

Press Release of Ist day of 7th India Water Week 2022

The 7th India Water Week was graced and inaugurated by Hon'ble President Smt. Droupadi Murmu, in the august presence of Hon'ble Governor, Uttar Pradesh Smt. Anandiben Patel, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath, Hon'ble Union Minister of Jal Shakti Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Ministers of State for Jal Shakti Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, and Shri Bishweswar Tudu at India Expo Centre, Greater Noida on 01.11.2022. Shri Pankaj Kumar, Secretary, DoWR,RD&GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti welcomed all the dignitaries for the 7th India Water Week.

The event commenced with the auspicious ceremony of "Jal Bharo" by our Hon'ble President Sh. Droupadi Murmu and Dignitaries present in the dias by pouring water into the vessel, strengthening the vision of Jal Shakti. This ceremony symbolized the immense importance of water conservation.

Hon'ble President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, praised the initiative of Ministry of Jal Shakti in safeguarding precious water. Mentioning water as a vital resource for life, she discussed the relevance of saving water for a future-secure Nation. In her inspirational address to the conclave, she accentuated that these five daylong events will embrace key players and address the issue of water security.

Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Smt. Anandiben Patel, stated that we need to march ahead in the field of water conservation, and make sure that the future of our children is water secured.

Hon'ble CM of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath, graced the event with his esteemed presence and praised the successful commencement of the 7th India Water Week - 2022. With his valuable insights, he enlightened and motivated the arena towards water security. He reverberated the noble message of 'Jal Hai Toh Jeewan Hai' and mentioned that State of UP has an adequate water supply of ground and surface water.

Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, addressed the conclave, and emphasized that despite coming from different backgrounds, it is worth noting that we all join hands today to address the issue of water conservation. He stated that the issue of water conservation, its management is a

holistic and global effort. The event of India water week is a unique effort to bring together these insights on one platform. Further, he declared the vision of ensuring 100% water availability across the country by 2024 and urged the citizens to join the movement and escalate Jal Shakti for a water-secure India.

Smt. Akli Tudu, Water Warrior, Jharkhand & Smt. Hira ben, Water Warrior, Bhuj, Gujarat narrated their experience in water conservation in their areas citing various initiatives, cases of rejuvenation and crops raised in the command areas.

The Plenary session was held under the chairmanship of Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Union Minister for Jal Shakti. H.E. Mr. Shoimzoda Jamshed, Hon'ble First Deputy Minister of Energy & Water Resources, Republic of Tajikistan, HE Eng. Maryprisca Winfred Mahundi, Hon'ble Dy. Minister of Water, Tanzania, Dr. Asit K.Biswas, Visiting Distinguished Prof. University of Glasgow, Shri A.D.Mohile, Former Chairman, Central Water Commission, Shri Mark Smith, Director General, IMWI took part in the session and expressed their views on the water security and conservation and the challenges in climate change, etc. The deliberations emphasised the strategies for water development and its management in the evolutionary process, concern of water security, conducting serious reviews of water related security concerns after scientific analysis, implementation of action plan, so that water can be proved to be an agent for peace instead of water wars.

Thereafter, H.E. Mr. Shoimzoda Jamshed, Hon'ble First Deputy Minister of Energy & Water Resources, Republic of Tajikistan, HE Eng. Maryprisca Winfred Mahundi, Hon'ble Dy. Minister of Water, Tanzania inaugurated the Exhibition at the 7th edition of India Water Week 2022 in the gracious presence of Hon'ble Union Minister of Jal Shakti Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and other senior officials.