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ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|--------|--|
| ABY | Atal Bhujal Yojana |
| APFM | Associated Program on Flood Management |
| BSDMA | Bihar State Disaster Management Authority |
| BUWE | Bureau of Water Use Efficiency |
| CTR | Catch the Rain |
| CWC | Central Water Commission |
| CWP | Country Water Partnership |
| EMO | Environmental Management Organization |
| EPIC | Enable, Plan, Invest and Control |
| ERAM | EPIC Response Assessment Methodology |
| FHTC | Functional Household Tap Connection |
| FREMAA | Flood and River Erosion Management Agency of Assam |
| FTK | Field Testing Kit |
| GP | Gram Panchayat |
| GRASP | Grassroots Action for Social Participation |
| GWP | Global Water Partnership |
| IARI | Indian Agricultural Research Institute |
| IAS | Indian Administrative Service |
| IELO | Indian Environment Law Organization |
| INM | Integrated Nutrient Management |
| IPM | Integrated Pest Management |
| IWMI | International Water Management Institute |
| IWP | India Water Partnership |
| IWRM | Integrated Water Resources Management |
| JJM | Jal Jeevan Mission |
| JSA | Jal Shakti Abhiyan |



ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|-----------|---|
| KVK | Krishi Vigyan Kendra |
| MNREGS | Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme |
| MSP | Multi-Stakeholder Platform |
| NAST | Nepal Academy of Science and Technology |
| NCR | National Capital Region |
| NGO | Non-Governmental Organization |
| NMCG | National Mission for Clean Ganga |
| NWM | National Water Mission |
| O & M | Operation & Maintenance |
| RWP | Regional Water Partnership |
| SDG | Sustainable Development Goal |
| SHG | Self-Help Group |
| SWE | Safe Water Enterprise |
| SWNI | Safe Water Network India |
| TERI | The Energy Research Institute |
| UN | United Nations |
| UNEP | United Nations Environment Program |
| VWMC | Village Water Management Committee |
| VWSC | Village Water and Sanitation Committee |
| VWSSC | Village Water Supply & Sanitation Committee |
| WDC | Watershed Development Committee |
| WfWP | Women for Water Partnership |
| WISA | Wetlands International South Asia |
| WMO | World Meteorological Organization |
| Yuva Gram | Yuva Gram Vikas Mandal |
| YPPP | Youth and Young Water Professionals' Platform |
| ZWP | Zonal Water Partnership |

Message from President



Mr. R K Agrawal
President, IWP and
Chairman-cum-Managing
Director, WAPCOS

India's Third National Communication to the UNFCCC paints a stark picture of a warming world. The subcontinent is increasingly bearing the brunt of climate change, with more frequent and intense extreme weather events like floods and droughts.

From agriculture to water resources, coastal ecosystems to human health, and urban infrastructure to rural livelihoods, no sector is immune to the adverse impacts of climate change. To address these challenges and achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6, the Indian Government has launched several programmes such as; Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Atal Bhujal Jal Yojana (ABY), Jal Shakti Abhiyan, Amrit Sarovar, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Namami Gange, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, are a few to mention. These programmes supported by State Governments schemes aim to improve water resource management, enhance sanitation facilities, and promote hygiene practices.

As India navigates the complex landscape of climate change, a holistic approach that combines technological innovation, policy interventions, and community engagement is vital. IWP is embracing a holistic approach and involving local communities and multi stakeholders in the programmes led by its network partners.

Empowering local communities through capacity building is paramount in addressing water-related issues. Involving local stakeholders in decision-making processes foster a sense of ownership and accountability. This strategy is helping IWP project stakeholders at local, regional and national level. IWP facilitation support to Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India for SDG 6.5.1 IWRM implementation reporting to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) by organizing Stakeholders' consultation provided lot of insights about State led initiatives contributing towards water security and IWRM implementation in the country. Organizing World Bank and GWP supported workshop on "Improving Flood and Drought Governance: Applying EPIC Response Framework" was another testimony of IWP to accelerate Government of India efforts in managing and mitigating flood and drought risks in the country.

I would like to thank IWP Board of Governors and all stakeholders for providing their consistent, unflinching and generous support for smooth conduct of IWP activities.



India Water Partnership (IWP)

India Water Partnership (IWP) is an Indian non-profit organization with the goal of propagating, promoting and supporting Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in India. It was registered in 2001 under Haryana Societies Registration Act 1860 and re-registered as per new Haryana Registration and Regulation of Societies Act 2012. The IWP has also been accredited by the Global Water Partnership (GWP) as Country Water Partnership of GWP and hence, also known as GWP-India.

IWP serves as a distinct and independent voice on water management, providing critical and unbiased analysis of water-related issues to inform policy, engage stakeholders, raise public awareness, and facilitate dialogue among individuals, agencies, and government departments. Through collaborative efforts with a diverse range of partners - including institutions, research organizations, NGOs, corporate bodies, and others - IWP tackles complex water challenges across India. The organization hosts regular meetings and conferences to discuss key water sector issues, ensures India's active participation in global events facilitated by GWP and other international institutions, and promotes interdisciplinary collaboration to advance Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM).



Network Partners

IWP carries out its activities through its network partners spread across 23 States of the country. Additionally, six Zonal Water Partnerships (ZWPs) have been established to support IWP's objectives at the regional level, ensuring a more focused and effective approach to water management within each zone.



Governing Body

IWP is governed by a Board of Governors consisting of President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer and senior officials from the Government of India & State Governments. Additionally, the Board is supported by Honorary Members who are individuals of exceptional talent recognized for their outstanding societal contributions. The Governing Body approves the Annual Work Plan and Budget, appoints auditors and oversees the governance and technical functioning of IWP in alignment with the country's water priorities.



Vision

"A water secure India [with participation of all stakeholders]."



Mission

Sustainable and Inclusive Water Management at National, Regional, River basin/ Sub-basin and Local Levels in India.



Goal

To build a sustainable water future for generations to come through inclusive and effective management practices.

Thrust Areas



Major Highlights

Outputs/Outcomes



Building Resilience through Community-Led Groundwater Management: Addressing Water Scarcity in Drought-Prone Areas in 5 villages (Adgaon, Murshidabadwadi, Ranjangaon, Sultanwadi and Vitthalwadi) of Fulambri Block, Sambhaji Nagar District (erstwhile Aurangabad), Maharashtra

- 186 farmers (53 women, 133 men) were trained in water-saving techniques, and 470 (122 women, 348 men) learned about climate-smart agriculture, with 107 adopting it.
- 10 youth trained as Barefoot Technologists to aid in water sustainability, while 50 farmers trained in groundwater assessment. 10 farmers groups focused on climate-resilient practices, and hydro-geological study of 122 wells (Pre & Post Monsoon) educated farmers on aquifers.
- 50 VWMC members and youth learned about water conservation and planning.



Fostering Youth Engagement for Wetlands Conservation and Management in National Capital Region (NCR), Delhi

- 312 students and 14 teachers of Delhi Public School, R K Puram, New Delhi learned about wetlands values, threats and conservation.



Grassroot Gender Empowerment in Water Quality Testing using Field Test Kits for improved Public Health in Telangana

- 26 semi-skilled women and youth trained for water infrastructure operation, maintenance, repairs, water quality testing and 5 trained women certified as Technical Trainers. Livelihood opportunities created for women and youth to earn income ranging between Rs. 6000/- to 8000/- per month.



Strengthening Water Resources by Improving Governance of Panchayat Level Statutory Bodies through Active Participation of Youth in 10 villages (Arangaon, Belgaon, Bhopala, Doka, Dongaon, Hanumant Pimpri, Jadhav Jawala, Kalegaon Ghat, Kaprewadi & Kelgaon) of Kaij Block, Beed District, Maharashtra

- 300 youth trained as Jaldoots (Water Ambassadors) to undertake water conservation and management activities.
- 40 Jaldoots learned best practices on water management and waste disposal during exposure visits to Patoda Model Village in Sambhaji Nagar District, Maharashtra.
- Defunct VWSSCs and WDCs of 10 villages activated and made operational to address water and sanitation issues.

Knowledge Products/Learning Materials Developed

- Newline on Empowering Futures - Safe Water Entrepreneurship Training for Youth and Women (Medak District, Telangana).
- Newline on Participatory Ground Water Management to address Water Security due to Climate Variability (Fulambari Block, Sambhaji Nagar District, Maharashtra).
- Legal Brief on Delivering IWRM (SDG 6.5) by Strengthening Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal) in Bundelkhand, Uttar Pradesh – Need for a Fresh Legal Perspective.
- Technical Synopsis on Aquifer Delineation in Hard Rock Areas (Fulambri Block, Sambhaji Nagar District,
- Technical Synopsis on Groundwater Recharge in Hard Rock Areas (Fulambri Block, Sambhaji Nagar District, Maharashtra.)
- Climate Adaptation Plan for 5 villages of Fulambri Block, Sambhaji Nagar District, Maharashtra.
- Water Budget and Water Use Plan for 5 villages of Fulambri Block, Sambhaji Nagar District, Maharashtra.
- Aquifer Delineation Map for 5 villages of Fulambri Block, Sambhaji Nagar District, Maharashtra.
- 54 Flashcards on Delhi-NCR wetlands specific water birds.
- An informative brochure on types of wetlands, values, threats and how youth can contribute in wetlands conservation.
- 2 Case Studies on water quality monitoring in Warangal District, Telangana.
- 3 Training Videos on water quality testing in Warangal District, Telangana.



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PROJECT
INSIGHTS**

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Building Resilience through Community-Led Groundwater Management

Addressing Water Scarcity in Drought-Prone Areas

Groundwater plays a vital role in meeting water needs across different seasons, particularly in drought-affected regions. To enhance the resilience of smallholder farmers in five villages of Fulambri Block, Sambhaji Nagar District (erstwhile Aurangabad), Maharashtra, this project leverages participatory groundwater management. By empowering farmers to make informed decisions on crop water management, the initiative addresses the challenges posed by climate variability. Launched by IWP in 2022-23 and implemented by its network partner; Grassroots Action for Social Participation (GRASP), the project's initial phase focused on strengthening village water governance. Through community mobilization, restructuring, and capacity building of Village Water Management Committees (VWMCs), the project laid the groundwork for sustainable water management. The training of youth as barefoot technologists, coupled with awareness campaigns, guided farmers in adopting climate-smart agricultural practices.

Key interventions in 2023-24 included



Farmers' Field Schools:

Hands-on learning and participatory technology development enabled farmers to evaluate and implement water-saving techniques, boosting productivity.



Climate-Smart

Agricultural Demonstrations:

On-site demonstrations educated farmers on advanced practices like vermi-composting, INM, and IPM.



Hydro-Geological Studies:

Comprehensive assessment of village wells carried-out by regular monitoring of water levels and water recharge measures implemented to enhance groundwater availability.



Training and Capacity Building:

Hands-on training imparted to VWMC members and youth on water conservation, hydro-geological survey and water budgeting to enhance their capacity for efficient crop water use planning.



Exposure Visits:

Learning trips for farmers and youth to Gandheli, KVK, Aurangabad, provided insights into advanced INM, water harvesting, and vermi-composting techniques.

This project goes beyond water management; it empowers communities to take charge of their resources, ensuring sustainable livelihoods in the face of climate uncertainty.



Hydro-geological survey in Adangaon village well



Participatory Adaptation Planning Meeting

“Under the Climate Change Adaptation initiatives of the State Government of Maharashtra, in the last two years, we have successfully constructed 4 farm ponds, installed 10 drip irrigation units, and built 13 recharge wells under the guidance of GRASP under their IWP supported project –Participatory Groundwater Management. Their technical expertise has been invaluable in planning and managing our water resources” -

Mrs Sangitabai B Kondke, Sarpanch
Gram Panchayat Ranjangaon,
Block Fulambri, District Sambhaji Nagar
(erstwhile Aurangabad)

“In the last two years, we have made significant strides in water conservation by constructing 5 farm ponds, installing 14 drip irrigation units, and building 13 recharge units. We are grateful for the technical expertise provided by GRASP under their IWP supported project –Participatory Groundwater Management, which has been instrumental in our success.”

Mr Ramdas H Jonwal, Sarpanch
Gram Panchayat Adgaon Khurd,
Block Fulambri, District Sambhaji Nagar
(erstwhile Aurangabad)

- 186 farmers (53 women, 133 men) benefited from Farmers' Field School
- 470 farmers (122 women, 348 men) learned about climate-smart agriculture; 107 adopted it
- Hydro-geological study of 122 dug wells conducted pre- and post-monsoon
- 50 VWMC members and youth trained on water conservation, budgeting, and crop planning

Fostering Youth Engagement for Wetlands Conservation and Management in National Capital Region (NCR), Delhi

Delhi's urban sprawl has pushed wetlands, vital for biodiversity and natural water purification, to the brink. These precious ecosystems face severe threats from pollution, encroachment, and unchecked development. To counter this crisis and inspire a new generation of environmental stewards, Wetlands International South Asia (WISA) with the support of IWP engaged Delhi Public School, R K Puram, New Delhi for implementing this project. This initiative aligns with IWP's core strategy of empowering youth to be active participants in safeguarding our natural resources. By engaging students, the initiative aims to foster a deep understanding of wetlands' ecological significance and ignite a passion for their conservation.



Wetlands Learning materials distributed to students of Delhi Public School, R K Puram

To begin with, mapping of 3000 schools in Delhi NCR was done in September-October, 2023 for engaging youth from the NCR schools. The major criteria considered for selecting the target school was its proximity and accessibility to a wetland, availability of infrastructural utilities such as; teaching aids, conference rooms, projectors, screens, and school's willingness to work collaboratively to foster youth participation towards wetlands conservation. In this process, Delhi Public School, R K Puram, New Delhi was selected for engaging students.

To educate the students in wetland conservation, WISA in consultation with IWP developed a range of learning resources including flash cards featuring resident & migratory water birds, Delhi NCR Flora & Fauna, an informative brochure highlighting wetland values and threats, and conservation actions and presentations tailored for attracting young minds.

Link for Flash cards details is: <https://rb.gy/sclvjf> and the link for informative brochure is:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1APnTMf18_TYN_u8iGFY9kPc9KcQPej

On January 18, 2024, a captivating introductory presentation titled "Wetlands as a Biological Supermarket" ignited a spark of curiosity and passion among students at Delhi Public School R.K. Puram, New Delhi. This interactive and immersive experience marked the beginning of a journey to empower the next generation of wetland warriors, inspiring them to take action in conserving and managing these vital ecosystems.

The presentation delved into a case study of Hauz Khas Lake, highlighting its significance as an urban wetland in South Delhi. The lake accommodates treated sewage water while supporting diverse species. Additionally, the session explored Ramsar sites, internationally recognized wetlands and their current number in India. To reinforce learning, students received a set of educational materials including flashcards and brochures. A total of 280 of 8th class students and 14 teachers participated in the presentation.



On January 24, 2024, 32 curious students from Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram (classes 8th and 10th) embarked on an enriching exposure visit to Hauz Khas Lake, New Delhi. Building on the momentum of the previous presentation, this hands-on experience aimed to deepen students' understanding of wetland conservation and management. As they delved into the lake's ecosystem, the WISA and IWP teams shared expert insights into its vital functions, benefits, and challenges, illuminating the intricate relationships within this urban wetland. This experiential learning opportunity not only enhanced their practical knowledge but also inspired a new appreciation for the importance of preserving these natural wonders.

The teams guided students through the serene lake environment, explaining the vital ecosystem services wetlands provide and the rich biodiversity they support. Spotlighting the unique resident water bird population, including Indian spot bill ducks, red-naped Ibis, domestic ducks and common pochards, the teams emphasized the importance of wetlands as habitats.



Red-naped Ibis in the Hauz Khas Lake



Domestic ducks in the Hauz Khas Lake

Students discovered how water birds migrate seasonally, often traveling long distances to reach India. They learned that these birds play a vital role in preserving wetland health and ecological balance.

The project demonstrated potential for meaningful youth engagement in environmental conservation. It highlighted the importance of continued efforts to involve young people in preserving natural habitats. The interactive sessions and exposure visits provided students with valuable insights and a hands-on understanding of the importance of wetlands.

The students' enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the presentation and exposure visit demonstrated the project's success in engaging them and inspiring action in wetland conservation. The IWP and WISA initiative showcases the impact of education on environmental awareness and action, highlighting how youth-driven efforts can drive meaningful change in protecting fragile ecosystems.

Full report is available on IWP website: www.cwp-india.org and URL : <https://rb.gy/oe83nm>

Grassroot Gender Empowerment in Water Quality Testing using Field Test Kits for improved Public Health in Telangana State

Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), a flagship program of Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India aims to provide safe drinking water to every rural household through Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) by 2024 and empower and train 5 women in each village viz; ASHA worker, Teacher, Pani Samiti/Village Water & Sanitation Committee (VWSC) members on water quality testing using Field Test Kits (FTKs) and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation-02 (AMRUT 2.0) under Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India also stresses involving women and youth in water demand management, water quality testing and water infrastructure operations.

Supported by IWP, the Safe Water Network India (SWNI) [an IWP network partner] spearheaded a Vocational Training Program in Safe Water Enterprises (SWEs) for Grassroots Youth and Women stands as an initiative to fulfill the objectives of above two programs. The program empowered and capacitated women and youth through comprehensive training in Medak District in 2022 and in Warangal District in 2023 of Telangana State, contributing to improved public health and economic growth.

In 2022, training was imparted on water quality testing using FTKs to the women, youth, community members, and VWSC members of 10 selected villages of Medak District. 50 members of 10 VWSCs were trained on water quality testing using FTKs directly; and sensitization and awareness generated among 250 school children, 500 community members and 100 PRI members indirectly.



Second training session on water quality testing on 26th September, 2023 at Warangal District, Telangana

The program in 2023 focused on enhancing the skills of semi-skilled and semi-literate youth (16-25 years) and women (above 25 years) to develop expertise in water infrastructure operation, maintenance, repairs, water quality testing, entrepreneurship & soft skills development.



Interaction of IWP and SWNI team members with the training participants

Two training sessions on water quality testing using FTKs in pre & post monsoon period, plumbing, and water systems repairs & maintenance were conducted. Two FTKs and 26 toolkit boxes were provided by IWP for water quality testing by the trainees. The training topics were: Introduction to Water; Water quality and Water quality management systems; Water treatment technologies; iSWEET Toolkit for Safe Water Enterprises; and, Four Master Trainers led interactive sessions, aided by training booklets, case studies, quizzes, and videos. This advanced training certified 5 participants as "Trained Technicians" Dr. Veena Khanduri, Executive Secretary-cum-Country Coordinator, IWP and Ms. Reena Kumari, Research Manager, SWNI participated and interacted with the participants in post-monsoon training to assess the quality of program. Their interaction encouraged and motivated the trainees to actively take part in the training and acquire skill sets for providing safe quality of water in their villages.

The program concluded successfully, equipping participants with essential water management skills, leading to better water quality and public health outcomes contributing to national water security goals. Link to the training modules, training outline PPT, quizzes, and detailed agenda is:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1b6LQ58hhxvCA14bK93PecJL7KdNbrbKU?usp=sharing>

Training Videos can be assessed at: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/tQrDczdTnLZY3udA8>

Link for trainee's testimonials is: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/8NcJaZJMx6Pqz42V6>

- 26 women and youth (SHG members, Youth Association members, and semi-literate women) trained and capacitated for entrepreneurship and soft skills development.
- 5 trained women certified as Technical Trainers.
- Training modules and digital resources developed in local languages showed strong potential for replication and scaling in other regions.
- Created entrepreneurship opportunities and securing livelihoods with the income ranging from Rs. 6000/- to 8000/- per month.
- Focusing on public health and improved water practices, it supported Operation & Maintenance (O & M) of households tap connections under JJM.
- Community awareness about the importance of safe drinking water increased significantly.
- Contributed to SDGs: 6.1 (clean water), 5 (gender equality), 8 (decent work and economic growth).

"Initially I was unaware of checking water quality. Thanks to the training I received under IWP & SWNI training program and learned to test water quality for safe consumption. Now I plan to perform these tests first at my home and then expand to my neighboring areas to educate the community so that their health is not deteriorated" –

**said Ms. Jaya Sudha,
SHG member trainee of Waddepally village,
Warangal District, Telangana.**

**Ms. B Gyneshwari,
SHG member trainee of Nakkalagutta
village, Warangal District said,-**

, "I received two training sessions under IWP & SWNI training program and learned about different water sources and contaminants. Before the training, I only had a basic understanding that water contamination can be caused by human and animal waste. Post training, I learned about 13 parameters on which water can be tested, the testing methods used to measure them, and how they impact our health. I am excited to share my knowledge with my fellow villagers for consuming safe water. "

Full report is available on IWP website: www.cwp-india.org and URL is : <https://rb.gy/znawqt>

Strengthening Water Resources by Improving Governance of Panchayat Level Statutory Bodies Through Active Participation of Youth

Beed district in Maharashtra's drought-prone Marathwada region faces acute water shortages for both drinking and agriculture. This project aims to enhance water resources for these purposes in 10 villages of Kaij block, Beed District, Maharashtra. By collaborating with local youth, Watershed Development Committees (WDCs), and Village Water Supply & Sanitation Committees (VWSSCs) and partnering with government agencies, the project seeks to improve irrigation, increase crop production and ensure reliable drinking water supply.

Launched by IWP in 2022-23, this project was implemented by Yuva Gram Vikas Mandal (Yuva Gram), a network partner of IWP. The first year focused on building youth capacity, activating WDC and VWSSC, assessing village water bodies and supply systems, and forging government partnerships.

In 2023-24, three youth leadership training programs were organized. Additionally, two convergence workshops and two block-level stakeholder meetings were conducted. To enhance learning, an exposure visit for youth group leaders to Patoda Model Village in Sambhaji Nagar District (erstwhile Aurangabad) was facilitated.

161 youth and members of WDCs and VWSSCs participated in leadership training. They learned about water planning, water conservation and management, Bobhati river rejuvenation, and desilting. This training aimed to empower youth as water stewards to work with WDCs and VWSSCs on village water issues.

103 youth, WDC, and VWSSC members participated and benefited from the convergence workshops. Officials of State Government Line Departments guided the participants on Government schemes, policies and programs on water conservation and management; World Bank-POCRA program on climate resilient agriculture and its benefits; and accessing Government schemes/programs on land and water resources development. These workshops fostered collaboration among youth, WDC, VWSSC members and the government departments.



Convergence Workshop in Kevad Village

102 stakeholders (students, teachers/academicians, media, NGOs, watershed experts, environmentalists, Government line departments, members of VWSSCs & WDCs and village Youth group leaders) participated in the Block level Meetings and learned about micro-irrigation techniques; cash crop management; sustainable groundwater use; rainwater harvesting; revival of traditional water bodies; drainage management; climate change impacts on agriculture; and water conservation & sustainable water management practices. These meetings fostered collaboration and cooperation among all stakeholders to work together for village social and economic development.

40 youth group leaders from 10 project villages were taken for exposure visit to Patoda Model Village, Sambhaji Nagar District (erstwhile Aurangabad), Maharashtra. Youth participants observed pioneering approaches to drinking water management, waste disposal, education, environmental conservation, and renewable energy adoption during the exposure visit. This hands-on experience offered priceless insights into effective grassroots governance and best practices, empowering them to drive positive change in their own villages.



Youth Group Leaders visiting a Sewage System in Patoda Model Village

IWP's support to Yuva Gram empowered local youth and transformed them as water stewards in bringing water security in their villages. WDCs and VWSSCs were activated and capacitated to willfully engage in village water conservation and management activities. IWP's monitoring visit improved effectiveness of the project implementation. Community representatives directly engaged with the decision-makers and benefitted from Government livelihood Programs/Schemes.

Towards a Multi-stakeholder Assessment of Atal Bhujal Yojana Anchoring IWRM through the Participatory Groundwater Conservation and Management in Uttar Pradesh

Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABY) launched by Government of India for the period 2020-21 to 2024-25 aims to improve ground water management through participatory groundwater conservation and management in selected water stressed areas of 7 States viz; Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

A multi-stakeholder Assessment of ABY was undertaken by IWP with the support of its network partner, Indian Environment Law Organization (IELO). The assessment was based on the two case studies: the Banda Model on Water Conservation - led by the District Administration, and the Jakhni village model - spearheaded by renowned groundwater conservation social worker, Mr. Uma Shankar Pandey.

These two models focusing on groundwater conservation were analysed through the lens of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) approach. Data was gathered through interactions with institutions at Gram Panchayat (GP) Mau Girwaan, Banda District, Uttar Pradesh and other stakeholders involved in ABY implementation at the district level.

While Banda Model on Water Conservation steered to successful replenishment of dilapidated water bodies in Banda District by reviving wells, ponds and rivers and connecting people to the sources of water called as “*Bhujal Badhao - Peyjal Bachao Abhiyaan*” (Enhance Groundwater-Protect Drinking Water Campaign), the Jakhni village model led to increase water table in the Jakhni village by motivating the people to adopt traditional water harvesting practices embodied in the concept of “*Khet par med, med par ped*” (Fields bounded by Trees).

The two case studies showcase contrasting yet complementary approaches to revolutionizing groundwater management in Uttar Pradesh. The Banda District administration's top-down initiative demonstrates the impact of district-level leadership in revitalizing traditional water bodies, boosting groundwater availability, and revitalizing rural communities. In stark contrast, Jakhni Village's remarkable transformation from water-scarce to water-surplus exemplifies the power of grassroots determination and community-driven innovation. By integrating these successes into Village Water Security Plans under the ABY, Uttar Pradesh can unlock a brighter future for its villages, ensuring equitable access to life-giving water and inspiring a new era of sustainable groundwater governance.



Gram Jal Shivir held on 17th & 18th November, 2023 at GP Mau Girwaan to discuss water scarcity issues in Banda District, Uttar Pradesh

After desk research on ABY implementation in Uttar Pradesh, a “Multi-Stakeholder Engagement and Community Dialogue on Participatory Groundwater Management” called as Gram Jal Shivir (Village Water Management Meeting) was organized on 17th and 18th November 2023 at GP Mau Girwaan, Banda District with Mr. Akhilesh (ABY Representative); Mr. Prem Singh (ABY Representative); Mr. Ashok (Abhiyan, NGO); Mr. Laxman Prasad, (GP Pradhan); Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Baghel, Banda District Economics & Statistics Planning Officer; GP communities; and representatives of IWP and IELO to discuss the water scarcity issues in the Banda district and suggest measures for participatory groundwater management.

Key Findings and Recommendations for Urban and Rural

1. The Bhujal Badhao-Peyjal Bachao campaign serves as a model for community-driven initiatives, worthy of replication.
2. Financial scheme convergence is crucial to overcome groundwater conservation challenges.
3. Collective efforts, public participation, and inter-departmental cooperation are vital to maintaining the water table.
4. Converging Central and State Sponsored Schemes can enhance financial resources for project implementation.
5. Incentives like health benefits and carbon trade-offs can motivate people to adopt groundwater conservation measures.
6. Traditional practices can restore degraded land and improve soil health.
7. Clear policies and laws should specify water extraction sources.
8. Urban areas should be managed as a unified city basin to optimize water supply.
9. Ponds and wells in urban areas should be utilized for optimal water harvesting.
10. Recycling and reusing wastewater can conserve freshwater resources.
11. Technologically innovative check dams with easy access can enhance groundwater recharge.

These findings emphasize the need for a comprehensive approach to groundwater conservation, integrating technology, community engagement, and policy reforms for sustainable impact.

Key findings from the multi-stakeholder assessment of the ABY based on two case

- Strong local leadership and community engagement by district administration can significantly enhance groundwater conservation efforts.
- Public awareness campaigns and local dialogues can link groundwater issues with land rights and common pool resources, enabling self-regulation under the Uttar Pradesh Groundwater Act (2019).
- Convergence of programs like MGNREGS, watershed management, and Jal Jeevan Mission is crucial for achieving
- Communities possess potential to revive water bodies and improve groundwater levels without external aid, provided there is strong leadership, inclusivity, and ownership of the initiative.

Full report is available on IWP website and URL is: <https://tinyurl.com/zmy2np2a>

Legal Brief on Delivering IWRM (SDG 6.5) by Strengthening Atal Bhujal Yojana- Atal Jal in Bundelkhand, Uttar Pradesh – Need for a Fresh Legal Perspective is available on IWP website and can be accessed at URL <https://rb.gy/lvr9zg>

Workshop on Improving Flood and Drought Governance: Applying the EPIC Response Framework

India has made significant strides in bolstering water security and climate resilience through policies, programs, and technological advancements. Early warning systems, hydro-met services, flood forecasting models, improved dam safety and national disaster management strategies are the notable examples. However, these measures, while commendable, are insufficient to fully address the escalating challenges posed by floods and droughts.

Crucially, these extreme events need not escalate into catastrophes. Effective societal response is pivotal in determining outcomes. A paradigm shift is essential to move away from the siloed approach. Given the complex nature of the issue, a multi-sectoral strategy is imperative to mitigate risks and impacts of natural disasters.

Recognizing the urgent need to adapt to a changing climate, the World Bank and Deltares, in collaboration with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Global Water Partnership (GWP), developed the EPIC (Enable, Plan, Invest and Control) Response Framework. This framework offers a novel perspective by treating floods and droughts as interconnected components of a single hydro-climatic spectrum. By emphasizing the importance of concurrent management, EPIC Response Framework provides a roadmap for enhanced flood and drought risk management.

The EPIC Response Framework

PROGRAM IDEAS



This framework is being piloted in India's flood-prone state of Assam, coupled with a new tool designed to help various agencies evaluate the effectiveness of their flood and drought protection measures.

To demonstrate the applicability of the EPIC Response Framework in the Indian context, the World Bank, WMO, Deltares (Netherlands) and GWP organized a workshop on **"Improving Flood and Drought Governance: Applying the EPIC Response Framework"** in collaboration with India Water Partnership (GWP-India) and WAPCOS Limited in hybrid mode at New Delhi, India on 28th April, 2023. The World Bank's flagship report, "An EPIC Response: Innovative Governance for Flood and Drought Risk Management," was shared with more than 100 participants including representatives from Central Government Departments/State Government Departments, Experts, Practitioners, Research Institutions and NGOs.

Mr. Kushvinder Vohra, the then Chairman, Central Water Commission, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India delivered the Keynote Address, offering valuable insights into India's strategies for managing floods and droughts.

Ms. Ana Nunez Sanchez, Expert Advisor, Deltares' Resilience Department presented the newly developed EPIC Response Assessment Methodology (ERAM) tool, currently undergoing testing in Assam. This decision support system empowers multiple agencies to evaluate the effectiveness of their hydro-climatic risk management systems, identify areas for improvement, foster collaboration and track progress over the time.

Mr. Greg Browder, Lead Water Resource Management Specialist, World Bank highlighted the need for transition from siloed approaches to flood and drought risk financing towards a comprehensive multi-sectoral strategy. He elaborated on the EPIC Response Framework's core principles of joined-up governance, whole-of-society involvement and integrated hydro-climatic risk management.



View of the Workshop

Mr. Bhaskar Jyoti Das, Chief Technical Officer, Assam's Flood and River Erosion Management Agency (FREMAA) emphasized the State's successful collaboration between the State Disaster Management Authority and State Water Resources Department. He underscored Assam's focus on hybrid approaches, combining engineering solutions with ecosystem-based measures, such as utilizing vegetation as natural flood buffers.

Mr. Pravin Kumar, Project Officer (Natural Disasters), Bihar State Disaster Management Authority (BSDMA) outlined the complexities of Bihar's flood and drought situation and the BSDMA's mandate, which includes policy development, guideline creation, disaster plan approval, coordination, funding recommendations and evaluation. He expressed optimism about the potential of the ERAM tool and EPIC Response Framework to enhance these efforts.

Mr. Valentine Aich, Senior Water & Climate Specialist, Network Specialist for Central Asia and Caucasus, GWP presented the joint programme on Integrated Drought Management Programme (IDMP) of GWP & Associated Programme on Flood Management (APFM) of WMO. He said that, while APFM focuses on flood risk management, land use & water management; the drought management relies on monitoring and early warning, risk & impact assessment and risk mitigation preparedness and response. Integration is the heart of flood and drought management, he said.

This high impact workshop brought together influential State Government representatives from 7 States - Assam, Bihar, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Tamil Nadu and Central Government officials. Through dynamic discussions, they pinpointed critical governance challenges and innovative solutions to enhance flood and drought risk management in India. IWP distilled the key findings and recommendations into a comprehensive workshop report, shared with global partners like the World Bank, GWP, Deltares, WMO, and all participants, paving the way for transformative change in India's water governance landscape.

A Panel Discussion organized during the workshop highlighted various aspects of flood and drought management in India focusing on scientific, technological, administrative, legislative, policy and institutional dimensions. The panel also underlined the need for policy and institutional governance ecosystem that will enable innovative approaches on disaster risk management to be operationally effective. The workshop report can be assessed through link: <https://rb.gv/smb47a>



Stakeholders Consultation Meeting on SDG 6.5.1 Indicator IWRM Stage 1 Country Survey, 2023

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) with the support from the Global Water Partnership (GWP) conducts triennial surveys to assess IWRM implementation progress in UN Member States under indicator SDG 6.5.1 IWRM. India's Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti is the Nodal Ministry with the Central Water Commission (CWC) serving as the Country Focal Point.

Building on a 2020 baseline survey facilitated by the IWP (a Country Water Partnership of GWP), the UNEP and GWP conducted the Stage 1 SDG 6.5.1 IWRM Country survey in 2023 to track IWRM progress in India with respect to the baseline.

Following the completion of the Stage 1 SDG 6.5.1 Country Survey in 2023, IWP in collaboration with CWC and the National Water Mission (NWM), Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, convened a one-day hybrid Stakeholders Consultation Meeting on December 1, 2023, at the CWC Auditorium, New Delhi. The Consultation Meeting aimed to discuss, validate, and finalize the Stage 1 SDG 6.5.1 IWRM Country Survey scores based on feedback, inputs and suggestions received on the UNEP questionnaire from Central Government, State Government agencies, NGOs, Research Institutions, Academia, and other stakeholders.

140 participants (92 online and 48 in person) including representatives from Central and State Governments, NGOs, academia and legal experts shared their insights during the meeting.

Powerful Voices from the Stakeholders Consultation Meeting:

"Regular consultations are crucial for harnessing diverse stakeholder inputs to drive effective IWRM implementation in India." -

Charu Chandra Mishra,
Superintending Engineer, Water Resources Department, Bihar.

"Regional dialogues are vital for a country like India, ensuring inclusive and context-specific solutions." -

Dr. M S Rathore,
Director, Centre for Environment & Development Studies, Jaipur (CEDSJ).

"Broadening stakeholder participation, especially among vulnerable groups and farmers, is essential for impactful IWRM." -

Santosh Kumar,
Deputy Director, BUWE, NWM, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India.

"Continuous monitoring and review of IWRM programs are necessary to ensure progress and accountability." -

**Manisha Dengupta, Media Coordinator, AROH Foundation, and
Sai Suresh P, Chief Engineer (Civil), WAPCOS Limited.**

"The consultation was well-organized, with extensive deliberations and satisfactory outcomes." -

Rishi Srivastava,
Chief Engineer, EMO, CWC.

"This exercise is vital and should continue to drive meaningful change." -

Shawahiq Siddiqui,
Representative, Indian Environment Law Organization & Legal Expert.

"The consultation was exceptionally well-coordinated, with valuable advance materials and documentation." -

Dr. Nupur Bahadur,
Associate Director, NMCG-TERI Centre of Excellence on Water Reuse, Environment & Waste Management Division, TERI.



IWP and CWC provided a background on the survey, highlighting the progression from the 2020 UNEP baseline assessment to the current 2023 evaluation. Ms. Archana Varma, IAS, Additional Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, and Mission Director, NWM delivered the Opening Address and emphasized the importance of participants contributions to the scoring process. She encouraged participants to actively contribute in the consultation meeting with their expertise and knowledge to the scoring process.

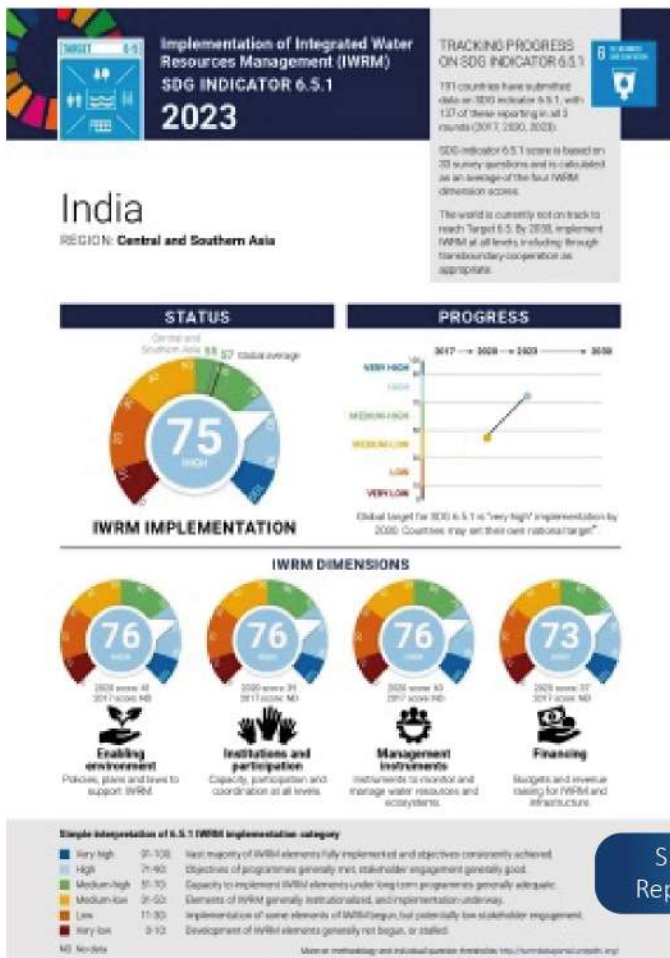
Subsequent to the Stakeholders Consultation Meeting, IWP presented the report to the Country Focal Point for review and feedback. Following incorporation of the suggested revisions, the Country Focal Point submitted the Stakeholders Consultation Meeting report, accompanied by the Stage 1 SDG 6.5.1 IWRM Country Survey Report 2023, to the Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India. Upon receiving approval from the Ministry of Jal Shakti, the Country Focal Point forwarded both reports to the Director General, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Government of India on April 9, 2024, with copies submitted to the UNEP, IWP, and NWM for their records and further action.

In 2023, India achieved an overall score of 75 as against 45 in 2020 (Baseline) which is a significant progress in IWRM implementation in the Country.

IWP has received a Letter of Appreciation from UNEP for smooth and successful conduct of SDG 6.5.1 IWRM Country Survey, 2023 and Stakeholders Consultation Meeting.

Stakeholders Consultation Meeting report can be accessed here:

<https://www.gwp.org/en/sdg6support/sdgmmap/?location=India> and link for Stage 1 SDG 6.5.1 IWRM India Survey Report 2023 and the Country Summary is: <http://iwrmdataportal.unepdhi.org/country-reports>



View of the Stakeholders Consultation Meeting

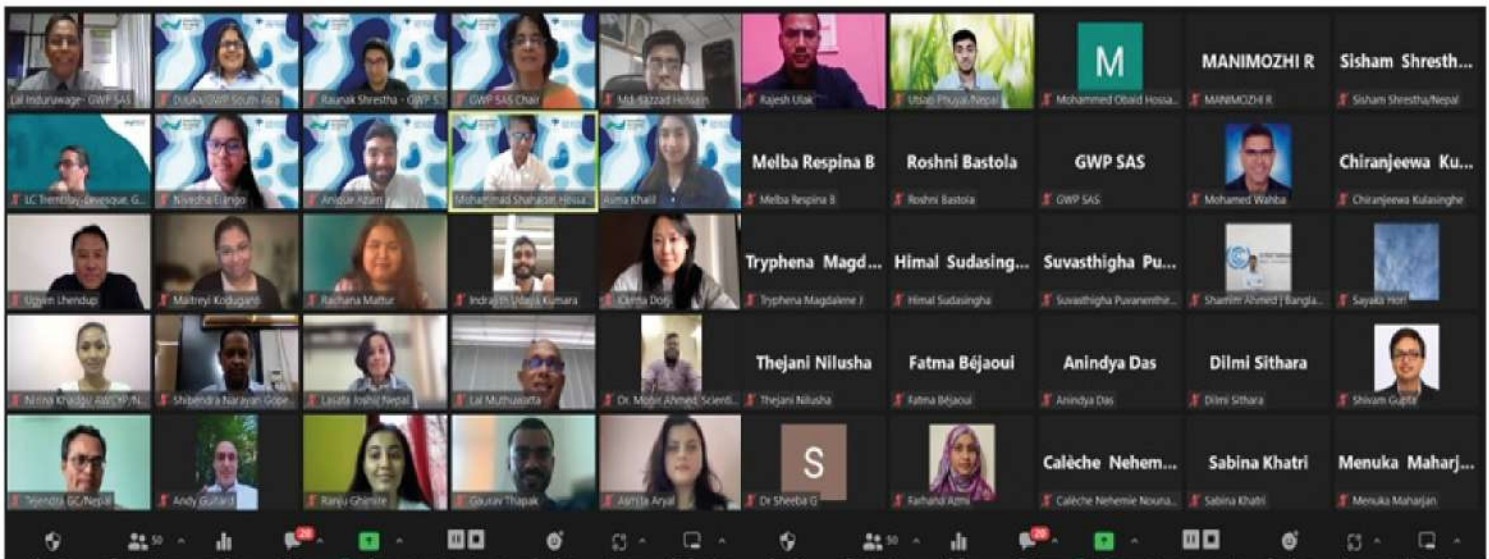
SDG 6.5.1 IWRM 2023 Reporting Summary, India

Workshops/Webinars/Meetings coordinated, organized and participated



Launch of Youth and Young Water Professionals Platform by GWP-South Asia

GWP- South Asia launched the Youth and Young Water Professionals Platform (YYPP) on 26 April, 2023. YYPP is designed to engage youth interaction on water beyond their country of origin, extending to South Asia and even beyond. This platform will facilitate knowledge exchange and offer financial and technical support for promising youth-led initiatives. GWP-South Asia has engaged 16 regional interns, 2 at a regional level and 14 national interns from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. In 2021 and 2022, IWP facilitated and supported youth fellows from India in completing the task at GWP-South Asia level.



Webinar on Multi-Stakeholder Partnership (MSP) Sourcebook- A Guide for Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships in Water Management and Community of Practice

A webinar on launch of **MSP Sourcebook- A Guide for Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships in Water Management and Community of Practice** was organized by GWP on 30th May, 2023 for all the Country Water Partnerships. The GWP experts made presentations on MSP Sourcebook and Community of Practice

Dr. Veena Khanduri, Executive Secretary-cum-Country Coordinator, IWP and network partners of IWP representing Jheel Sanrakshan Samiti, Dhan Foundation, Udyama and Centre for Environment & Development Studies, Jaipur attended the webinar and contributed in the group exercise on water governance and shared the challenges in the context of river basin level. Participants were encouraged to become member of IWRM Action Hub to access and engage with the communities working in water sector in their countries. Best water management practices from the countries can also be uploaded by members themselves on the IWRM Action Hub.





Round Table Discussion on Impacts of Climate Change on our Water Management Regime - Planning for Strategies to Future Challenges

Surya Foundation organized a **Round Table Discussion on “Impacts of Climate Change in our Water Management Regime-Planning for Strategies to Future Challenges”** on 13th June, 2023 at India International Center New Delhi. Discussions were held on the current issues of effects of the climate change on water resources and how to respond them effectively. Mr. A B Pandya, Secretary General, International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage & Regional Council Member, GWP-South Asia chaired the Panel.

Executive Secretary-cum-Country Coordinator, IWP participated as a Panellist and spoke on a question “Water sector is characterized by multiple stakeholders at technological, economical and socio-political levels. What work we need to undertake so that the climate change effects are managed under a collaborative regime”. She also presented her views on MSP Bundelkhand and MSP Hindon River.



Participation in the presentation given by GWP–South Asia Youth and Young Water Professionals Platform (YPPP)

GWP-South Asia and Brandix Apparel Limited launched the **South Asia Youth Water Challenge 2023** on March 21, 2023. The competition sought innovative ideas from South Asian youth to address **SDG 6: Ensure Availability and Sustainable Management of Water and Sanitation for All**.

Selected winners received financial and technical support to implement their initiatives. The challenge was aligned with World Water Day 2023's theme: "Accelerating change to solve the water and sanitation crisis".



Executive Secretary-cum-Country Coordinator, IWP, spearheaded the Indian youth team's showcase of innovative ideas, guiding them through the submission process. On June 28, 2023, she attended the presentations of 8 shortlisted teams, witnessing the unveiling of ground-breaking solutions and fresh perspectives.



Workshop on Youth Leadership Program Fosters Future Water and Climate Leaders

The National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) hosted a three-day Youth Leadership Program focused on cultivating the next generation of water and climate leaders in India. Held from August 21st to 23rd, 2023, in collaboration with IWP and other leading partner organizations such as; Youth for water, WaterAid, etc., the program brought together 40 young people from universities across the country.



Mr. Rajendra Ratnoo, I.A.S, Executive Director of NIDM addressing the Future Water and Climate Youth Leaders

Dr. Veena Khanduri, Executive Secretary-cum-Country Coordinator, delivered the Keynote Address on August 23, 2023 (Day 1), emphasizing the critical role of mentorship and support in achieving sustainable and inclusive water management. She highlighted the importance of youth engagement in initiatives like developing India Water Vision-2025 and the Global Water Partnership's Youth Strategy.

Mr. Rajendra Ratnoo, I.A.S, Executive Director of NIDM served as the Patron and Chief Guest for the event.

The program aimed to equip participants with a comprehensive understanding of water and climate issues, including science, impacts, and challenges. Through hands-on training and mentorship, participants developed leadership skills, critical thinking abilities, and problem-solving approaches to address these pressing concerns.

This initiative aligns with the broader #Youth4WaterIndia campaign, which seeks to promote youth-led actions and awareness on water conservation and climate resilience. By nurturing young leaders, the Water & Climate Academy contributes to building a more sustainable and resilient future for India.



Consultative Meeting with Regional Coordinators on GWP challenges

Regional Office, GWP-South Asia organized this meeting on 5th September, 2023 under the Regional Chair, focusing on challenges in mobilizing funds from donors at GWP, RWP, and CWP levels. The Chair stressed the need for effective resource mobilization to address these challenges.

Smt. Preeti Madan, Regional Council Member, GWP-South Asia and Dr. Veena Khanduri, Executive Secretary-cum-Country Coordinator, IWP attended the meeting. .



Webinar on Women, Wetlands & Climate Resilience in Asia: Policy and other elements for an empowerment roadmap

A webinar titled "**Women, Wetlands & Climate Resilience in Asia: Policy and other elements for an empowerment roadmap**" was held on October 5, 2023. Organized by Women for Water Partnership (WfWP), SCOPE and DISHA, the event brought together policymakers, experts, academics and practitioners to discuss empowering women as wetland conservators.

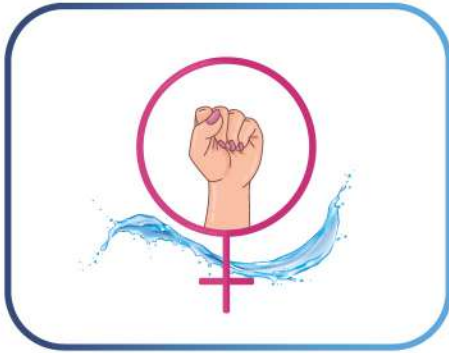
Executive Secretary-cum-Country Coordinator, IWP, actively participated in the webinar, driving the discussion towards a tangible agenda for women's empowerment in wetlands conservation and climate action. The webinar highlighted the crucial need to amplify community women's voices and foster women's leadership in wetland management, setting the stage for the Bali World Water Forum 2024.



Workshop on Water Storage Management and Issues in India under Built Water Storage in South Asia in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Colombo in collaboration with Central Water Commission, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India organized a workshop on "**Water Storage Management and Issues in India**" at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on 27th November, 2023 under the Project "Built Water Storage in South Asia".

Invited by IWMI, Colombo, Executive Secretary-cum-Country Coordinator, IWP contributed in the workshop and participated in the Question/Answer session.



IWP organized a Webinar on Leaders Beyond Beneficiaries: Empowering Women in Water Resources Management in South Asia towards achieving SDG 6

IWP organized a webinar on “**Leaders Beyond Beneficiaries: Empowering Women in Water Resources Management in South Asia towards achieving SDG 6**” on 2nd November, 2023 in association with SaciWaters, GWP-South Asia and Women for Water Partnership (WfWP), the Netherlands.

Signpost to Bali-World Water Forum 2024



“Leaders Beyond Beneficiaries - Empowering Women in Water Resources Management towards Achieving SDG 6”

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This webinar was part of a strategic series leading up to the Bali World Water Forum-2024, sparking a robust discussion on policy advocacy, cultural transformation, and gender equity in South Asia's water sector. It delved into initiatives driving lasting change, exploring their ideologies, outcomes, and enduring impacts.

The Keynote Address was delivered by Prof. Peter Mollinga, Professor of Development Studies, SOAS, University of London. The panelists were: Mr. Dipak Gyawali, Former Minister of Water Resources, Nepal & Pragya (Academician), Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST); Ms. Nazmun Nahar Mita, SAWA Fellow, Bangladesh; Dr. Soorya Venila, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Anna University, India; and Dr. Vishal Narain, Professor, Management Development Institute, India.

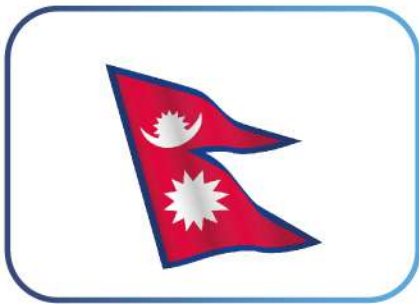
The Guest Speaker, Dr. Ravinder Kaur, Honorary Member, IWP & Principal Scientist, Water Technology Centre, India Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) spoke on policy implementation, innovative strategies and lessons learned from education, research and advocacy initiatives. The discussion was moderated by Ms. Kusum Athukorala, Chair, GWP-South Asia, Dr. Jayati Chourey, Executive Director, SaciWATERS and Dr. Veena Khanduri, Executive Secretary-cum-Country Coordinator, IWP.



IWP coordinated a session on Women & Water at 25th International Congress of ICID

Indian National Committee on Irrigation & Drainage (INCID) organized 25th International Congress of International Commission on Irrigation & Drainage (ICID) from 2nd to 4th November, 2023 on the theme **“Tackling Water Scarcity in Agriculture”** at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

Dr. Veena Khanduri, Executive Secretary-cum-Country Coordinator, IWP coordinated and moderated a session on **“Women & Water”** on 3rd November 2023. The Session was inaugurated by Ms. Karlene Maywald, Former Minister for Water Security, South Australian Government. The key speakers were Ms Anju Gaur, World Bank; Ms. Narges Zohrabi, Associate Professor, Department of Water Sciences and Engineering, Islamic Azad University, Ahvaz, Iran; Ms. P Sai Padma, Global Aid; and Ms. Padi Radha & Ms. Pangi Sridevi from Vikasa organization, Andhra Pradesh.



29th Regional Council Meeting of GWP-South Asia organized at Kathmandu, Nepal

29th Regional Council Meeting of GWP-South Asia was organized at Kathmandu, Nepal on 14th & 15th December, 2023. From India, Smt. Preeti Madan, Regional Council Member, GWP-South Asia, Dr. Veena Khanduri, Executive Secretary-cum-Country Coordinator, IWP and Mr. Anupam Mishra, Honorary Member, IWP participated in the meeting.

Executive Secretary-cum-Country Coordinator, IWP presented highlights/achievements of 2023 of 5 Core activities & 2 Additional activities and IWP Work Plan for 2024. An in-depth discussion took place on New Draft of GWP- South Asia Working Guidelines.



Participants of the 29th Regional Council Meeting of GWP-South Asia



World Wetland Day-2024 Celebrations

Wetlands International South Asia (WISA) marked **World Wetlands Day** with an impactful public event at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on February 2, 2024, rallying society to embrace the intrinsic value of wetlands and their conservation. A thought-provoking panel discussion on "Wetlands: Nature-based Solutions" sparked meaningful dialogue on harnessing wetlands' potential for a sustainable future.

Executive Secretary-cum-Country Coordinator, IWP participated in the event and contributed during the discussions. Ms Sunita Narain, Director General, Centre of Science and Environment delivered the Keynote Address.



Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain - 2024 Campaign



Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain-2024 (JSA: CTR-2024) Campaign was launched on 9th March, 2024 at NDMC Convention Centre, New Delhi. with the theme "**Nari Shakti se Jal Shakti**". This campaign will be implemented in all the districts (rural as well as urban areas) of the country. The then Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti, Government of India was the Chief Guest and Mrs. Debashree Mukherjee, I.A.S, Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India delivered the Inaugural Address. In the Campaign, a Movie "Jal Shakti Abhiyan 2019 to 2023 – A public led movement marching towards Water Security" was screened and books/documents on Jal Shakti Abhiyan 2019 to 2023/Jal Jeevan Mission were launched.

Mr. R.K. Agrawal, President, IWP & Chairman-cum-Managing Director, WAPCOS and Dr. Veena Khanduri, Executive Secretary-cum-Country Coordinator, IWP attended the Campaign.

Glimpses of 2023-24 Projects



Social media coverage



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40 students of Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram, New Delhi were taken to #Hauz Khas Lake for #wetland exposure visit, India Water Partnership and Wetlands International South Asia team member interacted with the students and explained about #water birds present in the lake and #history of hauz khas lake, benefits of wetlands on the #environment and #human being. The team also explained the students about water quality testing.
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India Water Partnership is in Warangal.
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Dr.Veena khanduri With Safe Water Network team , Women operators,Self help group members and water user committee members for water entrepreneurship



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Floods and droughts are some of the most tangible and devastating consequences of the climate crisis. EPIC Response Framework offers to better manage these hydro-climatic risks and this workshop would present the Framework and how it can be applied to improve flood and drought governance across geographies.

We are organizing this workshop in collaboration with the World Bank Group Water, the @Global Water Partnership , the World Meteorological Organization and Deltaris (Netherlands) and would also feature presentations by high level officials from India and the convening partners including Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, RD & GR @Global Water Partnership South Asia, Central Water Commission WAPCOS Limited @HQNDRF

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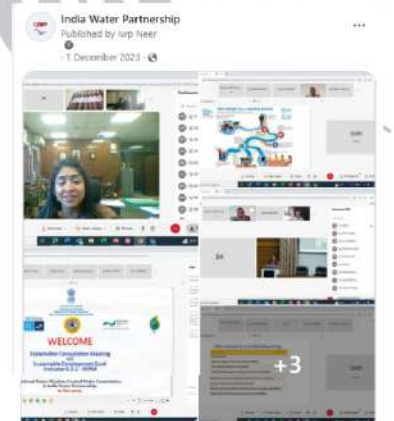
India Water Partnership @IWPIndia01 · Apr 28, 2023

Our Chief Guest Shri Kusthinder Vohra, Chairman, @CWCOfficial_Govt, @MoISDoWRRDGR updated on the progress the country has made, like currently we have over 300 flood forecasting stations across India and the accuracy being over 95% & how govt works with different agencies.

Workshop on Improving Flood and Drought Governance: Applying the EPIC Response Framework

India Water Partnership @IWPIndia01 · Apr 28, 2023

Mr. Anupam Mishra @wapcosofficials asking the question from the panel on #EPICResponse Framework asking whether it won't be beneficial to use basin based approach rather than the state based approach in application.



Global Water Partnership South Asia
1 December 2023

Ongoing: #India Water Partnership is supporting the Central Water Commission of the Government of India to organise a Multi-Stakeholder Consultation to complete the SDG 6.5.1- Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) reporting process 2023.

The consultation is happening now, 1 December 2023, both online and physically at the Central Water Commission in New Delhi, India. More than 100 stakeholders representing government institutions and NGOs were present at the meeting.

Through the #SustainableDevelopmentGoals2030 #IntegratedWaterResourcesManagement (IWRM) Support Programme of Global Water Partnership, we provide limited financial and technical support to interested countries to organise multi-stakeholder consultations to gather country data for SDG indicator 6.5.1 reporting.

India Water Partnership (IWP) invites you to

Workshop on Improving Flood & Drought Governance: Applying the EPIC Response Framework

An EPIC Response: Innovative Governance for Flood & Drought Risk Management

Friday, 28 April 2023 9 am to 5 pm

World Bank Office, HT House, 18-20, KG Marg, CP, New Delhi

India Water Partnership @IWPIndia01 · Sep 27, 2023

@IWPIndia01 and @safewaterat organized training for Women operators,Self help group members and water user committee members for water entrepreneurship.
@MoISDoWRRDGR @MoISDDWS @nwmgoi @CWCOfficial_Govt @wapcosofficials @global

India Water Partnership @IWPIndia01 · Oct 20, 2023

Webinar: Leaders Beyond Beneficiaries - Empowering Women in Water Resources Management Towards Achieving #SDG 6 on 2nd November, 2023 from 4:30 PM IST
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इंडियन वॉटर पार्टनरशिपच्या गटाकडून बोभाटी नदीपात्राची पाहणी करण्यात येईल. या पाहणीत जलस्रोत पुनरुज्जीवनासाठी केज येथे ९०० युवकांचा गट तयार करण्यात येईल. या गटाच्या माध्यमातून जलस्रोत पुनरुज्जीवन व बळकटीकरण कार्यशाळांचे तज्ञ व्यक्तींकडून प्रशिक्षण देण्यात येईल. या प्रशिक्षणात जलस्रोत तयार युवकांनी साह्याणी होऊन जलस्रोतविकासासाठी पुढाकार घ्यायचा, असे आवाहन युवाग्रामचे एच. पी. देशमुख यांनी केले.

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संपादक : संतोष श्रीमंतराव तांबे 9850017175
 शुक्रवार दि. २१ सप्टेंबर २०२३

इंडियन वाटर पार्टनरशिप न्यू दिल्ली संस्थेची युवा ग्राम संस्थेला भेट



द. दखनी स्वराज्य/केज
 युवा ग्राम विकास मंडळ गेल्या वर्षापासून बोभाटी नदी विकास व पुनरुज्जीवन कारिता काम करत आहे. या नदीच्या विकासासाठी विविध सामाजिक बांधिलकी असणाऱ्या कॅम्प्या व संस्थाना नदी विकासबाबत योजना देणे नदी कर्त्री विकसित होईल याबद्दल युवा ग्राम विकास मंडळसंस्थेचे कार्यकारी सचिव एच पी देशमुख सतत प्रयत्न करत आहे. आज इंडियन पार्टनरशिप न्यू दिल्ली या संस्थेचे श्री मंगला राय आणि नीरज शर्मा यांनी संस्थेला भेट दिली. नदी विकासासाठी युवा ग्राम युवकांच्या पुढाकाराने कसे काम करत आहे हे घेण्यासाठी या टीमने संस्थेला भेट दिली. मौजे वरपगाव गावातील पाण्याविषय जागरूक असणाऱ्या तरुण शेतकऱ्यांनी या टीमला बोभाटी नदीवरील बंधारे दुरुस्ती व पिण्याच्या पाण्याबद्दल माहिती दिली. गावातील तरुण एकत्र येऊन आपण पिण्याचा पाण्यावर व शेतीच्या पाण्यावर काय काय उपाय योजना करू शकतो यावर मंगला राय यांनी मार्गदर्शन केले. ही टीम दिवसभरात वरपगाव, केवड,

कापरेवाडी, उत्तरेवर पिंपरी, केळगाव, बेळगाव, हादगाव, डोका, अरणगाव, काळेगाव घाट व मस्साजोग अशा संपूर्ण बोभाटी नदी काठच्या गावांना भेटी देऊन नदीची माहिती घेतली. नदी काठावरील शेजारी क्षेत्र पाहून गावातील गायरान जमीन त्यावर वृक्ष लागवडी बाबत तसेच गावातील सांडपाणी व्यवस्थापन याबाबत परिपूर्ण पाहणी केली. या भेटी दरम्यान शेतीच्या व पिण्याच्या पाण्याच्या जल स्रोतांचे बळकटीकरण करण्याकरिता युवकांचा सहभाग किती महत्वाचा आहे. व उद्याच्या शेतीवरील पाणी व्यवस्थापन हे युवकच करू शकतात. याबाबत युवा ग्राम विकास मंडळ युवकांना विविध

प्रशिक्षणे देत आहे. युवा ग्राम विकास मंडळ लवकरच नदी काठच्या युवकांचा गट तयार करणार आहे. या गटाच्या माध्यमातून जलस्रोत पुनरुज्जीवन व बळकटीकरण कार्यशाळांचे तज्ञ व्यक्तींकडून प्रशिक्षण देण्यात येईल.

लोकमत

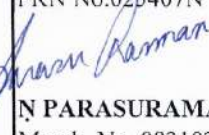


युवा ग्राम संस्थेला इंडियन वॉटर पार्टनरशिप संस्थेची भेट
नदी पुनरुज्जीवनासाठी दिल्लीच्या टीमने केली ११ गावांची पाहणी

लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क
केज : शहरातील युवा ग्रामविकास मंडळ २० वर्षापासून बोभाटी नदी विकास व पुनरुज्जीवन यासाठी काम करीत आहे. नदीच्या विकासासाठी अजून काय करता येईल, यासाठी नवी दिल्ली येथील इंडियन पार्टनरशिप या संस्थेचे प्रमुख मंगला राय आणि नीरज शर्मा यांनी गुरुवारी युवाग्राम संस्थेला भेट दिली. या टीमने ११ गावांची पाहणी करीत युवा ग्रामच्या पुढाकाराने नदीचे कसे काम करता येईल, यावर त्यांनी चर्चा केली. पुनर्वसित वरपगाव गावातील शेतकऱ्यांनी टीमला बोभाटी नदीवरील बंधारे दुरुस्ती व पिण्याच्या पाण्याबद्दल माहिती दिली. गावातील तरुण एकत्र येऊन पाण्यावर काय

जलस्रोतांचे पुनरुज्जीवन करण्यासाठी प्रशिक्षण
 युवा ग्रामविकास मंडळ आता लवकरच नदीकाठच्या १०० युवकांचा गट तयार करून त्यांना जलस्रोतांचे पुनरुज्जीवन करण्यासाठी प्रशिक्षण देणार आहे.
 यावेळी युवाग्रामचे सचिव एच. पी. देशमुख, नितीन देशमुख, विजय देशमुख, अण्णासाहेब देशमुख, बाबूराव खंदारे, सोनेराव देशमुख, प्रमोद तुपारे, महादेव सपाटे, सरपंच गोरख भांगे, उमेश यादव, माजी सरपंच लांडगे, युवा ग्रामचे कर्मचारी संतोष रेणे, प्रकाश काळे उपस्थित होते.

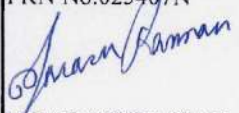
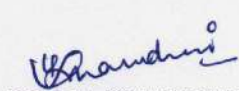


उपाययोजना करू शकतो, यावर राय यांनी यावेळी मार्गदर्शन केले. गुरुवारी टीमने वरपगाव, केवड, कापरेवाडी, उत्तरेवर पिंपरी, केळगाव, बेळगाव, हादगाव, डोका, अरणगाव, काळेगावघाट व मस्साजोग अशा संपूर्ण बोभाटी नदीकाठच्या ११ गावांना भेटी देऊन नदीची प्रत्यक्ष पाहणी केली. नदीच्या काठावरील शगावाचे क्षेत्र पाहून गावातील गायरान जमिनी व त्यावर वृक्षलागवडीबाबत तसेच गावातील सांडपाणी व्यवस्थापन याबाबत परिपूर्ण पाहणी केली. पाण्याच्या जलस्रोतांचे बळकटीकरण करण्याकरिता युवा ग्रामविकास मंडळ युवकांना विविध प्रशिक्षण देत आहे.

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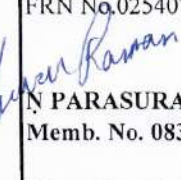

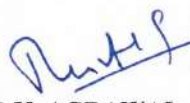

| INDIA WATER PARTNERSHIP (Regn No.-HR0182013-00867) 76-C, Sector-18, Gurgaon- 122015 | | |
|---|--|---|
| Statement of affairs as on 31st March, 2024 | | |
| Particulars | Current year (Rs.) | Previous year (Rs.) |
| SOURCES OF FUNDS | | |
| CORPUS FUND | | |
| Life Membership fees | | |
| Opening Balance | 954,567.00 | |
| Add: Received during the year | 10,000.00 | |
| | 964,567.00 | 954,567.00 |
| GENERAL RESERVE | | |
| Opening Balance | 5,765,263.43 | 5,498,248.49 |
| Add: Surplus/(Deficit) transferred from Income & Expenditure Account | 587,678.56 | 267,014.94 |
| | 6,352,941.99 | 5,765,263.43 |
| CURRENT LIABILITY | | |
| Audit Fees Payable | 15,000.00 | |
| Salary Payable | 68,000.00 | |
| Duties & Taxes Payable | 107.00 | |
| Other Payables | 72,801.00 | |
| Expenses payable | 106,618.90 | 111,218.00 |
| TOTAL | 7,580,035.89 | 6,831,048.43 |
| APPLICATION OF FUNDS | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Cash in Hand | 1,859.00 | 2,072.00 |
| Cash at Bank in current accounts | 1,261,566.99 | 919,753.53 |
| Cash at Bank in Fixed Deposits | 6,189,702.90 | 5,825,364.90 |
| Interest Accrued on above | 63,202.00 | 58,613.00 |
| Tax deposit recoverable | 63,705.00 | 25,245.00 |
| TOTAL | 7,580,035.89 | 6,831,048.43 |
| As per our report of even Date attached | | |
| For Parasuraman & Associates Chartered Accountants FRN No.025407N | | |
|  N PARASURAMAN F.C.A Memb. No. 083102 |  VEENA KHANDURI (Executive Secretary) |  R.K. AGRAWAL (President) |
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| INDIA WATER PARTNERSHIP (Regn No.-HR0182013-00867) 76-C, Sector-18, Gurgaon- 122015 | | |
|--|---|--|
| Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on 31st March,2024 | | |
| Particulars | Current year (Rs.) | Previous year (Rs.) |
| INCOME | | |
| Grant from IWMI-GWP Core | 2,950,877.14 | 2,951,710.12 |
| Grant from IWMI- EPIC | 572,030.46 | |
| Grant from IWMI- SDG 6.5.1 | 305,740.34 | |
| Grant from IWMI- Water Replenishment | 66,816.20 | |
| Other Receipts- Report Writing, Wrapup & Facilitation fee | 201,815.00 | |
| Management Cost Received | 128,082.00 | 83,196.00 |
| Interest on Income Tax Refund | - | 3,381.00 |
| Interest from banks (S/A & FD) | 433,680.00 | 343,489.44 |
| TOTAL | 4,659,041.14 | 3,381,776.56 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| GWP-Core Project Expense | 2,866,632.18 | 2,979,639.92 |
| Expenses - EPIC Workshop | 572,030.00 | - |
| Expenses - SDG 6.5.1 | 305,680.50 | - |
| Expenses - Water Replenishment | 66,816.00 | - |
| M & E Expenses on Core | 70,854.00 | 83,196.00 |
| Audit fees | 15,000.00 | 23,600.00 |
| Office & Administrative Expenses | 5,294.90 | 28,325.70 |
| Annual Return Fee/ Late fee | 148,210.00 | - |
| Travel Expenses | 20,845.00 | |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for year transferred to General Fund | 587,678.56 | 267,014.94 |
| TOTAL | 4,659,041.14 | 3,381,776.56 |
| As per our report of even Date attached | | |
| For Parasuraman & Associates Chartered Accountants FRN No.025407N | | |
|  N. PARASURAMAN F.C.A. Memb. No. 083102 |  VEENA KHANDURI (Executive Secretary) |  R.K. AGRAWAL (President) |
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| INDIA WATER PARTNERSHIP | | | |
|---|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 76-C, Sector-18, Gurgaon- 122015 | | | |
| Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended on 31st March, 2024 | | | |
| Particulars | | Current year (Rs.) | Previous year (Rs.) |
| RECEIPTS | | | |
| Opening balances | | | |
| i) Bank balances in current accounts | 919,753.53 | | |
| ii) Bank balances in Fixed Deposit | 5,825,364.90 | | |
| iii) Interest accrued | 58,613.00 | | |
| iii) Cash in hand | 2,072.00 | 6,805,803.43 | 6,536,394.49 |
| Grants received | | 3,895,464.14 | 2,951,710.12 |
| Other Receipts- Report Writing, Wrapup & Facilitation fee | | 201,815.00 | - |
| TDS refund | | - | 53,239.00 |
| Management Cost Received | | 128,082.00 | - |
| Interest received | | 395,220.00 | 321,625.44 |
| Life Membership Received | | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| TOTAL | | 11,436,384.57 | 9,872,969.05 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | |
| GWP Project Expense | | 2,783,477.28 | 2,979,639.92 |
| Other Project Expense | | 944,526.50 | - |
| Office Administrative Expenses | | 5,273.00 | 27,400.00 |
| Other Expenses | | 21.90 | 925.70 |
| Annual Return Fee / Charges | | 148,210.00 | |
| Audit Fees | | 17,700.00 | 17,700.00 |
| Travel Expenses | | 20,845.00 | |
| India Water Week - JSA Project | | - | 41,500.00 |
| Closing balances | | | |
| i) Bank accounts | 1,261,566.99 | | 919,753.53 |
| ii) Fixed Deposits | 6,189,702.90 | | 5,825,364.90 |
| iii) Interest accrued on FD | 63,202.00 | | 58,613.00 |
| ii) Cash-in-Hand | 1,859.00 | 7,516,330.89 | 2,072.00 |
| TOTAL | | 11,436,384.57 | 9,872,969.05 |
| As per our report of even Date attached | | | |
| For Parasuraman & Associates | | | |
| Chartered Accountants | | | |
| FRN No.025407N | | | |
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| N PARASURAMAN F.C.A | | VEENA KHANDURI | R.K. AGRAWAL |
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| Place: New Delhi | | | |
| Date : 18/06/2024 | | | |
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List of Governing Body Members

Members of Governing Body & Office Bearers

| S. No | Name | Position |
|-------|----------------------------|--|
| 1. | Mr. R K Agrawal | President, IWP & Chairman-cum-Managing Director, WAPCOS Limited |
| 2. | Mr. Avinash C Tyagi | Vice-President, IWP & Former Secretary General, International Commission on Irrigation & Drainage; Former Commissioner (PP), Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India |
| 3. | Dr. Aman Sharma | General Secretary, IWP & Chief Executive Director, Environment, Construction Management & Admn., WAPCOS Limited |
| 4. | Ms. Adti Kapoor | Joint Secretary, IWP & Director, Alternative Futures |
| 5. | Ms. Gargi Banerji | Treasurer, IWP & Director, Pragya |

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| S.No. | Name | Position |
|-------|-------------------------------------|---|
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| 2. | Mr. Sandeep Taneja | Member, IWP & Chief Engineer, YWS (South/Delhi), Irrigation & Water Resources Department, Government of Haryana |
| 3. | Mr. Padma Dorje Gyamba | Member, IWP & Chief Engineer, POMIO, Central Water Commission, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India |
| 4. | Dr. R C Panda, I.A.S (Retd.) | Honorary Member, IWP & Former Secretary, Government of India; Chairman, National Task Force, Jal Jeevan Mission, Government of India |
| 5. | Ms. Preeti Madan | Honorary Member, IWP & Former Principal Economic Advisor, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Government of India |
| 6. | Mr. A B Pandya | Honorary Member, IWP & Secretary General, International Commission on Irrigation & Drainage; Former Chairman, Central Water Commission, Government of India |
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| 8. | Dr. Ravinder Kaur | Honorary Member, IWP & Principal Scientist, Water Technology Centre, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Government of India |
| 9. | Dr. Alok Sikka | Honorary Member, IWP & India Representative, International Water Management Institute |
| 10. | Mr. Anupam Mishra | Honorary Member, IWP & Director, Commercial & HRD, WAPCOS Limited |
| 11. | Prof. Santosh Kumar | Honorary Member, IWP & Head, G&IDRR Division, National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India |
| 12. | Mr. Rajesh Jain | Honorary Member, IWP & Managing Director, LPS Bossard Pvt. Ltd. |

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