

Rural Jharkhand declared Open Defecation Free, West Bengal commits to become Open Defecation Free by December 2018

A regional review meeting of the Eastern States was held in Kolkata, West Bengal. The workshop comprised discussions on sustaining Open Defecation Free (ODF) status, Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM), and rural water supply. Teams from West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar and Odisha joined the review. Key aspects of sustainability such as geo-tagging, verification of ODF villages, conversion of dysfunctional toilets, IEC expenditure, Swachhagrahi engagement were reviewed.

West Bengal currently has a rural sanitation coverage of 97% and is on track to becoming ODF much before the national target of October 2019.

Hon'ble Shri Parameswaran Iyer, Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, appreciated the team from Jharkhand for declaring the State as Open Defecation Free. Hon'ble Shri Akshay Rout, Director General, Special Projects, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation shared details of the ongoing Swachh Bharat World Toilet Day Contest (9th-19th November 2018). He urged all States and districts to come forward and participate in the Contest by organizing mass mobilization for Swachhata at the grassroots.

The review meeting was preceded by an early morning village visit during which the Ministry officers and State Mission team visited villages in the outskirts of Kolkata and interacted with villagers regarding their access to and usage of household toilets.

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