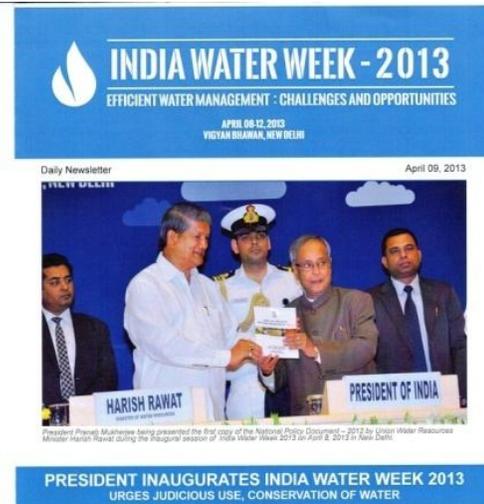


India Water Partnership (GWP-India) Report for April, 2013

I. Participation and Facilitation of GWP-India in India Water Week-2013

The Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India for the second time organized India Water Week from 8th to 12th April, 2013 at VigyanBhavan, New Delhi under the main theme “**Efficient Water Management : Challenges and Opportunities**”. More than 1400 International and National delegates participated in the India Water Week-2013 (IWW-2013). 17 seminars, 9 panel discussions and 6 brainstorming sessions were organized besides several side events. The IWW-2013 was inaugurated by Honourable President of India on 8th April, 2013.



India Water Partnership (GWP-India) participated and facilitated India Water Week-2013 (IWW-2013). Dr.VeenaKhanduri, Executive Secretary, GWP-India as a member of Organizing Committee and Technical Committee of IWW-2013 had several formal and informal meetings with the officials of Ministry of Water Resources and the Organizing Secretariat, as a result, the GWP and GWP-South Asia were invited by Ministry of Water Resources and supported IWW-2013 as a knowledge partner. The untiring efforts of Dr.VeenaKhanduri have been well acknowledged by the Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India for her significant contributions.

On 8th April, 2013, the National Water Policy-2012 was formally launched by Honourable President of India at VigyanBhavan, New Delhi. It is pertinent to mention here that out of the four members of the Drafting Committee of National Water Policy-2012, **three members were from GWP-India**. Also during 2012 IWW, GWP India organized a side event on “**Approach of Draft National Water Policy-2012 in context of Climate Change**” and the recommendations of the side event were submitted by GWP India to Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India.

On 9th April, 2013, the Exhibition Hall was inaugurated by Mr. Harish Rawat, Honourable Minister of Water Resources, Govt. of India where a well decorated stall of WAPCOS Ltd. and GWP-India was displayed. In the stall, various publications of WAPCOS Ltd. and GWP-India were displayed which were picked-up by a number of visitors. Honourable Minister also visited GWP India (India Water Partnership) and WAPCOS Ltd stall. A set of important publications of WAPCOS Ltd., GWP-South Asia and GWP India were provided to the Honourable Minister.



Mr. Harish Rawat, Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources inspecting the WAPCOS Ltd. & GWP-India stall

Mr. Harish Rawat, Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources talking to Media persons

On 12th April, 2013, the Valedictory Session was organized under the Chairmanship of Dr. S K Sarkar, Special Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India. During the session the role of GWP and GWP-South Asia was well acknowledged and recognized.

II. Seminar on "Different Capacities, Different Roles – Empowering South Asian Women for Climate Change Adaptation" organized on 11th April, 2013 during India Water Week-2013

A seminar on "**Different Capacities, Different Roles – Empowering South Asian Women for Climate Change Adaptation**" was organized on 11th April, 2013 at VigyanBhavan, New Delhi jointly by GWP-South Asia, GWP-India and WAPCOS Ltd.

The seminar started with the Welcome Address by Ms. Kusum Athukoralala, Chair, Sri Lanka Water Partnership who said that water sector needs political support for better management. Introduction of the seminar was made by Dr. Veena Khanduri, Executive Secretary, GWP-India and the keynote address was delivered by Dr. R K Gupta, President, India Water Partnership and Chairman-cum-Managing Director, WAPCOS Ltd.

In the introductory speech, Dr. Veena Khanduri thanked India Water Week Organizing Committee especially Shri G Mohan Kumar, Special Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India & Chairman of the Organizing Committee and Shri A B Pandya, Organizing Secretary, IWW-2013 for recognising the importance of the gender issue in the IWW-2013 and collaborating with the Global Water Partnership-South Asia for making this event a reality in the United Nations Year of Water Cooperation.

She further said that empowering South Asian women is well recognised by the fact that Honourable Minister of Water Resources, Govt. of India, Shri Harish Rawat is with us. This seminar is very special to IWW-2013 because it brings a regional dimension by the presenters.

Dr. R K Gupta, President, IWP in his keynote address said that keeping in view the overall theme of India Water Week-2013 on **Efficient Water Management: Opportunity and Challenges**, this seminar emphasizes the need to develop complementary strength of men and women in order to empower communities for climate change adaptation. Here we will discuss how South Asian women can organize themselves to build resilience, adapt to climate change and what the critical role they will play in future for climate change adaptation and mitigation.



Keynote Address by Dr. R K Gupta, President, India Water Partnership (GWP-India)

Mr. G Mohan Kumar, Special Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India also addressed the audience and highlighted the issue of coping mechanism by the community and community based projects at grass root level and role of women. He stressed that Gender issues to be taken in successive India Water Week in future.



Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest, Mr. Harish Rawat, Honourable, Minister of Water Resources, Govt. of India

The seminar was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Mr. Harish Rawat, Honourable Minister of Water Resources, Govt. of India. Mr. Harish Rawat in his inaugural address said that “ I am delighted to know the initiative of the Global Water Partnership (GWP) - South Asia, India Water Partnership and WAPCOS Ltd. to take-up this important subject during India Water Week-2013. This clearly indicates the global recognition of women, who, as highlighted in the Dublin Rio principles play a central

role in provision, management and safeguarding of the precious water resources. This inclusion

of women as a strong effective positive force in water management is supported by the principles of equity and social justice emphasised in our new National Water Policy-2012 regarding use and allocation of water”.

Mr.Rawat in his concluding address said that “I am happy to note that Global Water Partnership, an organization having 13 Regional Water Partnerships, 80 Country Water Partnerships and more than 2500 partner organizations in 161 countries of the World, is supporting India Water Week as a “**Knowledge Partner**”. In particular, the GWP emphasises the need to work with all partners, especially the women and that is why they have supported this session as part of their knowledge cooperation”.

During the seminar, a video film on importance of water conservation was also shown by International Water Management Institute, Sri Lanka.

After the Inaugural Session, presentations were made which were followed by panel discussion. Dr. K A Haq, Vice-President, Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP) summarized the proceedings of the seminar.Dr.VeenaKhanduri, Executive Secretary, GWP-India while extending vote of thanks, said that this one day discussion had provided an opportunity for the participants to have substantive discussion and to make recommendations for other South Asia Programme.

III. GWP-South Asia Regional Day on “Improved Efficiency for Increased Resilience to Climate Change: an Integrated Water Resources Management Perspective” organized on 12th April, 2013 during India Water Week-2013

GWP-South Asia Regional Day on “**Improved Efficiency for Increased Resilience to Climate Change: an Integrated Water Resources Management Perspective**” was organized on 12th April, 2013 at VigyanBhavan, New Delhi jointly by GWP-South Asia, GWP-India and WAPCOS Ltd. In the Regional Day of GWP-South Asia, **Dr. S K Sarkar, Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest** who inaugurated the event.



**Welcome Address by Dr. R K Gupta,
President, India Water Partnership (GWP-India)**

Dr. R K Gupta, President, IWP and Chairman-cum-Managing Director, WAPCOS Ltd. welcomed the Chief Guest and the participants. In his Welcome Address, Dr. Gupta said that Climate Change on global and regional scales have already affected natural resource base in diverse ecosystems and environments. It adversely affects not only the living conditions of people who depend upon these systems for their livelihoods but also influence the whole socio

economic system at the micro level. Dr. Gupta stressed for the regional cooperation to combat, adapt and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Mr. N S Samant, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources said that Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India has estimated that with 2.5 % of global landmass, India has 4% of the World's freshwater resources. This has come under increasing demographic stress since India is home to about 16% of the global population. He also said that due to increase in population coupled with urbanization and industrialization, the demand for fresh water is increasing which has put a great stress on the existing water resources. Hence the water challenge need to be managed collectively. He further said that in agriculture sector there is huge demand for water. So it is up to us as to how we best manage the irrigation system.

Dr.S K Sarkar in his inaugural address said that today water is a subject which is on many national, regional and international agendas. Seeing the complexity of management of water resources, it is important that government ,public and private stakeholders recognize this complexity. He also said that climate change is making water resources management more complex due to the uncertainty and unpredictability in weather patterns. Hence innovative institutional solutions and local coping strategies need to be adopted.



Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest, Dr. S K Sarkar, Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India

After the Inaugural Session, there were two technical sessions in which panel discussions were made. The first technical session focused on **“Overview: Linking Water Use Efficiency to Climate Change Adaptation through Integrated Water Resources Management”**. This session was chaired by Mr. Ravi Narayanan, Vice-President, Asia Pacific Water Forum and co-chaired by Er. Avinash C Tyagi, Secretary General, International Commission on Irrigation & Drainage (ICID). The panellists present in the session were; Mr. Anshuman from The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi; Prof. Vijay Paranjpye, Coordinator, West Zone Water Partnership, Pune; Dr. K Vijaya Lakshmi – R C Member, GWP-India; Prof. M S Rathore, Coordinator, North Zone Water Partnership, Jaipur and Mr Tapan K Padhi, Coordinator, East Zone Water Partnership; Bhubaneshwar.

After first technical session, South Asia Climate Change Program and the Asia Pacific Water Forum Meta-Guidelines on Climate Change Adaptation in the Water Sector was launched and a presentation was made by Mr. Anil Gupta, Senior Network Officer, GWP.

Topic of the second technical session was **“Water Cooperation: Across Sectors and Borders for the Efficient and Sustainable Use of Water”**. This session was chaired by Prof. Gary Jones, President, International River Foundation and co-chaired by Dr. Tushaar Shah, Member, GWP Technical Committee. The panellists in this session were; Mr. S. N. Upadhyay, GWP, Nepal;

Dr. Khondaker Azharul Haq, GWP, Bangladesh; Mr. Amit Gupta, Senior Project Manager, WAPCOS Ltd. and Mr. A. B. Pandya, Member, Central Water Commission, Govt. of India, & Organizing Secretary, IWW-2013.

On completion of second technical session, a presentation on South Asia Water Initiative (SAWI) was made by Mr. Sanjay Gupta of the World Bank.

After the presentation on SAWI, the event was concluded with Vote of Thanks by Ms. Priyanka Dissanayake, Regional Coordinator, GWP-South Asia.

IV. Capacity Building Initiatives for Dissemination of Improved Water Technologies especially on Domestic Water Consumption for Water Users Associations, Community Based Organizations, Local Governance Bodies

Development Alternatives (DA) with the financial support of GWP-India is working on “**Capacity Building Initiatives for Dissemination of Improved Water Technologies especially on Domestic Water Consumption for Water Users Associations, Community Based Organizations and Local Governance Bodies**”. During April, 2013, the DA undertook field survey in the slums of Madapur Khadar, Bhawar Singh Camp, Savda Ghevda and Seema Puri of Delhi and interaction with 40 households was made. During the interaction, it was noticed that dwellers of these slums have encountered problems related to water quality (tastes) and hence prefer going for some kind of affordable treatment technology for the water (especially for domestic purposes). Apart from this, a meeting was also organized for local NGOs who are working as community anchors in 9 slums of Delhi and trying to address issues related to water quality especially for domestic consumption. 20 community anchors attended this meeting and since these anchors are already trained and understand the issue, the purpose of the meeting was to understand & share the methodology they follow in reaching out to the community with affordable household water treatment technologies and challenges they face. In order to make their communication more effective, efforts were also made in building their capacity by providing them with information/communication material (flipcharts, brochures etc) developed by DA.

In order to reach out to the water users in the slums, school awareness campaigns were carried out in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi schools which were attended by 200 students from secondary classes. These schools are located around or near the slums. The awareness campaigns were carried out in the school premises during school hours. The main focus of the awareness campaign was to make them aware of importance of using clean and safe drinking water.

V. Strengthening of Shivana Area Water Partnership

GWP-India in 2012 supported Central Zone India Water Partnership Coordinating Agency (NAVADEEP) to initiate process for formation of Shivana Area Water Partnership (AWP). With the efforts of GWP-India and NAVADEEP, the Shivana AWP was formed on 18th June, 2012 with its Headquarters located at Mandsaur District of Madhya Pradesh and it is fully functional. The initiatives of GWP-India are continuing again in 2013 to strengthen this AWP.

In order to take some important decisions, a meeting of stakeholders was convened on 29th April, 2013 at Mandsaur district. Dr.VeenaKhanduri, Executive Secretary, GWP-India attended this meeting.Prior to start of the meeting, all stakeholders visited Shivanariver.

Around 100 water stakeholders from far flung villages and towns of the district Mandsaur; members/representatives of local districtadministration; rural and urban civic bodies, NGOs; and farmers' associations participated in this meeting. The stakeholders' meeting was organised in District Panchayat Conference Hall, Mandsaur.



Shivana AWP Stakeholders' meeting under progress

Dr.VeenaKhanduri gave valuable suggestions and guidance with regard to future activities of Shivana Area Water Partnership. In her address, she said that from the recent past, water security has been badly affected due to population growth, urbanization, industrialisation, pollution, excessive ground water extraction and climate change. At present, water is the top most agenda at State, national, regional and international level. Although the Governments have taken a lot of steps for the water management, however, the results are not very encouraging. Hence, the water resources management at all levels should be taken-up on holistic way for which the peoples' participation is very much necessary. It is also necessary to find a solution for water conservation and its judicious use in consultation with all stakeholders like; local community, industrialists, farmers, research institutions, local administration, experts, etc.

The other persons addressed the meeting were President of Madhya Pradesh KisanSangathan, Superintendent of Police, Mandsaur district; Mr.YashpalSingh Shisodia, Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA), Senior Scientists from Agriculture College,Mr.NarendraSipani, President, Shivana AWP,Mr.Yogesh Gupta, Vice-President, Shivana AWP, Mr.VikramVidyarthi, Secretary, Shivana AWP, Mr.Rao Vijay Singh, Treasurer, Shivana AWP, Er, Sunil Vyas, Special Project Coordinator, Shivana AWP, Mr. J K Jain from District Planning Office, Mr.Ashok Agrawal, Member, Shivana AWP, Mr Brijesh Joshi, Member, Shivana AWPand Mr.RavindraShukla, Coordinator,Central Zone Water Partnership.



Award Distribution to the Farmers who contributed voluntary labour for construction of stop dams on Shivana river

During the meeting,Er. Sunil Vyas, Special Project Coordinator, Shivana AWPmade a presentation about community participation of farmers for construction of 24 stopdams on River Shivana. To highlight the farmers contribution to save river Shivana, Mr Yashpal Singh Shisodia, MLA presentedawards to the farmers who contributed their voluntary labours for construction of stop dams on Shivana river. A detailed booklet on stopdam was presented to all the dignitaries.

Mr.RavindraShukla who initiated the process for formation of Shivana AWP told that earlier the

water of Shivanariver used to be wasted. However, the efforts of farmers by constructing stop dams on the river have saved the wastage of water. Now the Shivanariver has got heavily polluted which is one of the main source of drinking water of Mandsaur city. He also said that efforts would be made by the Shivana AWP to have all stakeholders at one platform to work for restoration of the river.

In the District Panchayat Conference Hall where the meeting took place, NAVADEEP, also displayed publications on water management, agriculture, health, hygiene, sanitation, climate change and related subjects. Called 'Jal-SahityaPradashini'- the exhibition also included national, international scientific journals and reports of meetings, conferences, brochures and publications of GWP, GWP-SAS, IWP, Kshipra Area Water Partnership (KAWP) Vision Documents, etc.

VI. Activities undertaken under Jajmau Area Water Partnership (AWP), Kanpur City

Like previous year, the efforts of GWP-India for strengthening and promoting Jajmau AWP is continuing in 2013 also and the Society for Promotion of Wastelands Development (SPWD), a network partner of GWP-India which took the initiative to promote this AWP is carrying forward the works along with its associate partners.



The main objective of Jajmau AWP is to make the Ganga river pollution free and provide safe drinking water to the community of Jajmau AWP. In order to achieve this, the SPWD with support of its associate partners organized a national conference on 15th April, 2013 at New Delhi. Aim of the national conference was to find out appropriate and best feasible waste management technologies for renewable energy production to avoid pollution in the Ganga river.

VIII. Activities taken-up under Peoples' Area Water Partnership, Dhenkanal District, Orissa

In 2013 also GWP-India is strengthening Peoples' Area Water Partnership (PAWP), Dhenkanal District, Orissa which was formed during 2010 with the support of GWP-Network partner Arun Institute of Rural Affairs. Under PAWP, a number of good activities have been undertaken since its formation.

During April, 2013, dialogue with PRI members and other stakeholders were held on **21st and 27th April, 2013** at Kantiokateni GP High School and AnalabereniHataghara respectively. Agenda of the dialogue was (i) **water issue** - Renovation of Majurkata MIP, Indrajitnalla, Badajaharanalla and Talaberenapata; (ii) **Local Forest matter** - Exploring jointVillage Council/Village Forest Council meetings with members and ex-officio members of Forest Deptt.; and (iii)**Prohibiting the entry** of the three industrial bodies who are interested in land grabbing. The key points discussed in the dialogues are given below:

Water: It was told in the dialogue that all the above mentioned structure of water storage and supply have gone dry unlike the previous years. Vegetable farming has been destroyed and there is no alternative source of water for 120 small vegetable growers.

On this issue, Sarpanch from Kantiokateni GP, Kotogara GP, NaibSarpanch of Kusuma Jodi GP and PS members from Kantioputasahi GP, wanted to know the remedial plan from the respective PaniPanchayat (a Committee formed at village level to look into the matters related to water problems) members. The PaniPanchayat members from Kusuma Jodi and Dhobabahali said that they will be putting up such a plan before the next PaniPanchayat meeting in the presence of minor irrigation officials.

Forest: A senior retired banker Sri PK Nanda raised the issue of poor forest status and the need to restore it to the previous state. PAWP members Mr. A RATH and Ms P Sethi reported of continued forest fire and absence of any plan on the part of the Forest Department.

On this issue, the forest officials from the Kadalipal and Khatuahata beat said they will take some remedial measures in consultation with the respective Village Forest Committee.

Industry matter: The two industrial houses RSB Metals and ACK Powers limited have started negotiating with the revenue officials as they have been served with Court notice.

The members present resolved to resist any move of land grabbing. They also sought for PAWP's support in this matter.

VII. Participation in Review Meeting of India Water Week-2013 on 25th April, 2013

As a member of Organizing Committee and Technical Committee of India Water Week, Dr.VeenaKhanduri, Executive Secretary, GWP-India and Mr V U Koundanya, Senior General Manager (Planning), WAPCOS Ltd. who is also a member of Technical Committee of IWW-2013 participated in a review meeting. The review meeting was convened by the Special Secretary and Chairman of Organising Committee in order to analyse and discuss the gains & shortfall of the event and to share experience of all those who were directly or indirectly involved in organizing this mega event. Agenda of the meeting was to review the conference logistics and infrastructure for further improvements; review of exhibitions, road map for the next event; improvement in the international participation; organization strategies for parallel events on-site and off-site ; international participation in exhibition and building of exhibitor base, etc.

During the meeting, a feed-back form was circulated to the participants of the meeting to receive the feed-back on the India Water Week-2013. Dr.VeenaKhanduri gave the following feed-back:

1. GWP-South Asia has expressed to be a permanent partner in the future deliberations of India Water Week;
2. GWP-India will also like to facilitate CAP-NET, Netwater and others like APAN to be part of the future India Water Week;
3. Inter-ministerial support is need to be taken by the Ministry of Water Resources like ; Ministry of Environment & Forests, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Urban Development, Ministry of Rural Development, etc.
4. To make India Water Week more popular, the delegation should be sent to the other water forums like Swedish Water Week, World Water Forum, World Water Week, Asia Pacific Water Forum, etc.

The contribution of Executive Secretary, GWP India was acknowledged by the Organizing Secretary of IWW-2013 and Special Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India.

VIII. Participation in 30th Annual General Body Meeting of Indian Water Resources Society (IWRS) on 26th April, 2013

As a member of IWRS, Dr. Veena Khanduri, Executive Secretary, GWP-India and Dr. R K Gupta, President, GWP-India & Chairman-cum-Managing Director, WAPCOS Ltd. participated in the 30th Annual General Body Meeting of IWRS which was organized at Central Water Commission, Govt. of India on 26th April, 2013. Mr. A B Pandya, Member, Central Water Commission, Govt. of India was elected as President of IWRS at National level and Dr. R K Gupta, President, GWP-India was elected as Vice-President of IWRS at National level and Vice-President of IWRS, Delhi Centre. Dr. Veena Khanduri, Executive Secretary was elected as Member, Delhi Centre of IWRS.

IX. SCOPE Meritorious Award - 2011-2012 to Dr. R K Gupta, President, India Water Partnership and Chairman-cum-Managing Director, WAPCOS Ltd. by Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, Honourable President of India

Dr. R K Gupta, President, IWP & Chairman-cum-Managing Director, WAPCOS Ltd. received SCOPE Meritorious Award 2011-2012 for Corporate Governance by Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, Honourable President of India on 26th April, 2013 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. The award was instituted by Standing Conference of Public Enterprises, an apex body of Central Government owned Public Enterprises.

X. Activity proposed/Planned for May, 2013

10.1 One day Seminar and sensitization on Integrated Water Resources Management (Problems & Prospects) in Chakai Block, Jamui district, Bihar

Preparation for holding a one day Seminar and sensitization on Integrated Water Resources Management (Problems & Prospects) in Chakai Block, Jamui district, Bihar is under progress by GWP-India network partner; Society for Watershed and Rural Development. Consultations with various stakeholders, Farmers Clubs, Agriculture Department, Soil Conservation Deptt., National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD); Bihar Agriculture University, Bhagalpur and other line Departments like Dairy, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry have been made. Tentative venue for holding the event is Chakai district, Bihar.

10.2 Publishing simpler version of the Orissa State Water Policy and related documents in vernacular (in a booklet form)

Publishing simpler version of the Orissa State Water Policy and related documents in vernacular has been proposed by GWP-India network partner, Arun Institute of Rural Affairs, Dhenkanal district, Orissa which is also the Coordinator of Peoples' Area Water Partnership.

10.3 National Conference for Capacity Building of Water Users Associations, Community Based Organisations, Local Governance Bodies

A National Conference for capacity building of Water Users Associations, community based organisations, local governance bodies for dissemination of improved water technologies and best practices especially for domestic water consumption has been planned by GWP-India partner, Development Alternatives.

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