**Training on ODF Plus & Convergence with Panchayat & Rural Development Department**

The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) (SBM G) phase 2.0 emphasizes on Solid Liquid Waste Management to ensure Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus status. In the SBM G phase 2.0, for the first time 15th Finance Commission Grant is specifically earmarked for utilization in water & sanitation. In Assam, 15th Finance Commission Fund is under the umbrella of Panchayat & Rural Development Department (P & RD) and SBM G is under the umbrella of Public Health Engineering Department (PHED). For better convergence as well as effective utilization of 15th FC grant, a joint understanding was much required between the two departments.

Hence, a meeting was held between the Hon’ble Minister, PHE and Hon’ble Minister, P&RD to decide the modalities of utilization of 50% tied grants of 15th Finance Commission on Water & Sanitation. The meeting was attended by the Additional Chief Secretary, PHED, Principal Secretary, P&RD, Mission Director, Jal Jeevan Mission & Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin, Secretary, PHE, Chief Engineer (Water), PHE and Chief Engineer (Sanitation), PHE on 7th Oct 2020 at the Conference hall of Hon’ble Minister, P&RD, Assam Sachivalaya, Dispur, Guwahati.

**Objective of the programme:**

* To disseminate this information, clarifying each department’s role (PHED & P & RD) as well as implementing the decisions taken during the joint meeting of Hon’ble Ministers of PHED & P & RD, 6 zonal level Training cum workshop covering all 33 districts was organized.
* It was a two day training cum Workshop where along with 15th FC fund modalities, training on ODF Plus covering Solid Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) was taken up.

The 6 zonal training cum workshops at a glance:

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| **Zone** | **Location** | **Districts to be covered** | **Tentative Date** |
| Zone 1 | Dibrugarh | Dibrugrah/Tinsukia/Jorhat/Majuli/Sivsagar/Charaideo  (6 nos) | 17th -18th Nov 2020   (Tue-Wed) |
| Zone 2 | Sonitpur | Lakhimpur/Biswanath/Dhemaji/Sonitpur (4 nos) | 4th – 5th Dec 2020 (Fri- Sat) |
| Zone 3 | Guwahati | Kamrup M/Kamrup rural/Goalpara/Nalbari/Barpeta/Darrang (6 nos) | 8th-9th Dec 2020   (Tue-Wed) |
| Zone 4 | Nagaon | Hojai/Nagaon/Morigaon/Karbi Anglong/West Karbianglong/Golaghat  6 nos) | 14th – 15thDec 2020 (Mon - Tue) |
| Zone 5 | Cachar | Cachar/Karimganj/Hailkandi/Dima Hasao  (4 nos) | 17th - 18th Dec 2020                   (Thu-Fri) |
| Zone 6 | Bongaigaon | Kokrajhar/Baksa/Udalguri/Chirang/  Bongaigaon/  Dhubri/South Salmara (7 nos) | 21st – 22nd Dec 2020 (Mon-Tue) |