



# 7<sup>th</sup> INDIA WATER WEEK 2022

1 - 5 NOVEMBER 2022

**Theme:** Water Security for Sustainable Development with Equity

**Venue:** India Expo Centre, Greater Noida



## “AWARENESS OF CHILDREN ON WATER”

The enthusiasm remained at peak for the 3rd Day of the 7th India Water Week as the crowd arrives at the venue with new energy. The day brings new set of enthralling sessions full of valuable insights.

There was one technical session on “Emerging technological solutions for efficient water management”, three Panel discussions on Water education, Public awareness - role of Media, Decentralized solutions for water management and Role of Civil society in efficient water management (by IWP). In addition to this, there were three side events by school children, for young professionals and by IWRS during the day.

On the third exciting day of '7th India Water Week' various interesting activities were organized like drawing competition, Nukkad Naataks and debates around the theme, "Awareness of Children on Water". Such activities are a way of expressing thoughts in a unique way.

With great enthusiasm, about 250 students and 30 teachers attended the events. About 90 children participated in painting competition also. Nukkad Natak was also performed on water management by 150 school children. A debate was also organised among the school children on water related issues.



## SPECIAL SESSION FOR THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Special valuable session was organized for the Young Professionals chaired by Dr. Sudhir Kumar Director, NIH, Roorkee and Co-chair Dr. R. P. Pandey Scientist 'G' & Head, EHD, NIH. The session deliberated on the topic of flood risk and the aspects of hazard, Exposure and Vulnerability. The session highlighted on Sustainable and Alternative Measures to conserve water.

## WATER EDUCATION, PUBLIC AWARENESS AND ROLE OF MEDIA

Enthralling session on Water education, Public Awareness and Role of Media chaired by Prof. S.K. Maheshwari, IIM Ahmedabad and Co-Chaired by Dr. Rajendra Poddar, Director, WALMI, Dharwad, Karnataka. This meaningful session focused on how Media can play an important role in sustainable water management, a sociopolitical issue. It emphasized that Media convey information and knowledge to general public and serve as watchdogs bringing attention to the problems. Media is a voice of people and civil society to government and play a crucial role in disseminating water education and Public Awareness.



## DECENTRALIZED SOLUTIONS FOR WATER MANAGEMENT

An insightful session covering the topic of Decentralized Solutions for Water Management was chaired by Dr. Anu Garg, ACS, WRD, Odisha and Ms. Archana Verma, Mission Director, NWM. The session gave an on insight on identifying and finding solutions. The session emphasized on the significant areas that can be benefitted through appropriate technologies and the new ideas needs to be promoted for decentralized solutions for water management. People need to be unified and work on this field in an integrated manner to provide access of water to everyone. One must focus on idea and technologies that can reduce irrigation requirement but increase the yield. The initiatives taken in the field have proved to be immensely fruitful. And such initiatives need to be further encouraged in areas that require it more. Also, Agriculture is the biggest consumer of water and that's where the focus should be. Energy efficiency is the need of the hour which will come through technological innovations. Climate resilience aspect is key to it and hold immense importance. There is no one stop solution and we need to have an integrated approach to find solutions to water efficiency. Giving an insight on the session, Ms. Archana Verma Mission director, NWM emphasized that Nature apart from technologies one must focus on harnessing the potential of the community. Lastly, Chairperson Dr. Anu Garg appreciated the brilliant session and the valuable insights shared by the panelists.

## ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN EFFICIENT WATER MANAGEMENT

A brilliant session was organized which was chaired by Shri A.C. Tyagi, Former Secretary General, ICID on Role of Civil Society in Efficient Water Management. It emphasized on the role of civil society and their significance in the field of Water Management. The panelists highlighted the underlying issues in showcasing the challenges faced in strengthening the civil society. The topics that were highlighted were, Issues around water quality, Source Sustainability, Impact of Climate Change, Surveillance and monitoring. The focus should also be on infrastructure in urban and rural areas and the problem with incentive structure. The capacity of the institutions needs addressing by the leaders and also the capacity of the facilities. The climate change has imposed new challenges and it is the need of the hour to bring solutions under one roof. Civil Society bring together the initiative and efforts to one platform and has immense potential that needs to be scaled to increase the scope of success.



## VISIT TO EXHIBITION BY HON'BLE MINISTER OF STATE

Hon'ble Minister of State Shri. Bishweswar Tudu visited the enthralling and interesting exhibition showcasing the innovative ideas and practices by various organization. His graceful presence was exciting for the whole arena.





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### **AN INSIGHTFUL VISIT TO AGRA**

A study tour to Agra for the interested delegates were also conducted. The tour started at 7:30 PM and the visitors went to Taj Mahal, Fatehpur Sikri, thereafter which lunch and snacks followed. The study tour provided valuable insights about various culture and perspectives which is important to connect with the world.



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