



# NATIONAL WASH CONCLAVE 2022

# WASH FORWARD

Advancing Water, Sanitation and Hygiene  
(WASH) in Panchayats

23 - 24 - 25 February, 2022  
02:00 PM - 06:30 PM | Virtual Conclave





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## WASH FORWARD: ADVANCING WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH) IN PANCHAYATS

Sustainable Development Goal 6 is a global commitment to ensure safe drinking water and sanitation for all. The goal emphasizes the need to think and act holistically to ensure Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) is integrated in policy and practice. Government of India has launched Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) Phase-II and Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) with clear guidelines and adequate budgets to provide sustainable WASH services on a decentralized mode by 2024. Towards this, the states have developed Perspective plans and started implementing these programs. Since the launch of SBM-II and JJM, there is a steady progress in achieving ODF plus villages and providing Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) respectively. However, given the need to meet time bound targets, strengthen decentralized management and ensure sustained outcomes, there is a need for consistent drive for change management, improved capacities of various stakeholder groups, convergence at all levels and robust monitoring system to achieve objectives of these flagship programs. There is a greater need for collaboration among government, development partners, civil society and private sector to build capacities and empower Panchayats to plan, implement and manage WASH facilities and services.

The **National WASH Conclave 2022** with the theme – **“WASH Forward: Advancing Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Panchayats”** is aimed at bringing Government and all sector players on a platform to deliberate, reflect, share and learn from experiences on effective delivery of WASH services by Panchayats including ways to improve resilience to future pandemics and major disruptions, including climate change. This conclave is being organized by NIRDPR in collaboration with MoJS, MoPR, UNICEF, WaterAid and other development partners and organization from 23 to 25 February 2022 through virtual platform.

### CONCLAVE OBJECTIVES

#### Bringing Government and WASH sector players on a platform to:

1. Deliberate on sector approaches and strategies for improved and sustainable WASH services by Panchayats
2. Facilitate learning and sharing of best practices of various WASH programs for scaling up
3. Discuss and agree on 'Call for Action' for advancing WASH in Panchayats by all sector players

### PARTICIPANTS

The Conclave will be attended by Representatives and Officials from relevant ministries of Government of India, State Governments, including District, Sub-district and GPs. Other participants include sector professionals from Development Partners, Civil Society Organizations, Private Sector, Academia and Media. The conclave sessions will be facilitated by sector experts from various domains.

### CONCLAVE DATES AND TIME

Dates: 23 - 24 - 25 February, 2022

Time: 02:00 PM – 06:30 PM



# CONCLAVE AGENDA

DAY 1 - 23 FEBRUARY, 2022  
INAUGURAL DAY

## PLENARY 1 (105 MINS) 02:00 PM - 03:45 PM

### Welcome Song

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### Welcome & Context Setting

Dr. G. Narendra Kumar  
Director General, NIRDPR

### Opening Remarks

Ms. Meital Rusdia, Chief, UNICEF HFO

### Instructions for using Conference Platform

### Interactive Discussion using Mentimeter

Ms. Swathi Manchikanti and  
Ms. Karishma Kadyan, UNICEF

### Strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions to deliver improved WASH services - What needs to be done?

Mr. Nicolas Osbert, Chief of WASH, UNICEF India  
(Moderator)

1. Mr. Sunil Kumar, Secretary, MoPR
2. Ms. Vini Mahajan, Secretary, MoJS
3. Mr. Arun Baroka, Addl. Secretary, MoJS
4. Mr. Chandra Shekar Kumar, Addl. Sec, MoPR
5. Ms. P. Amudha, Pr. Sec to Govt. of Tamil Nadu
6. Mr. Junaid Ahmad, Country Director, World Bank
7. Mr. V.K. Madhavan, Chief Executive, WaterAid

**Videos** - Success Stories from Gram Panchayats

## INAUGURAL CEREMONY (60 MINS) 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM

### Arrival of Hon'ble Vice President of India

### National Anthem

### Welcome Address

Dr. G. Narendra Kumar, Director General, NIRDPR

### Role of Development partners, CSOs and Private Sector for WASH in India

Ms. Gillian Mellsop  
Country Representative, UNICEF India

### Special Address

Shri Amitabh Kant, CEO NITI Aayog

### Keynote Address

1. Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat  
Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti
2. Shri Giriraj Singh  
Hon'ble Minister of Panchayati Raj

### Release of Conclave Booklet & Inaugural Address

Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu  
Hon'ble Vice President of India

### Words of Thanks

Dr. R. Ramesh, Associate Professor & Head, CRI, NIRDPR

### National Anthem

## TECHNICAL BREAKOUT SESSIONS (90 MINS) 05:00 PM - 06:30 PM

**Topic:** Successes, Bottlenecks and Way forward:  
Improving financing and spending by PRIs for fulfilling SBM-2 Priorities

### Moderator:

Mr. Sujoy Mojumdar,  
UNICEF (in coordination with SBM PMU)

**Topic:** Successes, Bottlenecks and Way forward:  
Improving financing and spending by PRIs for fulfilling JJM Priorities

### Moderator:

Mr. V. K. Madhavan,  
WaterAid India (in coordination with JJM PMU)



# DAY 2 - 24 FEBRUARY, 2022

## DEEP DIVE INTO THEMATIC ISSUES

### TECHNICAL BREAKOUT SESSIONS ON DRINKING WATER (90 MINS) 02:00 PM - 03:30 PM

**Topic:** Sustainable FHTC models for local bodies to deploy in water quality affected locations

**Moderator:**  
Dr. Sunderrajan Krishnan, INREM Foundation

**Topic:** Ensuring source protection, security and sustainability under Jal Jeevan Mission

**Moderator:**  
Mr. Muralidharan Ardhanareswaran, DDWS, MoJS

**Topic:** Strengthening roles and capacities of KRCs & Implementation Support Agencies for effectively supporting local bodies

**Moderator:**  
Mr. Apoorva Oza, AKRSP

**Topic:** Ensuring WASH services in rural Schools and Anganwadi Centres: potential roles of PRIs

**Moderator:**  
Dr. Pratibha Singh, UNICEF

### TECHNICAL BREAKOUT SESSIONS ON SANITATION (90 MINS) 03:30 PM - 05:00 PM

**Topic:** Implementation solutions for PRIs on, improved Liquid Waste and Faecal Sludge Management

**Moderator:**  
Mr. Binu Arickal, WaterAid India

**Topic:** Management of organic solid waste and plastic waste by PRIs: Experiences, Challenges and Way Forward

**Moderator:**  
Dr. R. Ramesh, NIRDPR

**Topic:** Repair and retrofitting of sanitation infrastructure for sustainable sanitation: Challenges and solutions for PRIs

**Moderator:**  
Mr. V. R. Raman & Ms. Amulya Miriyala, WaterAid India

**Topic:** Placing WASH in Health Care Facilities into Panchayat's Agenda - issues and potential solutions

**Moderator:**  
Dr. Pratibha Singh, UNICEF & Dr. Asad Umar, AKF

### TECHNICAL BREAKOUT SESSIONS ON HYGIENE (90 MINS) 05:00 PM - 06:30 PM

**Topic:** Making hand hygiene for all a reality in rural areas, building on the Covid experience - What can PRIs do?

**Moderator:**  
Ms. Ruchika Shiva, IRC WASH

**Topic:** Ensuring safe management of periods by all menstruating women: Key issues that Panchayats have to attend

**Moderator:**  
Dr. Arundhati Muralidharan & Ms. Tanya Mahajan, MHAJ

**Topic:** Hygienic disposal of child faeces in rural areas - How can PRIs make it possible and feasible?

**Moderator:**  
Dr. Apurva Vijay, Gram Vikas

**Topic:** Medium, channels and tools for communication on improving hand hygiene and menstrual hygiene behaviours at PRI level

**Moderator:**  
Ms. Shalini Prasad, UNICEF



# DAY 3 - 25 FEBRUARY, 2022

## LOOKING AT CROSS-CUTTING THEMES AND CONCLUSIONS

### PLENARY 2 (90 MINS) 02:00 PM - 03:30 PM

**Strengthening GPs to set up service benchmarks, monitor and attain WASH related SDGs in time:** A potential roadmap for data, capacities and finances, data visualization and monitoring under JJM and SBM, learning from Swachh Sarvekshan for rural JJM and SBM; and suggestions from NITI Aayog, UNDP, and others on way forward towards achieving SDGs

**Moderator:** Dr. R. Ramesh, NIRDPR & Ms. Koushiki Banerjee, UNICEF

### SPECIAL TALK (30 MINS) 03:30 PM - 04:00 PM

**Building WASH Agenda in Panchayats: National Perspective, Priorities and Strategies**

**Speaker:** Shri Amitabh Kant, CEO NITI Aayog

### TECHNICAL BREAKOUT SESSIONS ON CROSS-CUTTING THEMES (90 MINS) 04:00 PM - 05:30 PM

**Topic:** Role of PRIs in improving communication and mobilisation at village level for strengthening sustainable WASH behaviours and environmental health

**Moderator:**  
Ms. Manjaree Pant,  
UNICEF

**Topic:** Strategies for Disability, Gender, Equity and Inclusion in WASH programmes at PRI level

**Moderator:**  
Mr. Anurag Gupta,  
WaterAid India

**Topic:** How to build linkages of WASH programmes with sustainable climate and disaster resilience agenda at Panchayat level

**Moderator:**  
Dr. Prabhakar Sinha &  
Ms. Swathi Manchikanti,  
UNICEF

**Topic:** Ways for Developing technical human resources for WASH at PRIs and ensuring safety of sanitation work in rural areas

**Moderator:**  
Mr. Nitya Jacob, SuSanA  
& Mr. V.R. Raman,  
WaterAid India

### VALEDICTORY CEREMONY - 05:30 PM - 07:00 PM

#### Summary of the Conclave

Mr. Salathiel. R. Nalli (Moderator)  
Emergency Manager, UNICEF Maldives

#### Opening Remarks for the Valedictory Session

Ms. Meital Rusdia, Chief, UNICEF HFO

#### Special Address

Dr. Roderico H. Ofrin  
Representative, WHO India

#### Call For Action and Way Forward

Dr. G. Narendra Kumar, Director General, NIRDPR

#### Key Reflections

Ms. Vini Mahajan, Secretary, MoJS  
Mr. Sunil Kumar, Secretary, MoPR

#### Valedictory Address:

Shri. Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

#### Concluding Remarks

Mr. Salathiel. R. Nalli, Emergency Manager, UNICEF

#### Words of Thanks

Dr. R. Ramesh, Associate Prof. & Head, CRI, NIRDPR  
Mr. Venkatesh Aralikatty, WASH Specialist, UNICEF HFO