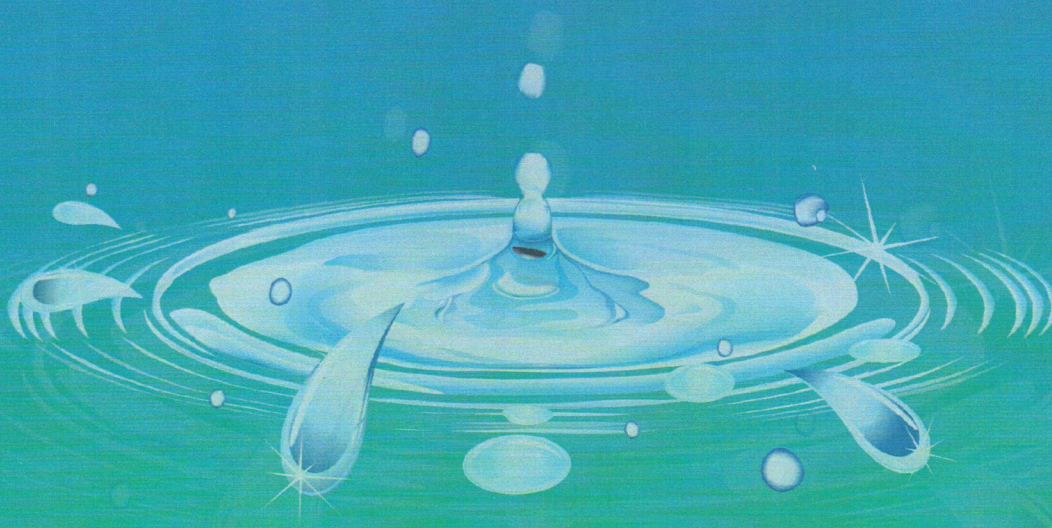


India Water Partnership



Established in 2001, India Water Partnership (IWP) is a non-profit organization with a goal of promoting Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in India. It has been accredited by the Global Water Partnership (GWP) headquartered at Stockholm, Sweden as Country Water Partnership of GWP

Background

IWP started as an informal body first under the Chairmanship of Prof. S R Hashim (the then Member Secretary, Planning Commission) (1997-98). Dr. Y K Alagh (former Union Minister of Power, Science & Technology, Government of India) was its next President. Shri Balasaheb Vikhe Patil (former Member of Parliament & Minister, Government of India) was the President during 2004-06. Thereafter, Prof. S R Hashim again took over the charge from Shri Patil in 2007 and remained the President till December 2012. W.e.f 1st January 2013, Mr. R K Gupta, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, WAPCOS Ltd. is the President of IWP.

IWP has been active in promotion of Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) principles and practices through its network partners to support national development priorities. Some of the core priority areas are; promoting IWRM approach effectively through workshops and consultations to address adaptation to climate change with the support of zonal water partners across the country; encouraging use of innovative low cost water saving technologies by the farming communities; sustainable natural resource management; integrated domestic water management; promoting Area Water Partnership (AWP) for river basin management; conflict resolution on water sharing; inter-state trans-boundary water sharing issues; gender mainstreaming, etc.

Mission

To support action of sustainable and integrated development and management of water resources at national, regional river basin/sub-basin and local levels in India.

Board of Governors

The management of affairs of the IWP is entrusted to the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors comprises of 10 members which includes; 1 President, 3 Central Government Nominees, 2 State Government Nominees and 4 members from leading network partners.

Objectives

- To highlight the critical role of water for future survival of human beings and draw attention to its increasing scarcity and the resulting implications for policies, programs and projects.
- To propagate the role of water as an economic and social good as well as a basic human and animal right and support policies and programs necessary for an economically efficient, socially acceptable and environmentally sustainable use of water resources.
- To provide a coordinating and networking mechanism for institutions and organizations concerned with development and management of water resource projects of all dimensions, types and uses including community initiatives, people centered actions, water harvesting, revival of traditional practices.
- To render assistance in promoting role of women, youth and children in water resources management
- To interact with GWP, GWP-South Asia and other national and international or supra national agencies dealing with water resources.
- To function as a think tank for water related issues.
- To provide and strengthen mechanism for exchange of

information, experiences, ideas and approaches among stakeholders and help in evolution of a consensus on water related issues.

- To generate an environment for formation of water partnerships at sub-national levels like state, river basin/sub-basin, etc.
- To establish collaboration and linkage with public, private, corporate sector, non-governmental organizations, government agencies and funding agencies.
- To undertake activities related to health, hygiene, sanitation and livelihood.
- To organize seminars, workshops, conferences to promote natural resources management.
- To undertake capacity building programs for the people on climate change adaptation & mitigation and disaster management.
- To promote livelihoods and entrepreneurship development activities; and,
- To take any other measures which are incidental to the objectives listed above.

IWP carries out its activities through its member organizations spread across the country under the guidance of its Board of Governors. The member organizations are from academic institutions, research institutions, government organizations; private limited companies and Non Governmental Organizations.

Zonal Water Partnership (ZWP)

IWP pioneered the concept of Zonal Water Partnerships (ZWP) in 2007. Both IWP and ZWP work closely with the relevant water institutions, universities, CBOs/NGOs and other stakeholders at national, state and local level. In 2008, IWP stakeholders agreed to establish ZWPs so that IWRM could be made effective at state as well as local and community level. The zones are not based on rigid administrative boundaries, but configured according to hydrological units, so that there is scope to address local contexts and issues that have inter-zonal implications. Membership in zones covers representation from cross-sectional institutions. North Zone Water Partnership, East Zone Water Partnership, North-East Water Partnership and Western Zone Water Partnership have developed their own Vision Documents for managing water resources in their respective zones. IWP with the support of ZWPs in India is addressing the water centric issues through Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)/Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) which have constitutional authority in the chain of civil authority structure.

Area Water Partnership (AWP)

AWP was conceptualized to function as platforms for sub-basin level partners. While a Country Water Partnership (CWP) identifies the country's critical water stressed areas, an AWP focuses more on a specific river basin where water stress is already a problem or is anticipated within the next 25 years. Within a river basin there are many water users who affect water quality and quantity. The main task of AWP is to identify the inter-dependence of various water related institutions and stakeholders to support them in the sustainable management of their water resources. AWP's therefore need to encourage competing stakeholders to reconcile and adjust their demands in the interests of sustainable water management. The focus of AWP's is to identify and discuss local level issues, resolve conflicts and disputes, find solutions and finally present water related problems of sub basins to the higher authorities. IWP has helped to form several AWP's in different states across the country.

IWP Contribution in National Water Policy-2012

IWP Board members and its network partners actively contributed during 2010 and 2011 in the brainstorming sessions organized by Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India to review National Water Policy-2002. IWP was well represented in the Drafting Committee of National Water Policy-2012.

IWP organized a side event on April 13, 2012 during India Water Week-2012 on "Approach of Draft National Water Policy (DNWP), 2012 in Context of Climate Change". Objective of the side event was to examine how the Draft National Water Policy (2012) reflects on the issue of climate change to address water and food security.

Review of State Water Policies by IWP

IN 2010

- IWP reviewed and examined the new State Water Policy (2010) of Rajasthan with regard to implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management in the State and organized State level workshop for sensitizing NGOs, PRI members, State Govt. officials, Water User Groups and farmers for proper implementation of the State Water Policy.
- IWP identified the gaps in the Draft State Water Policy and Groundwater Bill of Uttar Pradesh and sent recommendations to the State Government for effective implementation.

IN 2014

- IWP reviewed the State Water Policy of Bihar and Gujarat with regard to climate change and facilitated the respective state governments to have wider

stakeholders' consultation to include the climate change aspects in their revised State Water Policy in line with National Water Policy-2012. As an outcome of the review, both the state governments have included the climate change aspects in their respective Draft Water Policy in line with National Water Policy-2012.

- With regard to existing state level regulatory and institutional framework, IWP also reviewed the State Water Policy of Maharashtra, Meghalaya and Karnataka to operationalize the National Water Policy - 2012. The review recommended for revamping the regulatory and institutional framework of these States to meet the new challenges articulated in National Water Policy-2012 such as adaptation to climate change, efficient demand side management of water, etc.

IWP prepared "India Water Vision-2025" during 1999 based on the projections for country's water demand in 2025 on the initiatives of GWP and South Asia Technical Advisory Committee. The Vision Document was prepared after a series of four regional consultations with the senior government officials from Central and State Governments, policy makers, academicians, water experts, donor agencies, UNICEF, World Bank, NGOs and industry representatives. India Water Vision is cited in National Water Policy-2002. As per the India Water Vision, the total estimated demand for water (gross) for 2025 is 1027 BCM. In order to meet this demand, water availability will have to be increased from around 520 BCM in 1997 to more than 1000 BCM in 2025. For meeting additional demands, investment requirements have been estimated to Rs. 5000 billion during next twenty five years or about Rs. 200 billion per year.

Water and Climate Resilience Programme (WACREP)

Launched during India Water Week-2013, Water and Climate Resilience Programme (WACREP) is an innovative initiative of Global Water Partnership (GWP) South Asia devised to improve the climate resilience of South Asian countries to withstand the impact of climate change. India Water Partnership implemented WACREP Phase-I (2013-14) in 8 States of the country viz; Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.

MAJOR OUTCOMES

- Climate variability assessment of 8 selected villages and preparation of adaptive plan for 2 villages of Datia district, Madhya Pradesh (semi-arid area of Bundelkhand region) for integrating climate change adaptation into development planning; training to 500 farmers of Datia district on climate resilient farming practices.
- Augmenting water security and food security to small farmers of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka & Tamil Nadu by constructing new water harvesting bodies and renovating water storage structures to benefit 7000 persons.
- Documentation of 16 evidence based success stories/case studies from Maharashtra, Mizoram & Meghalaya on grassroot level initiatives for water security.
- Vulnerability assessment of 10 selected villages of Bhinder block, Udaipur district (a semi-arid region of Rajasthan), capacity building of the communities through various training programs to cope up climate change impacts and promotion of 3 Farmers Field Schools, one each on Agriculture, Water and Livestock for enhancing agricultural productivity and livelihoods.
- The regional conference on "From Risk to Resilience: South Asia Regional Framework for Sustainable Water Management" organized during India Water Week-2015 brought the regional actors on one platform to map pathways to realise potential of SAARC countries in developing its water resources and draw a regional framework for addressing the issues of water management in the context of climate change and disaster risk reduction.
- The WACREP Phase-II is concentrating on basin level planning based on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) approach for Mashi river sub-basin (Rajasthan); identifying water-food-energy nexus in urban eco-system in four blocks of Gurgaon (Haryana) and promoting IWRM (Action Research) in Peri-urban settings (Garhi Harsuru village, Gurgaon, Haryana).

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