



Jal Jeevan Mission: Progress in Meghalaya (State Series)

2.82 lakh households provided with tap water connections in Meghalaya

(Ministry of Jal Shakti)

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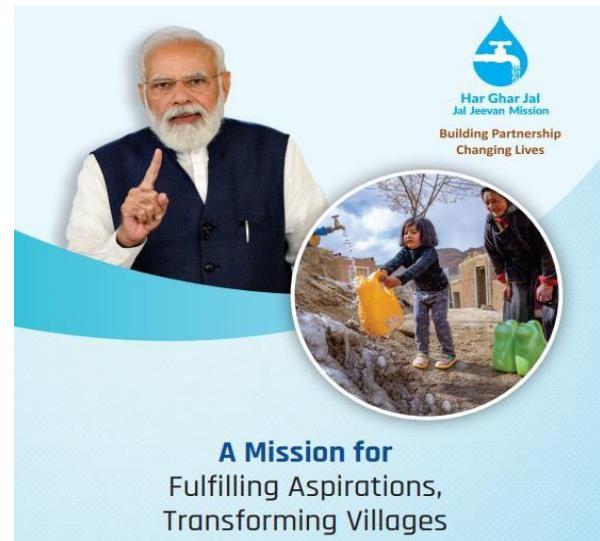
“People’s power, women power, and power of technology are powering the Jal Jeevan Mission”

[Prime Minister Narendra Modi¹](#)

Jal Jeevan Mission: Introduction

In the last eight years, the government of India has launched numerous welfare schemes that have empowered women and made them lead India’s development journey. Walking long distances to fetch water for daily consumption has now become history as households across the country can get tap water connections in their homes under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Jal Jeevan Mission is a flagship program launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in August 2019 which aims to provide all rural households with tap water supply in adequate quantity & of prescribed quality by 2024.



As on [January 16, 2023](#), over **10.88 crore households** have been provided tap water connections. Further, 125 districts, 1528 blocks, 82,354 panchayats and 1,51,442 villages have become Har Ghar Jal.

India | Status of tap water supply in rural homes

Total number of households (HHS)	Households with tap water connections as on 15 Aug 2019	Households with tap water connections as on date +42,832
19,29,77,191	3,23,62,838 (16.77%)	10,88,50,371 (56.41%)
Remaining households as on 15 Aug 2019 16,06,14,353		Households provided with tap water connection since launch of the Mission 7,64,87,533 (47.62%)

¹ https://www.pmindia.gov.in/en/news_updates/pm-addresses-the-har-ghar-jal-utsav-under-jal-jeevan-mission-via-a-video-message/

Meghalaya– Progress Under Jal Jeevan Mission²

Meghalaya is blessed with more than average rainfall and has abundant natural water resources³. However, due to detrimental human interference, the water levels are being depleted. Thus, a multi-pronged corrective approach is required by State Government. Jal Jeevan Mission has provided a definite roadmap to the State to provide clean, potable water to its citizens in their houses, so that the women and girls are unburdened from the chore of fetching clean water over long distances.

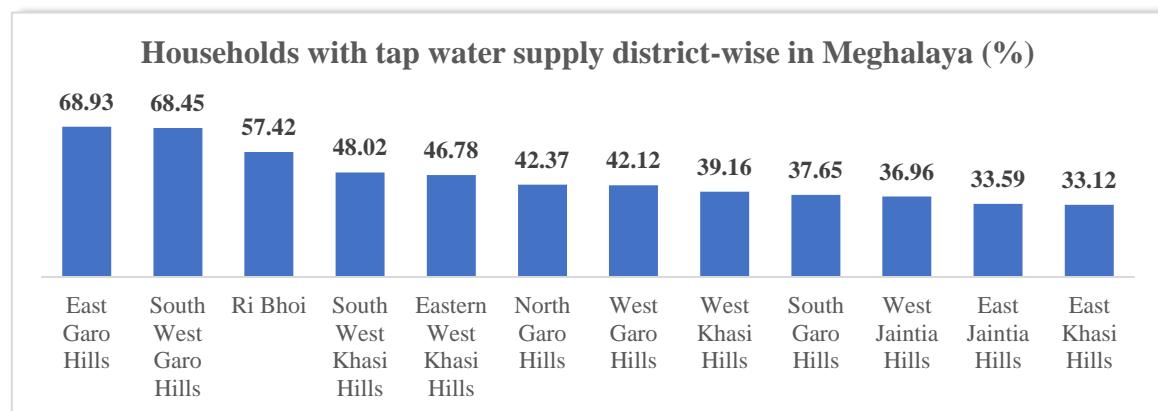


Households With Tap Water Connections in Meghalaya

As on January 13, 2023, **2.82 lakh households** have tap water connections i.e., **44.45% households** have tap water supply in the state.

Since the inception of JJM, Meghalaya has been able to provide **tap water connections to over 2.82 lakh households (44.45%)** compared to just 4,550 households (0.72%) earlier.

Meghalaya Status of tap water supply in rural homes		
Total number of households (HHs)	Households with tap water connections as on 15 Aug 2019	Households with tap water connections as on date
6,35,032	4,550 (0.72%)	2,82,255 (44.45%)
		+433
Remaining households as on 15 Aug 2019	Households provided with tap water connection since launch of the Mission	
6,30,482	2,77,705 (44.05%)	



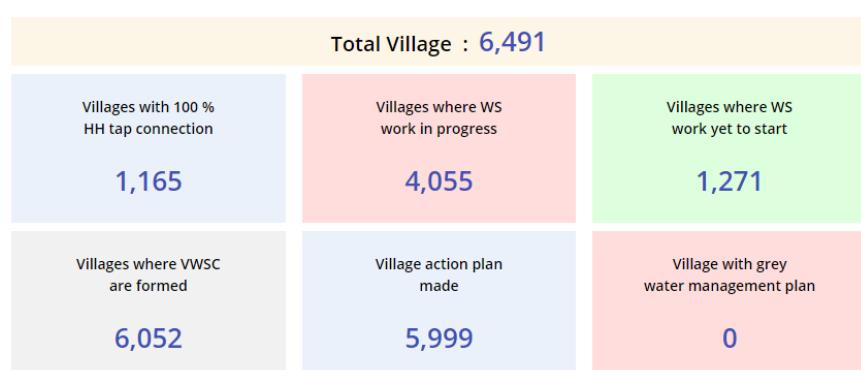
²<https://ejalshakti.gov.in/jjmreport/JJMState.aspx>

³<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1628351>

Villages With Tap Water Connections in Meghalaya

In rural areas, managing homes including fetching water is considered as the responsibility of women. Keeping this in view, minimum 50% members of Village Water & Sanitation Committee (VWSC) / Pani Samitis⁴ are to be women and proportionate representation of weaker sections of society.

As on January 13, 2023, 1,165 villages in Meghalaya have 100% tap water connections. Furthermore,



* WS = Water supply

water and sanitation committees (VWSC) have been formed in nearly all villages.

Har Ghar Jal Status in Meghalaya

As on January 13, 2023, **1165-gram panchayats and 1,165 villages have become ‘Har Ghar Jal’ in Meghalaya.**

Panchayats		Villages	
Reported	Certified	Reported	Certified
1,165	523	1,165	525

With focus on public health, more than 2,000 water quality testing laboratories in the country have been opened to the general public so that they can get their water samples tested whenever they so desire at a nominal cost. As of December 2022, Meghalaya has 30 active water testing laboratories.⁵

Conclusion

The Jal Jeevan Mission in Meghalaya has made significant strides in increasing access to safe and clean drinking water in the state. The mission's focus on sustainable and community-led solutions has ensured that the benefits of the program are felt by all members of society, particularly the most marginalized. Overall, the Jal Jeevan Mission is proving to be a vital step towards achieving the goal of water security for all citizens.

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