Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation

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**National Workshop on IEC**

The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MoDWS) in partnership with UNICEF organized the National Workshop on IEC with focus on ODF Plus on April 15-16, 2019 at New Delhi. It was attended by SBM-G State IEC Consultants, State Coordinators, Mission Directors, Development partners and other resource persons from States and Centre. Around 60 representatives from 26 States attended the workshop and overall 98 participants attended the workshop.

The objective of the workshop was to understand the IEC perspective of each state, their approach, strategy, experiences, best practices, challenges and suggestions in the area of ODF sustainability, Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) for achieving the goal of ODF plus status. The workshop provided an appropriate platform for States to discuss in detail various issues pertaining to IEC in context of designing ODF plus campaigns for ensuring ODF sustainability and triggering behaviour change on SLWM. The expected outcome was to evolve a scientific and systematic approach by consensus for enhancing the impact of IEC activities for promoting desirable behaviour change.

**Swachh Bharat Mission showcased at World Bank’s World Water Week**

The Swachh Bharat Mission was showcased at the World Bank's World Water Week in Washington DC from 2nd to 4th April by Secretary MDWS. Over these days, Secretary MDWS delivered the keynote addresses at a session called "Delivering Water Supply & Sanitation Services", and was also a part of a panel discussion at a session called "The Sanitation Economy — Opportunities for Scale with the Private Sector". These sessions helped put out the success story of the Swachh Bharat Mission and India's water and sanitation program at this global platform.

**Training programme for Zila Swachh Bharat Prerak (ZSBP)**

A training programme for ZilaSwachh Bharat Prerak(ZSBP) on Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) was organized on 15-16th April, 2019 MDWS, New Delhi. A total of 30 ZSBPs from different districts participated. These Preraks were re-oriented on the issue of ODF-Plus.

**National Workshop on ODF Plus**

Another National Workshop on ODF Plus (ODF+) was organized on 25-26th April, 2019 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The Workshop was attended by Mission Directors/State Coordinators/State Consultants/Development Partners. A total of 105
participants attended the Workshop. The discussions held on ODF+ including SLWM. Many States made presentation on existing SLWM activities and way forward.

**National Workshop on convergence of activities in census towns**

A National workshop was held on 29th April, 2019 to familiarize the States for providing piped water supply within the household premises, community based rain water harvesting, grey water management planning and faecal sludge treatment plant for septage management particularly in census towns.

**Meeting of Plan Approval Committee (PAC)**

The meetings of Plan Approval Committee (PAC) to discuss AIPs 2019-20 under SBM-G was organized from 1-3rd April, 2019 at Conference Room MDWS, New Delhi. In the meetings, the AIPs of Haryana, Jharkhand, Kerala, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Goa, D & N Haveli, Daman & Diu, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Tripura, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland were discussed.

**National consultation on Piped Water Supply**

A National Consultation with States to discuss Piped Water Supply, Rainwater Harvesting and Greywater management was held on 29th April at Scope Complex. Representatives from several states attended this workshop and it was chaired by Secretary MDWS. This meeting saw detailed discussions on the way forward to ensuring piped water supply to all rural households, as well as interventions to conserve rainwater and manage wastewater to recharge groundwater.