





# TAP WATER IN THE MOUNTAINS

CHAMOLI, UTTARAKHAND



## UNIQUENESS AND SUCCESS

Chamoli, a border District of Uttarakhand, is spread over a difficult mountainous terrain and remains snow bound in winters. Access to water has always been a challenge for the residents with a daily trek to the nearest waterpoint as a part of life.

With this background, Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) was launched in the District on 15th August, 2019 to enable Households, Schools, Anganwadi Centres, Gram Panchayat buildings, Health centres, Wellness centres and community buildings in the villages to have Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) by the year 2024.

Fully aware that the sustainability and success of the mission was dependent on Jan Bhagidari, people participation was integrated as a major component. Starting with a low base of 29.3% households in District Chamoli of FHTC coverage, today, Jal Jeevan Mission has provided FHTC coverage to 88.24% households in the District. Despite the challenging terrain, topography and adverse climatic conditions causing frequent hazards and limiting the working conditions, District Chamoli has achieved second rank in Uttarakhand in the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission.



### **Governance frameworks to support Jal Jeevan Mission in the District.**

Governance model: The work on augmentation of available water sources in the villages and grey water management is done in an integrated form with drinking water schemes.

The programme is being supervised by the State Water and Sanitation Mission (SWSM) and in the Districts by the District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM)

#### **The functions of DWSM:**

- Finalize District Action Plan (DAP) to provide tap water connection to every rural household.
- Provide administrative approval of in-village water supply schemes.
- Engage Implementation Support Agencies (ISAs) to handhold GPs/ Jal Samitis.
- Implement IEC campaigns, etc.

#### **Capacity building mechanism for HR deployed in the implementation:**

- Planning and building eco-system for reforms.
- Project Management and Financial Management.
- Building capacity of Village Administration to check:
  - Water Resource Planning and Project Management.
  - Water Quality and O&M of water supply systems.

### **Transparent display of progress (Physical and Financial) at Village level**

**Functioning Public grievance redressal mechanism through [ejalshakti.gov.in](http://ejalshakti.gov.in)**

#### **Technology driven governance architecture:**

**Financial governance:** Funds are made available to concerned division through PFMS online including the payment to contractors.

**JJM Mobile Application:** This application provides information relating to all aspects of JJM, including beneficiaries, water quality, contamination, funding, action plans and it also allows citizens to rate their experiences.

