



organized in the lawn of Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) near Vigyan Bhawan during 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 to showcase the technology available in the water resources sector.

The India Water Week-2019 is a platform to elicit ideas and opinions from global-level

decision makers, politicians, researchers and entrepreneurs in the field of water resources development and management for mutual benefit and goodwill. The event will have the following major components:

A large group of international and national persons of eminence are being invited for sharing their experiences in the field of Water and Power management, Technical and Sociological interventions for achieving water and energy security in their individual areas and manage the assets created on a participatory basis.

In addition, there will be Special Sessions involving dignitaries, delegates, politicians,

experts from the fields related to the event. Expert professional bodies and think tanks are invited to put up Side Events addressing specific issues under the theme.



## European Union and Japan – The International Partners for the 6th India Water Week

The European Union and Japan are the international partners for the 6th India Water Week. Various experts and industrialists from the European Union and Japan will be participating in the conference, with an aim to avail potential business opportunities in India to improve the efficiency of water management in India.

India and the European Union have a powerful association with regards to the water sector. In the year 2016, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Republic of India and the European Union on an EU-INDIA Water Partnership. Giving a boost to the scientific, technological and management qualities of India and EU in the subject of water management was the main aim of the EU-INDIA Water Partnership. The foundation of the MOU is based on quality, harmony and mutual growth.

The EU has been supporting the government's initiative of rejuvenating the holy river Ganga and the transfer of European technologies to India in order to get them tested and customised as per Indian needs.

India and the EU have taken up 7 innovative research projects together in order to find a solution to the water issues in India which are India-H2O, Lotus, Pani Water, Avitr, Saeaswati 2.0 and spring. In total, 130 entities will be part of these seven projects.

The other international partner for the event, Japan is committed to working to promote peace, stability and prosperity, through economic growth and development in the Indo-Pacific region. The bond between India and Japan has been strong since the beginning. Both India and Japan acknowledge the importance of water and sanitation.



European Union



Japan

The Japanese government aid agency JICA has also increased its focus on funding water and sanitation facilities in India, extending its support to Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the flagship programme of PM Narendra Modi. It has also provided ODA loans for the construction of the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Project and the construction of the Chennai Seawater Desalination Plant and is also heavily investing in other important projects such as the Guwahati Water Supply Project and Guwahati Sewage Project in Assam.

After the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Japan's second priority in India is to help improve the water scenario in the country. Toshiba Water Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Totesu MFG. Pvt. Ltd., Sekisui DUM Moldings Pvt. Ltd., Kuraray India Pvt. Ltd., AGC Inc., Daiki Axis and Asahi Kasei Pvt. Ltd. are the water industry players from Japan who will also participate in the 6th India Water Week 2019.



## The Hon'ble President of India to launch INDIA WATER WEEK-2019



"6<sup>th</sup> India Water Week 2019 – A Multi disciplinary conference" will be inaugurated by The Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ramnath Nath Kovind on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 in New Delhi.

In the august presence of Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Shri Rattanlal Kataria, Hon'ble State Minister, Ministry of Jal Shakti and their notable personalities, President Kovind will give the inaugural speech at Vigyan Bhawan and set the 5 day conference in motion.

The Hon'ble President has been an active voice with regards to the subject of water and has always supported the water initiatives launched in the country. Addressing the joint session of Parliament, including the first session of the 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha, President Kovind raised his concern about the growing water crisis as one of the biggest challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. He mentioned how the traditional and effective practices of water conservation are fading

with time and how humans are destroying the natural ecology and building houses and complexes over ponds, lakes, parks etc. He also talked about the alarming aspect of how the water crisis is more likely to exacerbate due to climate change. He talked about how the need of the hour is to launch a water conservation and management campaign and make it a Mass Movement just like 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'. He also highlighted the aspect of sustainability and saving the precious resource of water for future generations.

The Hon'ble President of India also stated that the Central government is fully committed to ensuring the uninterrupted flow of river Ganga and making it pollution-free under 'Namami Gange'. It is also keen on cleaning up major rivers like Cauvery, Periyar and Narmada. He also said that under the Namami Gange scheme, his government will further accelerate the campaign for the closure of drains releasing effluents in the river Ganga.

The subject of water has been brought to the centre stage by the current government by the creation of 'Ministry of Jal Shakti'. The newly formed Ministry of Jal Shakti has been making continuous efforts in the water sector with regards to the subject of water scarcity prevailing in the country.

Water is essential to life. It is fundamental to the economy and ecology – and to human equity. The India Water Week provides a stage for dialogue between various private players, bureaucrats, Ministers, researchers, scientists, government organisations and departments and entrepreneurs, to discuss the issue of water becoming more critical in view of climate change and related environmental concerns. It also pans out various solutions for better and more efficient use of water in the Indian agricultural and industrial sector.

Being a natural resource, water seldom flows according to administrative boundaries and sharing of water among the administrative units is always challenging.





## INDIA WATER WEEK 2019

WATER COOPERATION – COPING WITH 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY CHALLENGES  
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The likelihood of conflicts due to water related issues could increase as the population in the 21<sup>st</sup> century continues to grow with the added manifestation of climate change. Water cooperation is vital for peace, progress and prosperity.

It is in this context that the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation is organising the 6<sup>th</sup> India Water Week.

A regular event since 2012, India Water Week is a forum where the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India discusses and talks with eminent stakeholders through seminars, exhibitions and sessions, to build public awareness and to get the support to implement key strategies for the conservation, preservation and optimum use of available water. The 5<sup>th</sup> edition was held in partnership with the European Union as an International partner and The Netherlands as

International Sponsor.

The 6<sup>th</sup> India Water Week revolves around the theme of “Water Cooperation – Coping with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges”. Being one of the largest water resource events in the country, it will witness the participation of more than 1,500 delegates from across the world. The highlights of the event would be an exhibition covering an area of 3,000 sq. m. as well as number of specialised add-on events.

The 5-day event is a multi-disciplinary conference and a concurrently running exhibition enriching the theme and showcasing the technologies and solutions available for the areas under deliberation of the meet. It will encompass 4 Special sessions followed by 4 Brainstorming sessions, 12 Seminars and 12 Panel discussions where people from across the globe will hold discussions and strategies concerning the major challenges and issues faced by the people of the country with regards to the water sector. The sessions will aim at the

subject of Water for Food Security and Rejuvenation of River Ganga – from planning to action, water and heritage, water quality issues – treatment options and others.

The International partners for the 6<sup>th</sup> Indian Water Week are the European Union and Japan. It is also being supported by the Indian Union Ministry of Jal Shakti, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Power, Ministry of Urban Development, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change and NITI Aayog. Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana and Tamil Nadu are this years Partner States. Various Central and State Government departments, exhibitors, sponsors, international organisations, research organisations, institutes, non-governmental organisations and private players will be participating in the conference.

## INDIA WATER WEEK

Water is the harbinger and sustainer of all life on the planet, especially the humankind. With the growing population and improvement in economic status, the demand for available water resources is also increasing. As a result, there is an urgency to conserve and utilize the limited availability of water resources in an optimum and efficient manner to satisfy larger needs.

The Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India has therefore created a unique platform, INDIA WATER WEEK, for deliberating all the related issues for better management of water resources. Conceptualized and organized for the first time in 2012, the India Water Week is a regular forum where the



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2012 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi with the theme “Water Energy & Food Security: Call for Solutions”. This Conference was attended by about 1000 national and international delegates and an exhibition covering an area of 3000 sq.m as well as 5 specialized add-on events are other highlights of the event.

The second event namely, India Water Week-2013 was organized with the theme “Efficient Water Management: Challenges and Opportunities” during 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, April 2013 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi with the participation of about 1400 national and international delegates and an exhibition focusing on dam rehabilitation and water management technologies. Both the events were characterized by participation of key international organizations like Global Water Partnership, the World Bank and Indian Water Resources Society etc. through special events as a part of the main event.

The third event, India Water Week 2015 was organised with the theme “Water

associated as a partner country for organization of India Water Week-2015. About 1450 delegates including 110 delegates from other countries participated in the conference and exhibition.

The Fourth edition of India Water Week viz. India Water Week – 2016 was organized from 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 with the theme “Water for all: Striving Together” in Vigyan Bhawan/Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Israel was associated as a partner country in of India Water Week-2016. About 1500 delegates including about 100 delegates from other countries participated. Concurrently an exhibition was organized from 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 at Pragati Maidan to showcase the technology available in the



water sector. Products and services were displayed by 52 companies and agencies working in the field of planning, conservation, utilization and management of the water resources. School children and academicians also joined exhibition showcasing their efforts.

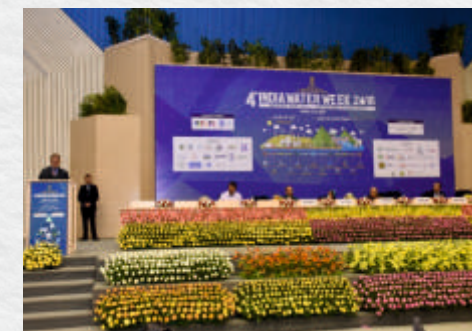


Management for Sustainable Development” during 13-17 January, 2015 at Vigyan Bhawan/Pragati Maidan with the objective of deliberating all related issues, sharing experiences, showcasing technological advancements/achievements, learning from best practices and identifying the best course of actions for future. Australia was

The Fifth edition of India Water Week viz., India Water Week - 2017 was organized from 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 with the “Water and Energy for Inclusive Growth” in Vigyan Bhawan. Hon'ble President of India inaugurated 5<sup>th</sup> India Water Week-2017 on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. About 1500 delegates including 40 delegates from other counties participated in

the conference of India Water Week-2017. European Union was the international partner and The Netherlands was the international sponsor of the conference. Concurrently an exhibition was organized from 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 in the lawn of Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA). Products and services were displayed by 38 companies in the exhibition.

Now, the Sixth event in the series, viz., India Water Week-2019 with the Theme “Water Cooperation – Coping with 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges” focusing on aspects related to cooperation for water amongst all stakeholders and managing the related challenges in the present century is proposed to be organized during 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The exhibition is proposed to be



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