

Inauguration of World Bank-assisted water augmentation projects – a major step towards strengthening drinking water supply in Burhanpur and Sevadha



In a significant achievement towards strengthening the urban water supply system in Madhya Pradesh, Honorable Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav inaugurated two major water augmentation projects. Both projects, developed with World Bank financial assistance, will provide a sustainable and strong foundation for the drinking water supply system in the respective cities.

On February 14, 2025, the Honorable Chief Minister inaugurated the water augmentation scheme for Burhanpur (under PIU Khargone). Members of Parliament, MLAs, district administration, public representatives, officials from the Municipal Corporation, and representatives from the PIU and contractors involved in the project were present on the occasion.

In a similar vein, on February 21, 2026, the Honorable Chief Minister also inaugurated the water augmentation scheme constructed at a cost of approximately ₹23.62 crore in Sevadha Municipal Council, Datia district. This project is also implemented by the Madhya Pradesh Urban Development Company Limited (MPUDCL).

Several public representatives, including Sandhya Rai, MP from the Bhind-Datia constituency, Pradeep Agrawal, MLA from the Seodha Assembly constituency, and Asha Nagil, Chairperson of the Seodha Municipal Council, were present at the event.

On behalf of PIU Gwalior, Mr. S.K. Upadhyay (PM), Mr. L.N. Rai (DPM), Mr. Umesh Kumar Singh (CDO), Mr. Abhishek Bhadoria, and Mr. Anshul Chaturvedi (APM) were present at the inauguration ceremony. Contractor representatives Mr. Shakti Mishra and Mr. Suraj Bhan Sahu also attended the event.

These two projects will ensure clean and regular drinking water supply in the respective cities and strengthen urban infrastructure. This is considered an important initiative by the state government towards providing better water services to citizens.



German delegation meets with Commissioner, Urban Development Department



The German delegation met with Sanket Bhondve, Commissioner of the Urban Development and Housing Department and Managing Director of the Madhya Pradesh Urban Development Company. It is noteworthy that German organizations wish to work with the Madhya Pradesh government on a prospective utility partnership basis in the operation and maintenance of sewerage projects. On this occasion, Mr. Bhondve stated that this international collaboration will promote technical competence and skill development at the local level, making the operation and maintenance of the sewerage system more effective.

It is noteworthy that the delegation praised all the components of the Sendhwa Sewerage Project, including the sewage treatment plant, calling it a technically exemplary project. Earlier, Commissioner Mr. Sanket Bhondve greeted the German delegation by presenting them with a replica of the Sanchi Stupa. The German delegation was led by KfW Portfolio Manager Mr. Lucas Mess, along with Technical Specialist

Norbert Geyer, Sector Specialist Rahul Mankotia, and experts from various utility organizations. The delegation included Madhya Pradesh Urban Development Company's Additional Managing Director Mr. Divyank Singh, EnC Anand Singh, Deputy Project Director Technical Mr. Shailendra Shukla, and Technical Officer Mr. Kamlesh Bhatnagar. Significantly, the German team is exploring the possibility of sharing experiences related to the operation and maintenance of sewerage projects and developing training programs.



Recently, the delegation conducted an in-depth inspection of Sendhwa in Barwani district.

It is noteworthy that Sendhwa is the first city being developed as a pilot under a KfW-funded program. This initiative aims to ensure improved operation, maintenance, and capacity building of sewerage infrastructure by sharing experiences among local bodies.



Burhanpur Water Supply Project Receives National Honor

The Burhanpur Water Supply Project, operated by the Madhya Pradesh Urban Development Company, a subsidiary of the Madhya Pradesh Urban Development and Housing Department, was honored with the prestigious award at the Build India Infra Awards 2026, a grand event held at the Ashoka Hotel in New Delhi. It is noteworthy that this award was given in the Social Impact Excellence of the Year category. This project, implemented to strengthen the drinking water supply system in Burhanpur city, is one of the major urban infrastructure projects developed with World Bank support. The award was presented by Jal Shakti Minister Shri C.R. Patil in the presence of Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari.

Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, former Secretary of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Shri D.S. Mishra, and retired senior IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre Shri Raghav Chandra were also present. The company's Managing Director Shri Sanket Bhondve and Additional Managing Director Divyank Singh congratulated the company on this achievement.

On behalf of MPUDC, Chief Engineer Shailendra Shukla and Technical Officer Kamlesh Bhatnagar accepted the award. It is noteworthy that under the Burhanpur Water Supply Project, an anicut, intake well, and a state-of-the-art water treatment plant with a capacity of 50 MLD have been installed. The water treatment plant purifies

the water through filtration, chlorination, and other scientific processes, making it not only safe but also beneficial for health.

The water is scientifically purified and its quality and supply are continuously monitored through a SCADA system. A high-level water testing lab has also been installed at the WTP for daily monitoring of water quality. Purified water is being supplied to every part of the city through eight new overhead tanks and a robust pipe network. Under the scheme, old and damaged pipes have been removed, a new distribution network has been laid, and metered tap connections have been provided to approximately 41,000 households. This has controlled leakage, reduced water wastage, and streamlined the water distribution system. Currently, residents receive approximately 135 liters of purified drinking water per person per day, ensuring regular and uniform water supply. Chief Engineer Mr. Shailendra Shukla stated that the project has achieved significant progress in ensuring long-term water availability in the city, strengthening the distribution system, and providing clean and consistent drinking water to citizens. The scheme has received national acclaim for its modern technology, superior management, and effective implementation.

This achievement reflects Madhya Pradesh's commitment to innovation, effective project management, and sustainable development in the field of urban infrastructure. This recognition for the Burhanpur Water Supply Project is considered a significant achievement for the state's water management initiatives.

Grievance Redressal Committee Meetings Held in Satna District, Progress Reviewed.

Separate Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) meetings were held in Kotar, Kothi, Birsinghpur, and Jaitwara Municipal Councils within Satna district. The meetings were attended by the Chairperson, Chief Municipal Officer, Council Engineer, and relevant officials, and detailed reviews of the progress of various development projects.

During the meeting, the water supply system, public grievance redressal, and the current status of ongoing projects were discussed in detail. Special emphasis was placed on accelerating the pace of work and ensuring its completion within the stipulated timeframe.

In this regard, the contractor representative was instructed to expedite the remaining work so that the project can be completed on time. The meeting also discussed the water meter installation



process, the cooperation required from the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) during installation, and the re-determination of current user charges for the smooth operation of the scheme.

The meeting was attended by the Project Manager from PIU Rewa, Assistant Project Manager, CDO, Civil Engineer, PMC Field Engineer, and contractor representatives.

Students and women were informed about the importance of clean water.



The Madhya Pradesh Urban Development Company has implemented a drinking water scheme in Gohad, Bhind district. As part of the community awareness campaign, activities are being conducted to promote water conservation and the use of clean drinking water. On 27 Feb. , a special program was held in primary schools in the Kiratpura and Matapura areas of Gohad to educate students about water conservation. Community Development Officer Sonika Sharma, Sub-Engineers Rahul Sharma,

Manoj Mishra, and school teachers were present. During the program, children were told that only a small portion of the earth's water is suitable for drinking purposes, and water conservation is a pressing need today.

They were informed about simple ways to conserve water and administered a pledge to conserve water. Following this, women were also made aware of the utility of tap water, the importance of clean drinking water, and important hygiene and health issues.