**Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**

**Syllabus subtopic:** Welfare Schemes for Vulnerable Sections of the population by the Centre and States and the Performance of these Schemes; Mechanisms, Laws, Institutions and Bodies constituted for the Protection and Betterment of these Vulnerable Sections.

**Prelims and Mains focus:** about JJM: objectives and significance

**Context:** The magnificent tableau of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, highlighting the Government’s new initiative ‘Jal Jeevan Mission’ has been adjudged the best tableau, jointly with the NDRF tableau in Republic Day Parade 2020.

**About JJM**

1. In his Independence Day address, last year the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi announced launch of Jal Jeevan Mission.

2. **Aim:** to provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to every rural household by 2024,

3. Currently, only 33 million out of around 178 million rural households in the country have facility of piped water connection and hence approximately 146 million households are to provided with household tap connections by 2024 under JJM.

4. The Jal Jeevan Mission is set to be based on various water conservation efforts like point recharge, desilting of minor irrigation tanks, use of greywater for agriculture and source sustainability.

5. The Jal Jeevan Mission will converge with other Central and State Government Schemes to achieve its objectives of sustainable water supply management across the country.
Need for and significance of the mission:

1. **India has 16% of the world population, but only 4% of freshwater resources.** Depleting groundwater level, overexploitation and deteriorating water quality, climate change, etc. are major challenges to provide potable drinking water.

2. It is an urgent requirement of water conservation in the country because of the decreasing amount of groundwater level. **Therefore, the Jal Jeevan Mission will focus on integrated demand and supply management of water at the local level.**