



8th INDIA WATER WEEK 2024

Partnerships and Cooperation for Inclusive
Water Development and Management

17-20 SEPTEMBER, 2024

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The President of India,
Smt. Droupadi Murmu,
graced the event of the 8th India Water Week

with her esteemed presence, underscoring the
significance of water conservation and sustainable
management in our country.

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The 8th India Water Week was graced and inaugurated by Hon'ble President Smt. Droupadi Murmu, in the august presence of **Hon'ble Union Minister of Jal Shakti Shri C. R. Paatil** and **Hon'ble Minister of State for Jal Shakti Shri Raj Bhushan Choudhary** at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on 17.09.2024 alongside **Ms. Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary**, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, and **Sh. Kushvinder Vohra, Chairman** of the Central Water Commission. **Ms. Vini Mahajan, Secretary**, Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti welcomed all the dignitaries for the 8th 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 representing the Vision of Jal Shakti Ministry—water conservation and management. 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 four daylong events will embrace key players and address the issue of water sustainability. **Hon’ble President also quoted ancient Vedic wisdom to emphasize the timeless importance of water conservation, drawing upon verses that reflect the sacredness of water and its vital role in sustaining life.**



Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri C. R. Paatil, addressed the august audience, and emphasized the needs for collective efforts to address the global water crisis. The event of India water week event has established itself as a leading platform for water sector stakeholders, offering valuable insights into the management and development of water resources. He stated that the issue of water conservation, its management is a holistic and global effort. Further, he added that together, we can make swift and significant strides towards a water-secure future.

The theme of this year's event, **“Partnerships and Cooperation for Inclusive Water Development and Management,”** is a call for action to work together across sectors and regions to address the growing demand for water, ensure its sustainable management, and guarantee equitable access to this precious resource.

Ms. Ujiaro Bai



Ms. Lakemen Nongkhlaw



Ms. Ujiaro Bai from Madhya Pradesh and **Ms. Lakemen Nongkhlaw** from Meghalaya shared their inspiring stories. These women have taken the initiative to bring change and inspire others to take up the cause of water conservation.

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MINISTERIAL PLENARY SESSION

Ministerial Plenary session was held under the chairmanship of Shri C. R. Paatil, Hon'ble Union Minister for Jal Shakti; H.E. Mr. Morten Bødskov, Hon'ble Minister of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs, Denmark; H. E. Mr. Collin David Croal, Hon'ble Minister of Housing and Water of the Co-operative, Republic of Guyana; H. E. Mr. Vangelis Peter Haritatos, Hon'ble Deputy Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and rural development, Zimbabwe; Hon Mathew Andrea Kundo

(MP), Deputy Minister of Water, Tanzania took part in the session and shared their country perspectives on water sector management. This was unique opportunity to hear directly from global leaders about the challenges and solutions they are adopting in the context of water management in their respective countries.

Also, in the Ministerial Plenary, Hon'ble Ministers of Water Resources of States from Telangana, Goa, Manipur and Chhattisgarh joined to share their states perspectives on the water sector.

India Water Week 2024 is not just a conference; it's a platform that encourages collaboration, innovation, and sustainable water management solutions that will help pave the way for a more inclusive and cooperative approach toward water development.



India's Minister of Jal Shakti (Water Resources) convened a high-level meeting during India Water Week 2024, bringing together Ministers of Water Resources from Denmark, Guyana, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe. The meeting aimed to foster international collaboration on water management challenges, exploring opportunities for knowledge exchange and joint projects. Discussions centered around themes of sustainable water management, climate-resilient water infrastructure, and innovative technologies for water conservation and treatment. This collaborative effort underscores the importance of global partnerships in addressing the multifaceted issues facing the water sector and securing a water-secure future for all.

Global Water Leaders Plenary session was also held under the chairmanship of Secretary, DoDWS on the theme of INDIA WATER WEEK 2024 – World Perspective and Country Perspective. Representative of IWMI, ICID, WWC, WB, University of Chicago, IWA, CWC, ADB, University of Glasgow, Water Attachee- Israel, Danish Environmental Protection Agency and many organisations participated.

Country Forum also held on the sidelines of India Water Week organized by various countries.

Practitioners' Forum gave practitioners and experts an opportunity to share their experiences in implementing water sector programs and policies through real-world case studies and best practices, presented the lessons learned and innovative approaches to solving water-related challenges.

Thereafter, Hon'ble Union Minister Shri C. R. Paatil Ji inaugurated the **Exhibition** at the 8th edition of India Water Week 2024 in the gracious presence of H. E. Mr. Collin David Croal, Hon'ble Minister of Housing and Water of the Co-operative, Republic of Guyana; H. E. Mr. Vangelis Peter Haritatos, Hon'ble Deputy Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and rural development, Zimbabwe; Hon Mathew Andrea Kundo (MP), Deputy Minister of Water, Tanzania. His presence greatly elevated the excitement and significance of the event, highlighting the theme and showcasing cutting-edge technologies and solutions relevant to water management. Accompanied by key delegates, senior officers of Ministry and involvement underscored the importance of the exhibition and its role in advancing discussions and innovations in the field.



The cultural program was quite impactful! The involvement of Hon'ble Union Minister Shri C. R. Paatil adds significant weight to the message being conveyed. The way the program highlighted the connection between water and cultural identity, and underscored the importance of rainwater, cleanliness, and ecosystem conservation is crucial. Such events not only entertain but also educate and inspire action on pressing issues like water conservation. It's great to see that the performance was able to deliver such a powerful and timely message.



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