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### Press Note:

Officials told to expedite provision of piped water to schools and anganwadi centres under Jal Jeevan Mission –

AP Governor Biswa Bhusan Harichandan reviews '100 days campaign' with officials

Vijayawada, October 12: Andhra Pradesh Governor Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan held a review meeting with Chief Secretary Smt. Nilam Sawhney and officials of connected departments of the state government on implementation of '100 days campaign' under Jal Jeevan Mission, to provide piped water to schools and anganwadi centres in the State, through a video link from Raj Bhavan on Monday.

Addressing the officials, Governor Sri Harichandan said provision of piped water to schools and anganwadi centres under the '100 days campaign' starting from October 2, was launched by the Prime Minister under Jal Jeevan Mission across the country in all States and Union Territories, as it will have a positive impact children's health and help in their holistic growth.

The Governor said the Jal Jeevan Mission - also known as 'Har Ghar Jal', is a noble programme intended to provide safe and adequate tap water to every household and supply of safe water to children is a priority under the Mission. He said children are more prone to water-borne diseases like typhoid, dysentery, diarrhea, cholera etc. and consumption of unsafe water is likely to have debilitating effect on them.

The Governor said a time-bound campaign should be formulated and the '100 days campaign' should be implemented in all schools and anganwadi centres on a mission mode by involving Gram Panchayats, village water & sanitation committees, NGOs, Self Help Groups etc.

Chief Secretary Smt. Nilam Sawhney briefed the Governor on the action plans prepared to provide piped water to schools, anganwadi centres and panchayat buildings and said funds for the same have been provided under the Jal Jeevan Mission. She said out of 95,66,332 rural households, 33% have been covered with tap connections and it is targeted to achieve 100% coverage by 2024. She further said 44,782 schools, 45% of total schools and 55,607 anganwadi centres, 35% of total anganwadi centres are already covered with piped water under the State government's flagship programme 'Nadu Nedu' and 100% coverage under the '100 days campaign' will be ensured by end of December, this year.

Sri Gopalakrishna Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Sri B. Rajasekhar, Principal Secretary, Education, Smt. Anuradha, Principal Secretary, Women & Child Development also participated in the meeting and explained about action plans to successfully implement the '100 days campaign' in the institutions under their respective departments.

Earlier Sri Mukesh Kumar Meena, Secretary to Governor, in his opening remarks explained the objectives of the '100 days campaign' envisaged to provide piped water to schools and anganwadi centres under the Jal Jeevan Mission.