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Speech of the Hon'ble Governor
Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan
during the interaction with Chief Secretary and
the Secretaries of Panchayat Raj & Rural Development,
Rural Water Works, Education, Women & Child Development,
Social Welfare and Tribal Welfare departments
at 11 AM on October 12, 2020
on '100 Days Campaign'
to provide piped water supply in every school and
Anganwadi Centre in the State under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

As you all are aware, Hon'ble Prime Minister, while unveiling the logo of Jal Jeevan Mission and releasing the 'Margadarshika' for Gram Panchayats and Paani Samitis/Village Water & Sanitation Committees on 29th September 2020, laid out the vision about a '100 days campaign' to be launched on 02nd October 2020, to provide safe drinking water in all schools and anganwadi centers across the country.

In his address, the Prime Minister has also appealed to all States/ UTs to make all out efforts to ensure piped water supply to be made available to children in the schools and anganwadi centres.

The Jal Jeevan Mission - also known as 'Har Ghar Jal', intends to provide safe and adequate tap water to every household with special focus on women and children.

Ensuring supply of safe water to children is a priority under the Mission as they are considered to be more susceptible to water-borne diseases like typhoid, dysentery, diarrhea, cholera etc.

Repeated infections due to consumption of unsafe water in their early years is likely to have debilitating effect on children, even leading to stunted growth in some of them.

It is observed that this situation is much more prevalent in areas where water sources are found to be contaminated with Arsenic, Fluoride, heavy metals etc. Prolonged consumption of water containing these contaminants may lead to degenerating diseases and may pose serious health problems among children.

The '100 days campaign' launched under the Jal Jeevan Mission offers an opportunity to formulate a time-bound campaign involving Public Health Engineering, Rural Water supply departments and Education, Women & Child Development, Tribal Welfare etc. in cooperation with Gram

Panchayats, village water & sanitation committees, NGOs, Self Help Groups etc.

I am sure this mission mode programme will have a positive impact on children in the State, for their better health conditions and holistic development.

In this regard, I request the Chief Secretary and all related departments to ensure that every school and anganwadi centre in the State is provided with piped water supply in the next 100 days on a priority mode and to regularly follow up the time-bound plans prepared to achieve this noble objective of providing safe drinking water in all schools, anganwadi centres and health care centres in the State, as part of the '100 days campaign' under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

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