Union Jal Shakti Minister Shri C R Paatil reviews Progress of Maharashtra under Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari: Catch the Rain 2026 in Pune

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Union Minister of Jal Shakti, **Shri C. R. Paatil,** and Chief Minister of Maharashtra, **Shri Devendra Fadnavis**, participated in a high-level review meeting at **Pune, Maharashtra** on **Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari: Catch the Rain- 2026**, organised by the National Water Mission (NWM), Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, in collaboration with the Government of Maharashtra.

More than 300 officials participated in the meeting from different Departments of the Ministry of Jal Shakti and the State of Maharashtra. The review meeting witnessed participation from State Government Departments, including Revenue and Forest, Water Resources, Rural Development, Agriculture, Public Works, Urban Development, Employment Guarantee Scheme, Water Supply and Sanitation, and Soil and Water Conservation, along with the Groundwater Surveys and Development Agency (GSDA), Divisional Commissioners, District Collectors, Municipal Commissioners, Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Parishads and other senior district-level officials from across Maharashtra.

The meeting focused on reviewing the progress of JSJB: CTR-2026 and strengthening coordinated efforts towards water conservation, rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge across the State. The programme commenced with opening remarks and a context-setting presentation on JSJB by the National Water Mission, highlighting the objectives and significance of the initiative, as well as the need for sustained efforts to foster community participation in water conservation.

A detailed discussion was held with District Magistrates, Municipal Commissioners and Divisional Forest Officers on issues related to JSJB: CTR-2026, the Jal Jeevan Mission, and the Swachh Bharat Mission. The interaction provided an opportunity to review district-level implementation, discuss challenges and strengthen coordination among the concerned departments and field-level authorities.

During the meeting, the Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) made presentations on the progress of the **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)** and **Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM).** The presentations provided an overview of the initiatives and progress

under these flagship programmes, emphasising the importance of coordinated implementation at the State and district levels.

In his special address, Chief Minister, Maharashtra, **Shri Devendra Fadnavis** highlighted the State Government's commitment to strengthening water conservation efforts and ensuring effective implementation of JSJB: CTR-2026 across Maharashtra. He emphasised the importance of collective participation and coordinated action in addressing water-related challenges and assured that the target would be completed within the timeline.

In his concluding remarks, Union Minister of Jal Shakti, **Shri C. R. Paatil** emphasised the importance of sustained efforts towards water conservation, groundwater recharge and people's participation. He underscored the need for effective implementation of JSJB: CTR-2026 and convergence with other flagship programmes to strengthen water security and promote sustainable water management.

The meeting reaffirmed the importance of a coordinated approach involving the Central Government, State Government, district administrations, local bodies, and other stakeholders to advance the objectives and strengthen water conservation efforts across Maharashtra.



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