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Advisory for Launch of 'Retrofit to Twin Pit Abhiyan' under Swachh Bharat Mission (G) to be launched on 2nd October, 2022.

Dear Colleague,

As you are aware, prime focus of Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen Phase II is not only sustaining the ODF status but also a step further for safe Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) in rural areas of the country. In this regard, the Mission promotes on-site simple methodologies for SLWM.

2. The management of liquid waste especially safe disposal of faecal sludge in rural areas has always been promoted through Twin Pit Toilets. This method not only allows on-site and safe disposal of the faecal sludge but is efficient for the low quantity of faecal sludge generated for the IHHLs in the rural areas. It is a low maintenance *in-situ* treatment requiring no mechanized emptying, transportation or treatment. Also, Twin-pits convert the faecal sludge into manure (*Sona khad*) which can be directly used in agriculture.

3. High septic tank dependence requires alternate methods for effective and safe Faecal Sludge Management. Districts with high frequency septic tanks are required to put in additional resources and planning to strengthen mechanized desludging and linkages for safe disposal of faecal matter through nearby STPs/FSTPs. However, provisions of retrofitting of toilets into twin pit toilets (or similar systems) have reduced such dependence for faecal sludge management in rural areas.

4. Hence, it is imperative that promoting twin pits and retrofitting of toilets, particularly converting single pit toilets to twin-pit toilets should be the foremost priority in an approach towards efficient FSM implementation.

5. In view of the above, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation while reinforcing the simplest strategy for faecal sludge management is launching '**Retrofit to Twin Pit Abhiyan**' starting on October 2nd to November 19th, 2022, with following objectives:

- Promote construction of only Twin Pits in the new IHHL as per the guidelines of SBMG Phase II and FSM Manual
- Retrofit the existing Single Pits to Twin Pits
- Retrofit existing Septic tanks with Soak pits
- Generate awareness about safe disposal of faecal sludge in rural households.

6. The Key activities for the campaign are listed at Annexure I. The States / UTs are advised to update their respective achievements on social media under **#Retrofit to Twin Pit Abhiyan** and **#Retrofitting Campaign**.

7. Gram Panchayats may use resources under 15th FC and as per the SBMG guidelines, as required for the activities during the campaign.

8. The States/UTs are requested to update the progress of the Campaign on IMIS as per the Annexure-2 in the Module. The details regarding the same would be shared in due course along with an orientation by NIC. It may be noted that the progress under the campaign shall carry due weightage in the evaluation for the Swachh Bharat Award 2023.

warm regards
Yours sincerely,


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ANNEXURE I

The key activities proposed under the *Retrofit to Twin Pit* Abhiyan:

Level	Activities
Gram Panchayat	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Retrofitting all remaining single pit toilets to twin pit toilets2. Retrofitting of Septic tanks with soakpits3. Creating related awareness for safe management of Faecal Sludge by on site and <i>in situ</i> technologies.
Block	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Meeting of all GPs at Block level and joint resolution for safe disposal and management of Faecal Sludge along with ensuring/arranging mechanized desludging wherever necessary.

ANNEXURE II

Monitoring the progress under the *Retrofit to Twin Pit* Abhiyan:

State /UT	No. of Existing Twin Pits	No. of Existing Single pits	Number of fresh Twin Pits constructed during Campaign (A)	Number of Single Pits retrofitted to Twin pits during Campaign (B)	Number of Septic tanks retrofitted with Soak pits during Campaign (C)	Total Retrofitting executed during the Campaign D= A+B+C