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The campaign focuses on rainwater harvesting & water conservation, enumerating, geo-tagging & making inventory of all water bodies; preparation of scientific plans for water conservation, setting up Jal Shakti Kendras in all districts, intensive afforestation and awareness generation.

It has been decided to organize Jal Pakhwada from 16th to 30th April, every year in all schools, educational institutions of all states/UTs in an appropriate manner with active involvement of students, teachers and community (including SMC/SMDC).

All Heads of Govt./Govt. Aided/Unaided Primary/Secondary/Higher Secondary and Special Schools are hereby instructed to conduct activities according to suggested action plan and send the photos, videos and pictures of Jal Pakhwada Activities through E-mail/hardcopy on daily basis by 3.00 p.m. to the Block Resource Centres, Goa Samagra Shiksha of each taluka. Let us all join hands together and make this Jal Pakhwada a great success.



(Dr. Shambhu S. Ghadi)
State Project Director
Goa Samagra Shiksha

Encl: 1) Letter Ref: D. O. No. 28-1/2024-IS.10 Dated: 01/02/2024.

2) Suggested Action Plan for Jal Pakhwada (16th – 30th April 2024).

To,

All Heads of Govt./Govt. Aided/Unaided Primary/Secondary/Higher Secondary and Special Schools in the state of Goa.

Copy to:

1. Shri. Sanjay Kumar, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of school Education & Literacy, 124 'C' Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001.
2. The Director, Directorate of Education, Porvorim Goa
3. The Director (Administration), Directorate of Education, Porvorim Goa,
4. The Director, SCERT, Porvorim Goa
5. The Dy. Director of Education, North/South/Central Educational Zone, Mapusa/Margao, Panaji – Goa
6. The ADEIs of all talukas
7. The BRCCs of all the talukas
8. Nodal Officer, IT for uploading on the website of Directorate of Education, Porvorim Goa.

9. The District Project Officer, District Project Office North/South, Panaji/Margao



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01st February, 2024

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2. It has now been decided to organize **Jal Pakhwada from 16th to 30th April**, every year in all schools, educational institutions of all States/UTs in an appropriate manner with active involvement of students and teachers. The schools/institutions may be instructed to undertake the following suggested participatory activities during this period:

- i. Jal Shapath may be organised by all schools and educational institutions on the first working day of the Pakhwada and during morning assemblies every day, wherein all students and teachers/staff may participate.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. 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.
 - iv. Debates on conserving water awareness messages to be posted on the website of the Organisation/schools. Alternatively, photographs on water conservation may be displayed in schools/educational institutions."
3. Further, in order to give impetus to the programme and create mass awareness, it is requested that the States/UTs may undertake the following:
- (a) Audio visual programme to motivate student/employees and others for water conservation.
 - (b) Electronic banners may be created and uploaded on the departmental/ state web portals to highlight the observance of the

- Pakhwada. Publicity and awareness generation may be done through use of social media, as well as electronic and print media.
- (c) Necessary directions may be issued to schools to include water conservation in the agenda of the meeting of their School Management Committees, which may be organised during this period.
 - (d) Schools may organize pledge on water conservation during morning assembly every day during the Pakhwada.
 - (e) Increased focus may be given on community participation for the **Water Conservation Abhiyan in schools/ institutions** and schools may also be involved in undertaking awareness drives in nearby areas.
 - (f) Songs on water conservation may be created.
 - (g) **Student Ambassadors** may be included for organising Special Awareness Campaigns for conserving water during the Jal Pakhwada, especially in rural areas.

4. **Suggested Action plan for Jal Pakhwada (16th to 30th April, 2024) is enclosed.** You are accordingly requested to take necessary action and issue necessary instructions to district authorities, schools/educational institutions, so as to ensure participation of students, teachers, parents, in the Jal Pakhwada during 16th to 30th April, 2024 and accordingly plan for making the Jal Pakhwada, 2024 successful.

5. You are also requested to kindly intimate the number of schools and students that participated in the Pakhwada activity-wise in your State/UT to this Department. Photographs, video, films etc. together with highlights of each day of Pakhwada may be uploaded on School/District Education Website every day during the Pakhwada. You are also requested to forward Action taken report of **Jal Pakhwada** and **Water Conservation Workshop** to this Department by 31st May, 2024.

Yours sincerely,

Encl.: as above.

Sd/-
(Sanjay Kumar)

Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary (School Education), All States and UTs.

Copy to,

1. SPDs of all States/UT's.
2. Ground Water Section, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, with reference your email regarding Presentation of Seventy Fourth Report of Public Accounts Committee on the subject "Groundwater Management and Regulation" of the Ministry of Jal Shakti Department of Water Resources,
RD&GR - Furnishing of Action Taken Replies.


(Sanjay Kumar)

Suggested Action Plan for Jal Pakhwada (16th – 30th April, 2024)

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. Water Conservation awareness messages to be posted on the website of the Department/ Organisations/ Schools.
3. 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.
4. Holding meeting of SMCs/SMDCs/PIAs to highlight the importance of Water Conservation.
5. A status check/ review can be done for piped water supply connection in the school in view of **Jal Jeevan Mission**.
6. A status check and augmentation plan with regard to water harvesting systems in the school may be taken up in view of the current **Jal Shakti Abhiyan - Catch The Rain campaign**.
7. 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.
8. Teachers and students in association with local representatives should propagate the theme of Jal Pakhwada among public in local areas.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Competitions can be held in districts/blocks/clusters on Water.
12. Essay, Slogan, Elocution, Quiz, Painting, Skit, Poem, slogan writing competitions and Model making competition on Water.
13. Debates on Water.
14. Students may be taught about checking wastage of water.
15. Water from hand washing unit to be channeled to school gardens.
16. Children may be taught about the water borne diseases/diseases, safe handling of drinking water so that they practice proper hand and oral hygiene.
17. Audio visual programme to be undertaken to motivate students employees and other for Water Conservation.
18. Convene small group meeting of Bal Sansad/School Cabinet specially to discuss the Jal Pakhwada activities in the school.
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. 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.
21. 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.