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Subject: Observation of Jal Pakhwada 2026 - reg.

The “Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain” campaign, launched on 22nd March 2021, aims to promote rainwater harvesting and water conservation. It focuses on mapping and inventory of water bodies, scientific planning, establishment of Jal Shakti Kendras, afforestation, and awareness generation. In continuation of these efforts, Jal Pakhwada will be observed from 16th to 30th April, 2026 in all schools and educational institutions across the country.

All schools are requested to actively participate in Jal Pakhwada 2026 and organize the following suggested participatory activities during this period:

- Jal Shapath may be organised by all schools on the first working day of the Pakhwada and during morning assemblies every day, wherein all students and teachers/staff may participate.
- Holding meeting of SMCs/PTAs or Workshops in the first week of the Pakhwada to highlight the importance of “Water Conservation” in school as well as home. Workshops on Water Conservation may also be included in the school syllabi to spread awareness for water conservation.
- Competitions may be held in districts/block/clusters for conserving water in schools; Debates/Essay/Quiz competition for students for conserving water in schools; Painting competition for students, teachers and parents.
- Debates on conserving water awareness messages to be posted on the website of the schools. Alternatively, photographs on water conservation may be displayed in schools.

Further, the suggested Action Plan for Jal Pakhwada is enclosed as **Annexure-1**. You are requested to ensure maximum participation of students, teachers and parents for making the Jal Pakhwada, 2026 successful.

A brief report of the activities along with the photographs may be submitted by the schools on daily basis in the google link: <https://forms.gle/oLtmyGtp7mY5G2a57>

With best wishes!

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Ministry of Education
Department of School Education & Literacy

Suggested Action Plan for Jal Pakhwada (16th – 30th April, 2026)

1. Jal Shapath function may be organized wherein all students and teachers/staff may participate. Children to speak about and take pledge for water conservation.
2. Electronic banners may be created and uploaded on the departmental/state web portals to highlight the observance of the Jal Pakhwada. Publicity and awareness generation may be done through use of social media, as well as electronic and print media.
3. Holding meeting of SMCs/SMDCs/PTAs to highlight the importance of Water Conservation.
4. Water Conservation awareness messages to be posted on the website of the Department/ Organisations/ Schools.
5. A status check/ review can be done for piped water supply connection in the school in view of **Jal Jeevan Mission**.
6. Convene small group meeting of Bal Sansad/ School Cabinet specially to discuss the Jal Pakhwada activities in the school.
7. Prize distribution for participation of children, teachers and parents in competitions viz. Painting, Essay, Debate, Quiz, Slogan, Inter-school and Crafting, model making etc. to encourage Water Conservation.
8. All teachers may visit nearby villages to address the local communities on Water Conservation. They may also sensitize local community to stop wasting of water resources and to make them aware ongoing Jal Shakti Abhiyan.
9. Teachers and students in association with local representatives should propagate the theme of Jal Pakhwada among public in local areas.
10. Students may be asked to come out with imaginative slogans, posters and pamphlets on different themes such as water conservation etc, which can be later displayed in school exhibitions and on village/ town walls/ school premises.
11. To educate students learn about conservation of water. To sensitize students about the impact of scarcity of water. To empower students to learn to protect the natural sources of water. To help every students to save at least one litre of water per day. To encourage students towards judicious use and minimum wastage of water at home and school.
12. Competitions can be held in districts/blocks/clusters on Water.
13. Essay, Slogan, Elocution, Quiz, Painting, Skit, Poem, slogan writing competitions and Model making competition on Water.
14. Debates on Water.
15. Students may be taught about checking wastage of water.
16. Water from hand washing unit to be channelled to school gardens.
17. Children may be taught about the water borne diseases/diseases, safe handling of drinking water so that they practice proper hand and oral hygiene.
18. Audio visual programme to be undertaken to motivate students/employees and other for Water Conservation.
19. Encourage community members and students to make suggestions as to what new activities can be included under Jal Pakhwada and forward such suggestions to DoSEL, MoE.
20. All Schools/educational institutions may sum up their activities and work undertaken during the Jal Pakhwada and select best activity for forwarding to district/state authority for uploading on the website i.e. in public domain.
