

An initiative by NESSM Alliance for dissemination of latest policy and research articles, workshops, trainings and learning events on FSSM across India

National Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (NFSSM) Alliance was convened in January 2016 with the support of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to build national consensus around faecal sludge and septage management. The Alliance works in close collaboration with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and comprises of numerous national organizations across the country working towards sanitation solutions for India.



### Announcements



#### Odisha

Odisha is procuring small cesspool vehicles of 1000 litre capacity for its 114 ULBs to increase access for mechanized desludging.

The GoI has recently allowed an additional fiscal deficit of 2% of GSDP on meeting certain reform criteria, including requiring states to link user charges for water and sanitation to current cost, and a system of periodic increase. EY and Janaagraha jointly assessed an annual requirement of Rs. 15.7 crore for Odisha's 114 ULBs and proposed associated reforms.



#### Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh has taken steps to bring in urban-rural integration of FSSM infrastructure and services. The FSTP in Rajam town is also being used by 14 gram panchayats within 10 km radius of the plant. ASCI organised an orientation webinar with the ward secretaries of all 14 gram panchayats on this integration.



#### Telangana

In Hyderabad, HMWSSB is taking a comprehensive approach towards FSSM, operationalizing co-treatment in 6 STPs with one more in the pipeline. Five standalone FSTPs are planned in the peripheral areas while one FSTP (as a CSR project) is currently under implementation.



#### Maharashtra

Of the 311 FSTP planned, construction of 108 FSTPs has been completed and another 100 FSTPs are at various stages of construction.

### New FSTPs

Minister for Municipal Administration, Rural Development and Implementation of Special Programme, SP Velumani, inaugurated the FSTP at Periyanaicken Palayam Town Panchayat in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

The FSTP of capacity of 15 KLD was inaugurated in Bhongir Municipality, Telangana. The plant is situated in Telangana's first Integrated Resource Park (IRP) that has wet waste composting units, dry resource collection centre and a bio-mining unit in alongside the FSTP.

Union Minister Smriti Irani laid the foundation stone for a Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant in Amethi, UP. This is the third such plant in UP and first rural FSTP in the state. Once completed, the plant is expected to benefit rural communities of 11 gram panchayats and peri-urban area of Amethi.



### Documents by MoHUA

In October, MoHUA released two campaigns towards ODF Plus: **Dhoya Kya** on - proper use and maintenance of toilets; and **Our Pride** for continued usage of toilets. These outputs were developed by BBC Media Action in Hindi and English, and are available on the SBM Urban Google Drive.



### Videos

A video series on Odisha's FSSM journey touching upon aspects such as regulation, inclusivity and FSTP operation has been made and can be viewed [here](#).



## Webinars

### September 2020

A webinar organised by ASCI on September 26, 2020 on “Women Leadership for Equitable and Sustainable Water and Sanitation” to discuss ways of bringing transformative change in water and sanitation sectors by on expanding choice, strengthening voice, changing institutional structures, making resources available for women and girls.

### October 2020

A webinar on “Policy Convergence for Community-based Livelihoods in Water and Sanitation,” was organized by NFSSM Alliance on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to deliberate on the importance of communities in sustaining the sanitation outcomes of states and cities, especially with the onset of Covid-19 and with the enhanced role of community and self-help groups in livelihood generation and awareness building.

A showcase on ‘Operationalising Faecal Sludge Management at Scale: Approaches and learnings from Tamil Nadu’ was co-convened under World Water Week 2020 for participants across the globe, highlighting TNUSSP’s efforts to effect improvements along the entire sanitation chain. Organised by GoTN, BMGF and IIHS, [the video can be viewed here](#).



## Training Programmes

To build capacities of consultants for CWIS and FSM, an online training for Consultants Capacity Development (ConCaD) has been conducted by CDD Society. The training content was developed in collaboration with Eawag. This training saw participation of small & medium entrepreneurs, consultants and researchers from diverse backgrounds and countries.

SCBP piloted its training modules on Integrated Wastewater and Septage Management and Co-treatment of Septage in STPs in partnership with Ecosan Services Foundation. The training programs were conducted online and saw participation of more than 50 government officials across states.

SCBP has also been conducting online capacity building on FSSM in partnership with RCUES, Lucknow, targeting more than 1500 government officials across 16 states. The training content is curated according to the state-specific applicability and context, and state officials are grouped accordingly in order to deliver relevant content.



## Select Publications

### Communication for sustainable sanitation:

#### The case of Wai

by C-WAS, CEPT [can be found here](#)

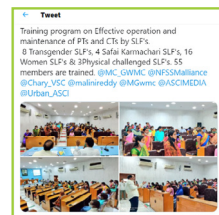
### Cities journey beyond ODF: India moves to sustainable sanitation for all on Down to Earth [can be found here](#)

Flipbook titled **Frontline: Stories of resilience** was launched by Minister Puri on October 2, 2020, and is available on the [SBM-Urban google drive](#).

WASH Institute has compiled a set of model tenders in FSSM, on issues including O&M, construction and scheduled desludging [which can be found here](#). They have also developed a document on quality assurance in FSM covering benchmarks and specifications in the sector. These documents [can be found here](#).



## Twitter Speaks



[Tweet chat on #WomeninSanitation by Dasra co-led by TNUSSP & EY can be viewed here.](#)