



8th INDIA WATER WEEK 2024

Partnerships and Cooperation for Inclusive
Water Development and Management

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VALEDICTORY SESSION of 8th India Water Week-2024

The Valedictory session of "8th India Water Week" was graced by the auspicious 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 19.09.2024. **Smt. Debashree Mukherjee**, **Secretary** of the Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, warmly welcomed all dignitaries and audiences to the 8th India Water Week valedictory session. Her opening remarks emphasized the importance of collaboration and innovation in addressing water-related challenges in the country.

Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti Shri C. R. Paatil, during his address, commended the theme of IWW-24, "**Partnerships and Cooperation for Inclusive Water Development and**

Management." He emphasized the vital role of collaboration in tackling the complex challenges associated with water resource management. By fostering partnerships, we can ensure a more equitable and sustainable approach to water development, ultimately benefiting communities and ecosystems alike. His insights underline the necessity of collective efforts to achieve effective and inclusive water solutions.

The session commenced with the National Anthem sung by brilliant school students.



VALEDICTORY SESSION: Brief Report

The brief of the **8th IWW 2024** was presented by **Shri Rakesh Kumar Verma, Additional Secretary, DoWR, RD &GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti**. He also enumerated various important recommendations that emerged out of the 8th IWW 2024 on the various facets of water sector viz. Collaboration & Cooperation for Water Security, Integrated Water Resources Development & Management, Challenges in Water Sector Infrastructure, Risk and New Approaches to Climate Resilience, Groundwater Sustainability and Management, Water Governance and Financing, Water related Disasters and its Management etc.

The 8th India Water Week commenced on September 17th with great enthusiasm and energy. The event was successfully organized by the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, under the guidance of the **Sri C. R. Paatil, Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti**, in collaboration with various International Partner countries and organizations. The Hon'ble President of India inaugurated the event, expressing confidence that the discussions during the 8th India Water Week will benefit from the exchange of ideas and technologies across the globe. The event has been marked by significant knowledge sharing. The presence of the Hon'ble President and other distinguished guests at

the opening underscored the critical importance of water resource management and conservation. The Plenary Session was a great success due to presence of eminent water experts and dignitaries from Denmark, Guyana, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and other Countries. A standout feature of the event was the success stories shared by the two water warriors during inaugural session. During the Country Forum held alongside IWW 2024, partner countries convened sessions that highlighted opportunities for cooperation and collaboration in the water sector between governments and businesses. A notable highlight of this mega event is the 'Start-Up Forum,' where start-ups have the opportunity to pitch their innovative ideas and solutions in the water sector.



HIGHLIGHTS

Released of publications/Launch of Portal:

1. E-Launch of Bhu-Neer Portal of CGWA for Ground Water Regulation.
2. National Register of Major and Medium Irrigation Projects in India.
3. Assessment of Water Resources in India.
4. Compendium of Sedimentation of Reservoirs in India.
5. Release of Coffee Table Book on Heliborne Survey conducted by CGWB.



Awards for Exhibition under various categories:

1. **Category I** – Best Central Ministry/Organizations– **CWPRS, Pune**
2. **Category II** – Best State Governments– **Kerala**
3. **Category III** – Best Industry – **Ionexchange India Ltd**
4. **Category IV** – Best Startup– **Blueverse India Pvt Ltd, Mumbai, Maharashtra**



WATER LEADER'S FORUM

Seven Different sessions at **Day-3 on Water Leaders' Forum** covering important water themes on Partnerships for Accelerating Innovation in Water Sector, Integrated Flood Management, Sustainable Water Management for Industry and Businesses, Partnerships for Climate Action in Water Sector, Partnership and Co-operation for Integrated Water Resources Management, Public Private Partnerships in Water Sector and Circularity in Wastewater Management by experts from industry, public sector, policy making, research, academia, and NGOs—come together to share insights and collaborate. This kind of multidisciplinary approach can foster innovative solutions and drive impactful discussions on important issues.

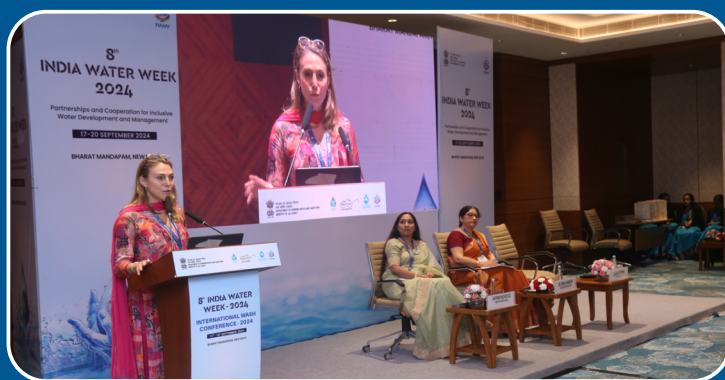
Two **Sessions of Practitioners' Forum** were held today on the topics Achieving universal access to drinking water in rural areas and Synergizing actions for ecological sustainability and human wellbeing with experts sharing their experiences and practical lessons.



WATER CONVENTIONS

Further, also seven sessions of **Water Conventions** were a dynamic platform for dialogue and collaboration. All sessions dedicated to this vital topic, the involvement of diverse stakeholders, including global leaders, policymakers, researchers, practitioners, and young innovators, likely enriched the discussions. This multifaceted approach not only highlighted current challenges in water management but also fostered innovative ideas for the future. Engaging young innovators, in particular, can bring fresh perspectives and solutions that address both traditional and emerging water issues. Recognizing the significance of women's

contribution, the Government of India has undertaken various initiatives to enhance their participation in water management was one of the key topics in Water Conventions. Women play a crucial role in the management of water resources, particularly in rural areas, where they are primary users and managers of water for household and agricultural purposes. Deliberation aimed at integrating women into Water User Associations (WUAs) and empowering them through self-help groups (SHGs) have proven to be effective in improving water governance.



START-UP FORUM

A big attraction of Day -3 was **Startup Forum** which is a dynamic platform for innovative thinkers and private entrepreneurs in the water sector who presented Smart water tools and technologies; showcasing cutting-edge solutions across a variety of crucial areas of water sector. In all nine startups presented their innovative solutions in the water sector.



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