat coverage under various DLIs, Status of Trainings and IEC activities, Assessment of GP level training and training agencies, details related to CRPs and plan for organizing the workshop for the identified CRPs, preparatory activities on updation of WSP for the

FY 2024-25, status of data collection and validation data entry issues in MIS & Mobile app and other issues related to scheme implementation on ground for overcoming the hindrances and effective implementation of the scheme in the State.





Progress review of Atal Jal implementation in Uttar Pradesh



A review was conducted on 22nd December, 2023 at SPMU Uttar Pradesh by Assistant Director, NPMU, Atal Bhujal Yojana. During the meeting, discussion related to various issues and challenges regarding implementation of Atal Jal were made. The discussions were focused on incentive fund

utilization and data updation in incentive module, DLI-3 and 4 progress, adoption of innovative practices using incentive fund, updation of WSP, current status of IEC activities, CRP identification and training of existing CRP, utilization of equipment- issues with Water level monitoring/water quality data/WFM/Rainfall, issues in MADB data validation, verification status of 7th TPGVA round, MIS and Training related issues, along with discussion on GP ranking. During the discussion on issues and challenges with the state direction was provided for the necessary action to be taken up by the SPMU.

Progress review of Atal Jal implementation in Gujarat

A review meeting was held at GWRDC Gandhinagar, Gujarat by Deputy Director of Atal Jal on 28th and 29th December, 2023. During the meeting, progress and issues of various aspects under Atal Bhujal Yojana like incentive fund utilization, procurement of equipment, data filling in MIS, status of data validation by State, training,

Field visit was conducted in G.P Acharasan & Adraj of Block Kadi, District Mahesana. Field verification of DLI 3 & 4 was done along with site visit of crop diversification. Deputy Director emphasised the farmers to come forward to adopt Micro Irrigation and Crop Diversification. He suggested construction of farm pond to farmers.



IEC activities, social management, issues in MADB, issues with Water level monitoring, rainfall data, data integration, CRP identification, progress under various DLIs were discussed and directions were given accordingly.

Inauguration of Block level training at WALMI Gandhinagar was also done. Topic covered during the training was FTK demonstrations, ground water related equipment's, water efficiency, and collaboration among PGWMC, CRPs, and line departments.



ACTIVITIES



Progress Review Meeting of Atal Jal Implementation in Maharashtra

On 27th December, 2023, Director-NPMU Atal Jal, conducted a review meeting of SPMU Maharashtra. The meeting was attended by Additional Director-GDSA, State nodal officer, representatives from GSDA, SPMU, Support Agency (SA), and representatives from line departments. A brief presentation on the status and challenges of Atal Jal was provided by the State. A detailed discussion was held on Convergence, incentive fund utilization, IEC, and importance of prioritizing work among the line departments to speed up the progress for Atal



Bhujal Yojana implementation in Maharashtra. Directions were given to achieve the DLIs targets along with the suggestion to create model villages alongside these efforts.

A meeting was conducted at YASHADA Pune to review GP level training, thereafter a visit was held with Sh. S. Chockalingam- Director General, YASHADA, Sh. Anand Pusavale- Director, Water Literacy Center and State Nodal officer of SPMU Atal Jal. A detailed discussion was held regarding quality and effectiveness of GP level training and ways to improvise it.

The Director NPMU Atal Jal conducted a separate meeting with all the experts Community mobilizers and Master Trainers of DPMU and implementation



partner, to know the training quality and challenges faced during the training.

On 28th December 2023, a visit to Udachiwadi GP,



Block Purandar, of District Pune was made. Interaction with Sarpanch, GP members and cadres was done regarding training at GP level. Further visit to artificial recharge shaft sites, rain gauge station, and piezometer site was done.



SUCCESS STORY



Neelavva Irappa Nagareddi, Karnataka's successful biofortified Bajra Farmer.

Neelavva Irappa Nagareddi is a small farmer from Sulikeri village of Bagalkote district, Karnataka possessing 3 acres of total landholding. In her interaction with Atal Jal team, she stated that “earlier we used to grow traditional millet crop varieties which were low in yield. Remunerative millet farming was a challenge for the farmers in the region as it is a rainfed area and these traditional millet varieties have comparatively longer crop duration and farmers have less knowledge and access to improved seed varieties”.

Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal) aims for sustainable groundwater management focusing on demand-side water management. The NPMU, Atal Jal in association with IFPRI - Harvest Plus, a part of CGIAR introduced a Bio fortified (Iron rich), hybrid variety of pearl millet i.e. AHB 1200Fe in Atal Jal Gram Panchayats of Karnataka. This is an iron-rich variety and can satisfy up to 80% of daily iron requirements. The seeds of pearl millets were distributed to 280 progressive farmers of Bagalkote, Belagavi, and Gadag districts for demonstration purpose to understand their suitability in terms of yield, economics, and water consumption. Receiving field demonstration from DPMU team, Neelavva got motivated and sowed 1.5 kg of pearl millet in her 1 acre of land. The result was astounding. She harvested nearly 16-18 quintal of pearl millet which is approximately 30-40% higher than the other varieties produced in nearby fields.

Now, Neelavva intends to continue sowing bio fortified seed in the future to further enhance productivity and yield. She mentioned that “with a little faith, she agreed to adopt bio fortified seed but now she is very satisfied with her decision to change traditional variety to iron rich high-yielding AHB 1200Fe variety”. The present variety provides good income and supplementary nutritional benefit. Now she feels that there is no need to change this water smart crop with any high-water consuming crop.

In her Words “I would highly recommend bio fortified seed to other farmers in my community”



SUCCESS STORY



Atal Jal transforms Dholi Village in District Yamunanagar, Haryana

In the small village of Dholi, water management activities took place under the Atal Bhujal Yojana, bringing relief and prosperity to 120 households. For years, the community of Dholi village were distraught due to the consequences of pond water overflow. The absence of proper drainage systems led to waterlogged houses, causing significant hardships for the community.

The Atal Bhujal Yojana identified the issues and initiated a targeted intervention. Through a strategic re-excavation process and the overflow problem was effectively addressed.

Transformative Impact:

The success of the Atal Bhujal Yojana in Dholi is evident in the positive changes it has brought about. The re-excavated pond now serves a dual purpose: preventing waterlogging and providing a

vital resource for farming and irrigation.

Community Benefits:

The direct beneficiaries of this intervention are the 120 households in Dholi village. With water-related challenges mitigated, these families now enjoy improved living conditions. The water from the rejuvenated pond not only safeguards their homes but also fosters sustainable agricultural practices, contributing to increased productivity and economic well-being.

Dholi village stands as a testament to the transformative potential of Atal Bhujal Yojana. The efforts has not only resolved immediate challenges but has also set the stage for long-term water management and agricultural sustainability.



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Atal Jal Through Lens



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- 1- Groundwater information dissemination center at GP-Bhend, Block-Madha, District- Solapur, Maharashtra
- 2- Showcasing Atal Bhujal documentary and imparting information on Micro irrigation during viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra At G.P-Bevata, Block-Tharad, District-Banas Kantha, Gujarat
- 3- Awareness of farmers regarding water flow meter in G.P- Dinau, Block-Palera, District- Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh
- 4- Awareness generation through auto campaign in G.P-Sokke Gram Panchayat, Block-Jagaluru, District-Davangere, Karnataka
- 5- Water Level Monitoring at G.P – Kali Pahari, Block – Kabrai, District – Mahoba, Uttar Pradesh
- 6- Hoarding Board of Atal Jal in G.P-Kushal Majara, Block- Guhla, District-Kaithal, Haryana
- 7- Water Quality testing and its result dissemination in G.P Kherali, Block- Baran, District-Baran, Rajasthan

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कार्यशाला में भूजल संरक्षण को लेकर रखे सुझाव



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आईसी विवेकानंद जिनकी हमारी ग्राम पंचायत स्तर पर होने वाले आईसीसी बैठकियों के बारे में जानकारी दी। महिलाओं की भागीदारी अधिक से अधिक बढ़ाने, जल के प्रति व्यवहार में परिवर्तन का लक्ष्य धर-धर तक पहुंचाने, एप्लिकेशन परकंप्यूटर अधिनियम संघ, सारकक कृषि अधिकारी हीरालाल

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वर्तमान में भूजल स्तर गहरे से पंचायत समिति के अधिकारियों के बीच है। खेतों से पानी के अभाव में हीरालाल गायब हो गईं हैं। ऐसे में भूजल संरक्षण को लेकर हम सभी को मिलकर प्रयास करने की आवश्यकता है। योजना की समीक्षा करते हुए अधिक से अधिक कार्य

सहायगी विभागों द्वारा जल सुरक्षा योजना से आमजन को जोड़ने की बात कही। नोडल अधिकारी अटल भूजल योजना भूजल विभाग जम्पुर डॉ.अनिल चौहान द्वारा अटल भूजल योजना पर कहा कि अटल भूजल योजना भारत सरकार व वर्ल्ड बैंक द्वारा संयुक्त रूप से संचालित है, जिसमें अनुदान राशि का प्रावधान

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गुजरात सरकार द्वारा अद्यारोप विरोध अने राष्ट्रने समर्पित रही तकेदारी जगृति सभाहनी उजवली करवामां आवी रही छे. जे अंतर्गत अटल भूजल योजनाना विस्तारमां आवेला उठा तालुकाना शीडी अने उपेरा भे गाभोमां मीटींग योजवामां आवी छती. जेमां रेवी अने शपथविधि जेवा प्रोग्राम करवामां आव्या छता.

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परासौली में हुआ अटल भूजल का प्रशिक्षण

भास्कर ब्यूरो
बुधवार। शनिवार के दिन बुधवार ब्याक के गांव राजपुर छाजपुर और गांव परासौली में अटल भूजल योजना के एक दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण का आयोजन किया गया। इस प्रशिक्षण में मास्टर ट्रेनर नरेंद्र मलिक ने कहा कि अपनी आने वाली नरलों के लिए हमें भूजल का दोहन अविलंब रोकना होगा। जिस तरह से आज भूजल गिर रहा है वो वास्तव में बहुत ही चिंता का विषय है। केंद्र की भाषणा सरकार ने पूर्व प्रधानमंत्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेई जिन्हें भारत रत्न मिला उनके नाम से भी यह अटल भूजल योजना बनायी है तो आप लोग जरूर जागरूक बनें और पानी का दोहन होने से भी रोकें। अपने पशुओं को मग या बाल्टी से ही नहलायें। इससे पानी की बचत होगी। खेतों में मेडें बनाकर सिंचाई करें। मास्टर ट्रेनर धर्मवीर सिंह ने कहा कि भूजल का



अत्याधिक दोहन करना बिल्कुल भी ठीक नहीं है। राजपुर छाजपुर गांव की महिलाओं के साथ जल बचाने का संकल्प लिया। यहां जिला प्रशिक्षण संस्था की ओर से निहाल ने दोनों गांव की पूरी व्यवस्था देखी और ग्रामीणों को धन्यवाद दिया।

ऐक्य दि. १३ नोव्हें.

भूजल पातळी खालावलेल्या १७ गावांना प्रशिक्षण

जिल्ह्यात अटल भूजल योजनेतर्गत प्रशिक्षण सुरू
सातारा, दि. १३ : जिल्ह्याच्या पश्चिम भागात दमदार तर पूर्व भागात कमी-अधिक पाऊस पडतो. जिल्ह्यातील तालुकानिहाय माण ३५, खटाव ३९, वाई ३०, महाबळेश्वर १ अशा १७ गावांची भूजल पातळी चांगलीच खालावली आहे. याच गावात लोकसहभागानुसार भूगर्भातील पाणी पातळी उंचविव्यासाटी योग्य तांत्रिक पध्दतीचा वापर गावकऱ्यांनी करण्याची वेळ आली आहे. उपलब्ध पाण्याचा काटकसरीने वापर करून भविष्याचा प्रश्न निकाली काढण्यासाठी अटल भूजल योजनेतर्गत १७ गावात दर १५ दिवसांनी जाऊन एका विषयावर तज्ञ मार्गदर्शकांची टीम प्रशिक्षण देत आहे. याच प्रशिक्षणातून मिळालेले ज्ञान गावाच्या हद्दीतील भूगर्भातील पाणी पातळी उंचविव्यासाटी उपयुक्त ठरणाऱ असल्याचा विश्वास सातारा जिल्ह्याचे वरिष्ठ भूवैज्ञानिक अधिकारी प्रकाश बेडसे यांनी प्रसिद्धी माध्यमांशी बोलताना व्यक्त केला आहे.
ते म्हणाले, केंद्र शासनाच्या मार्गदर्शक सूचानुसार देशातील भूगर्भातील पाणी पातळी खालावलेल्या प्रत्येक गावात भूवैज्ञानिक सर्वेक्षण आणि विकास यंत्रणा विभागाकडून अटल भूजल योजनेतर्गत अभ्यासपूर्ण उपचार पध्दतीचा अवलंब करावा, यासाठी विविध उपक्रम राबविले जात आहेत. सध्या याबाबत गावस्तारावर जाऊन तज्ञ मार्गदर्शकांकडून प्रशिक्षण दिले जात आहे. यात जिल्ह्यातील अती पर्जन्यमान असणाऱ्या वाई तालुक्यातील ३० आणि महाबळेश्वर तालुक्यातील एका गावाचा समावेश आहे. कमी पर्जन्यमान असणाऱ्या माण ३५ आणि खटाव तालुक्यातील ३१ गावे आहेत. आजपर्यंत मोठ्या प्रमाणावर जलसंधारण, वृक्षलागवड करणाऱ्या गावाचीही समावेश आहे. याच गावांनी आता लोकसहभागानुसार पातळी उंचावण्यासाठी सर्वोत्तम योगदान देण्याची गरज आहे. याबाबत गावातील नागरिकांना अधिक सक्षम करण्यासाठी अटल भूजल योजनेतर्गत फेब्रुवारी अखेरपर्यंत दर १५ दिवसांनी १ प्रशिक्षण दिले जात आहे. सातारा जिल्ह्यात रगत शिक्षण संस्थेचे बरेच, ता.सातारा येथील पंचायत राज प्रशिक्षण केंद्राची टीम गावस्तारावर जाऊन प्रशिक्षण देत आहे.

झालावाड भास्कर 28-09-2023

किसांना को दिया भूजल संरक्षण का प्रशिक्षण

झालावाड। सिंचाई प्रबंधन एवं प्रशिक्षण संस्थान कोटा एवं जिला कार्यक्रम प्रबंधन इकाई के तत्वबधान में अटल भूजल योजना के अंतर्गत एक दिवसीय ब्रॉडक स्तरीय प्रशिक्षण एवं क्षमतावर्धन कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया। पंचायत समिति सभागार में मुख्य अतिथि ब्रॉडक विकास अधिकारी भवान सिंह की उपस्थिति में कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ किया गया। संवत्सल अंशालाल मोना, मोहम्मद कुशरी ने किया। कार्यक्रम में श्रावणवधन के कृषि पर्यवेक्षक एवं ग्राम विकास अधिकारी, सरपंच, कृषि सुपरवाइजर, प्रादेशीय किसानों ने भाग लिया। वीडियो भ्रमण सिंह ने बताया कि जल संरक्षण करने की शपथ दिलवाई गई। कार्यक्रम में डीपीएमयु फ़िरदौस ने खानपुर ब्रॉडक में योजना की विस्तृत जानकारी दी। कृषि पर्यवेक्षक एवं किसानों ने भूजल योजना और अप्सरी समन्वय से किस प्रकार गिरे अटल भूजल स्तर को रोकना जाए

पानीपत केसरी

ड्रिप सिंचाई और अंडरग्राउंड पाइपलाइन बिछाकर बचाया जा सकता है पानी : सतबीर कादियान

आधारभूत कार्यक्रमा में कई हिलों के किसानों ने लिया भाग

कानपुर, 22 दिसम्बर (बीबी) : पानी के अभाव से ग्रामीणों और जल संधारण से ग्रस्त क्षेत्रों में पानी की कमी का समाधान करने के लिए ड्रिप सिंचाई और अंडरग्राउंड पाइपलाइन बिछाकर बचाया जा सकता है पानी : सतबीर कादियान ने कहा।

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गिरते भू-जल स्तर के संरक्षण की जानकारी दी

सौकर अटल भू-जल योजना में सिंचाई प्रबंधन एवं प्रशिक्षण संस्थान कोटा द्वारा मंगलवार को जिला परिषद सभागार सौकर में एक दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण का आयोजन किया गया। कार्यशाला में मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी रमेश कुमार गढ़वाल ने बताया कि कार्यशाला में पंचजल किरलत है, जिले में जल स्तर को बढ़ावा देने व जल संरक्षण के उपायों की जानकारी दी। इस दौरान उप निदेशक राजेन्द्र राणा ने कहा कि अटल भू-जल योजना का मुख्य उद्देश्य गिरते हुए जल स्तर को रोकना है। जो पानी हम जमीन से निकाले जा रहे है और पिछले 50 सालों में हमने इतना पानी निकाल चुके हैं। वाटर लेवल बहुत ही निम्न स्तर पर चला गया है। योजना के माध्यम से हम सभी मिलकर जल सहायिता के द्वारा गिरे हुए भू-जल स्तर को रोकने के कार्यों के संबंध में किसानों व आमजन को जागरूक करें। कार्यशाला में प्रभारी भू जल वैज्ञानिक एवं नोडल अधिकारी दिनेश कुमार शर्मा सहित अन्य अधिकारी मौजूद रहे।

“तीव्रता से गहरे हो रहे जल संकट से लड़ने के लिए,
हमारे पास एकजुट होने के अलावा कोई विकल्प नहीं है”

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