

Mission Amrit Sarovar

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Amrit Sarovar Mission Latest News

The Government recently informed that over 68 thousand ponds have been created under the Amrit Sarovar Mission.

About Amrit Sarovar Mission

- It was launched in **April 2022** to **construct or rejuvenate 75 Amrit Sarovars (ponds) in each district** of the country as a **part of the celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**.
- It helps to **overcome the water crisis in rural areas** of the country.

Salient Features of Amrit Sarovar Mission

- **Every Amrit Sarovar** will have a **pondage area of at least 1 acre** with a **water holding capacity of about 10,000 cubic metre**.

- Every Amrit Sarovar will be **surrounded by trees** like Neem, Peepal, and Banyan, etc.
- Every Amrit Sarovar will be a **source of generation of livelihoods** by **using the water for different purposes** like irrigation, fisheries, duckery, cultivation of water chestnut, water tourism, and other activities.
- The Amrit Sarovar will also **act as a social gathering point** in that locality.
- **The site of Amrit Sarovars** will be **approved by special Gram Sabha**, which will **also name Panchayat Partinidhi**, who will **supervise the development of Amrit Sarovar** on its behalf.
- It focuses on water conservation, people's participation, and proper **utilization of soil excavated** from the water bodies **to boost infrastructure projects**.
- It is based on the **"Whole of Government" approach** with the **participation from the Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change**, and technical organizations.
- There is **no separate financial allocation** for Mission Amrit Sarovar.
- Mission Amrit Sarovar **works** are being **taken up by the states and districts with convergence from various ongoing schemes** such as **Mahatma Gandhi NREGS, 15th Finance Commission Grants, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sichayi Yojna** sub-schemes such as the Watershed Development Component, Har Khet ko Pani, besides States' own schemes.
- **Bhaskar Acharya National Institute for Space Application and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N)** has been engaged as a **technical partner** for the Mission.
 - **Amrit Sarovar Portal and Mobile App developed by BISAG-N** is used for tracking the progress/performance of Mission Amrit Sarovar in districts.

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