Har Ghar Jal depiction of the Government’s new initiative ‘Jal Jeevan Mission’ (JJM) which aims to provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to every rural household by 2024 was easily the best attraction of this year’s Republic Day Parade held at Rajpath on 26th January 2020.

The tableau comprised of a huge metallic tap and a pot made of numerous metallic pots, representing millions of rural households. The middle section showcased how a rural household in would benefit under JJM. It featured a household functioning smoothly with running water in their kitchen, toilet and washing area; while grey water flowed into a soak pit. Equipped with an izzat ghar (toilet) a family was shown attending to its daily routine with improved quality of life.

The rear portion highlighted water conservation in the form of a structure that looks like two palms collecting a huge water drop, indicating collective efforts for rainwater harvesting and water conservation. Alongside were artists sporting costumes in blue to look like droplets of water. There were others in cultural attire of different states/UTs to symbolize the making of JJM, a Jan Andolan.
Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh awarded the best tableau award to the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM); which it jointly shared with the NDRF tableau at a ceremony held at the national capital on 28th January 2020.

The initiative comes in the backdrop of last year’s Independence Day address of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi when he announced the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission to provide potable water in adequate quantity and prescribed quality on regular basis to every rural household by 2024.

Currently, only 33 million out of around 178 million rural households in the country have the facility of piped water connection and hence approximately 146 million households are to provided with household tap connections by 2024 under JJM.

Overall the tableau advocated the need for water conservation and accessibility of quality water for all; while urging rural communities to work together so that water becomes a shared commitment and also “everyone’s business’.

For long term drinking water security, it is important that local communities and Gram Panchayats come forward and take responsibility to manage in-village water supply systems and their water resources; and reuse greywater. This way, a community would develop a sense of ownership of the assets being created under this Mission.