



8th INDIA WATER WEEK - 2024

Partnerships and Cooperation for Inclusive
Water Development and Management

17-20 SEPTEMBER 2024

BHARAT MANDAPAM, NEW DELHI



YOUTH FORUM ATTENDED BY LARGE NUMBER OF YOUNG MINDS

The **8th India Water Week-2024** kicked off on September 17th, showcasing an impressive turnout and enthusiasm among participants. As the second day began, the energy continued with a significant number of attendees arriving at the venue. A key highlight of the event was the active participation of multiple stakeholders, fostering a collaborative environment. Delegates engaged in a series of insightful sessions, exchanging viewpoints and brainstorming shared ideas and solutions to address pressing water-related challenges. This spirit of cooperation and dialogue is crucial for advancing sustainable water management practices in India.

Attraction of the Day 2 is a **Youth Forum** especially planned for our nation's young intellects. The session was graced by esteemed presence of **Hon'ble Minister of State for Water Resources, Sh. Raj Bhushan Choudhary** who exhorted the young leaders to become water stewards; responsible for effective water management in their communities and beyond. About 200 students from different schools participated with enthusiasm and about 20 students delivered speeches on topic, "Role of water in socio-economic development of country".



THE AREAS OF FOCUS WERE:

- ◆ Integrated Water Management in Agriculture
- ◆ Challenges in Water Sector Infrastructure
- ◆ Role of Water in Socio-economic Development of the Country
- ◆ Integrated Surface and Ground Water Storage Management
- ◆ Springshed Management and Conservation Initiatives for Hilly States
- ◆ Ground Water Sustainability and Management
- ◆ Open, Integrated and Shared Water Data and Informatics
- ◆ Challenges in Water Sector Infrastructure
- ◆ Demand Management and Water Use Efficiency
- ◆ Risk and New Approaches to Climate Resilience
- ◆ Partnership and Cooperation with NGOs for inclusive Water Development and management
- ◆ Ground Water Sustainability and Management



COUNTRY FORUMS

A joint High level Plenary session for the **6th India-EU Water Forum** conducted in the august presence of Hon'ble Ministers of State for Jal Shakti Shri Raj Bhushan Choudhary. The session highlighted the cooperation between the EU and Government of India on water management within the framework of the India-EU Water Partnership. The 6th India – EU Water Forum aimed to explore relevant areas in water sector as well as to put light on developments of India-EU Water Partnership to which the governmental representatives, experts, researchers, businesses, and other stakeholders can contribute and benefit from.

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THE COUNTRY FORUM

The Country Forum with **Israel session** aims to explore and discuss the latest advancements, policies, and trade opportunities in water management technologies, specifically focusing on sustainable agriculture. This session provided a platform for stakeholders to share innovative solutions and best practices, highlighting Israel's expertise in efficient water use and agricultural sustainability. This aims to bring together key stakeholders including government representatives and industry leaders to share insights, identify collaborative opportunities and address challenges in the field of desalination water quality monitoring and drip irrigation.



Simultaneously, **country forum hosted by Australia** took place, moderated by Australian Trade and Investment Commission. This session provided insights into Australia's approaches to water management and sustainable practices. The exchange of knowledge aimed to enhance sustainable water management practices for both countries.

Country Forum by Denmark, Singapore, Guyana, Zimbabwe, Indonesia, Morocco, Cambodia

Representatives from Denmark, Singapore, Guyana, Zimbabwe, Indonesia, Morocco, and Cambodia shared insights on their unique water management challenges and strategies. Overall, while each country faces distinct issues, they share a commitment to enhancing water efficiency and sustainability through collaborative efforts and knowledge sharing.



Water Leader Forum: At the Water Leaders Forum, presentations from national and international experts from the public and private sectors, policy makers, research and academia, multilateral development institutions, and the non-governmental sector. These experts deliberated on various themes and sectors of water management, providing insight into some of the most pressing water-related issues. Two sessions conducted today on topics Integrated Surface and Ground Water management and Demand Management and Water Use Efficiency. These sessions aimed to raise awareness of the critical challenges in water management and efficiency, fostering discussion on potential solutions and collaborative efforts.

Three sessions of Practitioners' Forum were also held today with experts sharing their experiences and lessons learnt in integrated water management in agriculture, springshed management and conservation initiatives for hilly states during implementation of schemes in water sector. These sessions witnessed an enthusiastic participation from States, sharing of data/information, partnership & co-operation with NGOs etc.

WATER CONVENTION (Paper Presentations)

Water Convention (Paper Presentations) The Water Convention showcased a series of paper presentations by authors of shortlisted papers, covering various sub-themes and topics related to water management. These presentations offered a diverse and comprehensive perspective on the future of water management, featuring contributions from global leaders, policymakers, researchers, practitioners, and young innovators. The breadth of ideas and insights shared during the convention underscored the collaborative efforts needed to tackle water-related challenges and promote sustainable practices worldwide. Participants engaged in meaningful discussions, exploring innovative solutions that could shape the landscape of water management in the years to come.



Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR, Smt. Debashree Mukherjee was amongst several dignitaries visiting various stalls in the **exhibition showcasing innovative water solutions**. Smt. Mukherjee interacted with the media also emphasizing the importance of sustainable water management. The exhibition of the event continued to witness significant footfall highlighting the high level of interest amongst the visitors

INTERNATIONAL WASH CONFERENCE AT 8th INDIA WATER WEEK 2024 HIGHLIGHTS:

Insightful Discussions were held on key themes Water Disinfection Technology, Community Engagement, Impact Assessment of JAL JEEVAN MISSION, Operation and Maintenance, Capacity Building and Grey Water Management .



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