

## DDWS launches ODF Plus Manuals



The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) today launched five technical manuals, that will assist States and Districts to attain ODF Plus status in Phase II of the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G), leading to a Swachh and Swasth Bharat.

The technical manuals on Plastic Waste Management (PWM), Grey water Management (GWM), Faecal Sludge Management (FSM), Biodegradable Waste Management (BWM), and Information Education and Communication (IEC); were launched by the Minister of Jal Shakti – Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Minister of State, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel in the presence of the Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Shri Pankaj Kumar and Additional Secretary, Shri Arun Baroka.

The manuals have been developed to support rural local bodies implement ODF Plus initiatives effectively and efficiently in their settings. They provide detailed information on various technologies, estimated cost, Operation and Maintenance (O&M) arrangements, etc. Comprehensive guidance to achieve effective solid and liquid waste management in rural areas would be available in the technical manuals.



Speaking at the event, the Minister of Jal Shakti threw light on the immense success of Phase I of SBM-G campaign that as per international studies made the environment clean and at the same time contributed to health and economic benefits.

On the ODF Plus manuals, he said they have been prepared in collaboration with various partners to be used in the field to accelerate the ODF Plus programme.

On the other hand, Minister of State explained that the manuals which are intended to make the entire country ODF Plus have technical details of solid and liquid waste management and Gobardhan which will bring unprecedented benefits to the village communities.



Offering his comments during the e-launch of the technical manuals, Mr. Arun Baroka informed that States can translate the open files with infographics on various ODF Plus topics into their vernacular languages to enable them to sustain ODF status, leading to an ODF Plus country.

