

## Atmanirbhar Gram Yatra under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav commences



The Government of Gujarat is planning to reach out to the masses to spread awareness about government policies by organising different camps and IEC activities and ensuring people's participation in cleaning of public places, as a part of its state wide 'Atmanirbhar Gram Yatra' under the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav campaign from November 18-20, 2021.

Led by the Rural Development Department, the 3-day event that will be inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Gujarat at Mahemdabad, Kheda, Gujarat on November 18, 2021 will see the Bhoomi Poojan of as many as 28 Gobardhan projects.



Further, through Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G), as many as 6678 swachhata rallies will be held. Also, 100 MoUs will be signed to effectively recycle 9287 kgs of collected plastic waste and recycle legacy waste in 6512 villages.

The events will be spearheaded by the Department of Rural Development with the involvement of 12 other departments (Panchayat, Rural Housing and Rural Development, Road and

Building, Narmada, Water Resources, Water Supply and Kalpsar; Women and Child Development; Health and Family Welfare; Tribal Development; Social Justice and Empowerment; Agriculture,

Farmers Welfare, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Cooperation; General Administration; Forests and Environment; Education; Sports, Youth and Cultural Activities)

As many as 100 raths would be driven in 1090 Zila Panchayat seats throughout the State.

Earlier, the State has initiated a 100 days campaign on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 to benefit the economically backward sections of the society. As a part of this, the State had targeted the construction of 1,00,000 individual soak pits, 10,000 community soak pits, 66,929 individual toilets and retrofitting of 25,000 toilets.

Additionally, a three-pronged approach, encompassing cleaning and beautification of public places, banning single use plastic under Clean India, providing water supply and drainage in urban areas by Amrut 2.0 and employing scientific solid waste disposal and treatment of wastewater under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase II was launched.

Further, in celebration of 75 years of Independence, the State Government organised special Gram Sabhas – across the state on the theme ‘Global Handwashing Day.’ Towards this, as many as 582 open air gatherings (Kuli Baithaks) and 5172 bi-annual Gram Sabhas were organised to create awareness on the importance of cleanliness and handwashing and to promote covid appropriate behaviours such as wearing masks and maintaining social distance.

