

crore to more than 10 crore beneficiary farmer families of the country.

■ **Country Achieves 50% Milestone of Har Ghar Jal Mission**

The country has achieved the milestone of 50 per cent of rural households having access to tap water connections, according to the Ministry of Jal Shakti. Goa, Telangana, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Puducherry and Haryana have already achieved 100 per cent household connections. Punjab, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Bihar have coverage of more than 90 per cent and are progressing

fast towards attaining the status of "Har Ghar Jal." According to the Ministry, at the time of the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission in 2019, only 3.23 crore households (17 per cent of the rural population) had access to drinking water through taps.

