

## Awards conferred to top ranking States/Districts in SSG-2019



As many as 18 States and 18 Districts that performed well on key quantitative and qualitative sanitation parameters during Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2019 were honoured on World Toilet Day at a function organized in the capital on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti (DDWS) undertook “Swachh Survekshan Grameen in 2019 to provide national ranking of all districts and States of India on the basis of quantitative and qualitative sanitation (Swachhata) parameters.

The ranking was based on a comprehensive set of parameters including self-reporting by Districts, data from the SBM-G IMIS, district-level surveys of public places like schools, Anganwadis, PHCs, Haat bazaars, Panchayat and citizen’s perception of Swachhata and their recommendations for improvement of the programme. As part of SSG-2019, 17,450 villages in 698 districts across India were covered. As many as 87,250 public places namely schools, anganwadis, public health centres, haat/bazaars/religious places in these 17,450 villages were visited for the survey.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Sadananda Gowda, Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India congratulated the top performing states and districts in SSG-2019. World Toilet Day is the right occasion for India to celebrate the progress it has made in sanitation over the past five years, he said, adding that a remarkable change is being seen in rural India in

terms of sanitation and curbing use of single-use plastics, owing to the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen.



Secretary, DDWS, Shri Parameswaran Iyer emphasized that the work of sanitation continues – in terms of filling gaps so that no one is left behind; and sustaining outcomes gained during the ODF campaign.

On the mammoth SSG-2019 exercise, he said that survey was highly extensive in its coverage with feedback received from 3 crore citizens via mobile app and over 12 lakh people providing feedback via 1,74,121 face to face interactions.

**As far as the key findings are concerned, SSG-2019 report stated that:**

- 97.5% were aware of SSG-2019
- 81.3% credited SBM-G for substantial improvement in cleanliness level
- 83% reported that sufficient arrangements were made in their village to manage liquid waste
- 84.1% reported that sufficient arrangements were made in their village to manage solid waste
- 72.5% of public places had access to toilets
- 88.7% of public places were free of plastic litter
- 92.5% of public places were free from stagnant waste water

Also speaking on the occasion, Minister of State, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Shri Rattan Lal Kataria said that the survey has not only generated awareness on the importance of safe sanitation

access, but also highlighted the efforts by states/districts and GPs to maintain ODF sustainability and general cleanliness as a part of renewed intervention under SBM.

**Zone wise results of SSG-2019:**

<b>TOP THREE STATES</b>			
<b>Zone</b>	<b>I Rank</b>	<b>II Rank</b>	<b>III Rank</b>
Southern	Tamil Nadu	Telangana	Kerala
Northern	Haryana	Uttar Pradesh	Uttarakhand
Eastern	Jharkhand	Chhattisgarh	West Bengal
Western	Gujarat	Maharashtra	Madhya Pradesh
North East	Mizoram	Sikkim	Arunachal Pradesh
Union Territories	Daman & Diu	D&N Haveli	Puducherry

<b>TOP THREE DISTRICTS</b>			
<b>Zone</b>	<b>I Rank</b>	<b>II Rank</b>	<b>III Rank</b>
Southern	Peddapalli	Thoothukudi	Dindigul
Northern	Faridabad	Rewari	Mahendragarh
Eastern	Khunti	Dumka	Simdega
Western	Patan	Mahisagar	Panch Mahals
North East	Kolasib	Serchip	Aizwal
Union Territories	Daman	Diu	D&N Haveli