



Dated 20th January, 2026

D.O. No. W-11037/9/2025-JJM-V

Dear Sir,

As you are aware, Government of India is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Mission – Grameen for rural households across the country in partnership with States and UTs. The Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), launched in 2019 by the Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS), aims to provide every rural household in India with Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs). The initiative marks a major shift in the approach to rural water supply – transition from provision of access to improved sources of drinking water to SDG-6 compliant service delivery of assured quantity, quality, and regularity of drinking water which is accessible within the household premises.

2. In order to align JJM with the latest research and technical knowledge, the Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation is organizing the 2nd edition of International WASH Conference, 2026, (IWC, 2026) as a part of India International Water Week 2026 scheduled to be organized from 22-26 September, 2026 in Delhi. The IWC is a premier event that brings together experts, researchers, and practitioners to discuss water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) issues and find scalable solutions. The conference aims to promote interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration to ensure equitable and efficient utilization of drinking water resources. The website of International WASH Conference, 2026 is as under: -

https://ejalshakti.gov.in/iwc_2026

3. As a first step of IWC, 2026, this Department has issued a call for papers on the relevant topics in WASH sector including AI in decision- making, data analytics, climate adaptation, and gender-responsive indicators. The last date to submit abstracts of papers is 31.01.2026.

4. In this regard, I would like to request you that the reputed engineering institutes in the country, may kindly be directed to submit high quality papers for the IWC.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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