

Meri Chhat Mera Pani Campaign in Chitrakoot

The district administration of Chitrakoot district resolved the water problems of the region by launching a unique campaign titled – ‘Meri Chhat Mera Pani’ – through which rainwater was harvested at the terraces of buildings. Chitrakoot district is one of the aspirational districts identified by Niti Ayog due to acute scarcity of water resource in the region.

Shri Shesh Mani Pandey, District Magistrate of Chitrakoot district, said that ‘Meri Chhat Mera Pani’ campaign was launched keeping in mind the problems local people faced due to low levels of groundwater in the area.

Shri Mahendra Kumar, Chief Development Officer of the district explained that in the first phase of the campaign awareness drive was carried out and rainwater harvesting structures were installed in all government buildings. Apart from this, such structures were also constructed at all Angadwadi centres. Moreover, ponds were de-silted and new wells were dug for storage of water. Shri Kumar added that the defunct bore wells were recharged from the water harvested through the campaign. A team of Niti Ayog which visited the district as part of central government’s Jal Shakti Abhiyan appreciated the efforts of the district administration in executing the campaign.

Under the campaign, check dams were created to ensure that the rainwater met the river and groundwater was recharged using soak pits. As per an estimate, about 45691597 litres of water was saved in an area of 71393.12 square meters by constructing rainwater harvesting structures in all administrative buildings and gram panchayats of the district.





