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2nd All India State Water Ministers' Conference 2025

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Venue: Aravali Conference Hall, The Ananta Resort, Udaipur, Rajasthan

Organized by: National Water Mission, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India

As India moves toward its goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047, ensuring sustainable and equitable water management will play a crucial role in this transformation. The conference will revolve around six thematic pillars that are central to water management:

1. Strengthening Water Governance: The role of Water Governance is critical in addressing the challenges of water sector and achieving water security. The Water Governance is strengthened by laws, policies and institutions, which are progressive, participatory and promote integrated water resources

management.

The Session will deliberate on various aspects of Water Governance including Integrated Water Resources Management. The Session will also deliberate on strengthening participatory water governance, introducing water budgeting, and use of data, technology and innovation as cross cutting enablers for water security.

The session will deliberate on the significant progress made in augmenting ground water through Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari initiative for water recharge and water harvesting across the country.

2. Water Storage Infrastructure and Augmenting the Supply: Water storage infrastructure and augmenting water supply is a key enabler of water security keeping in view huge temporal and regional variation in rainfall and increasing variability due to climate change.

The Session will deliberate measures to adopt optimization of reservoir water storages through sediment management, automation of reservoir operations, undertaking new projects as well as ERM of existing projects based on integrated storages management, expediting inter-linking of rivers, enhancing smaller storages through new and RRR of existing water bodies, augmenting water resources through water conservation and harvesting.

3. Water Delivery Services with focus on Drinking Water: Jal Jeevan Mission, is envisioned to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connections to all households in rural India. Central Government

in partnership with State Governments have achieved more than 15.45 Crores connections in rural area under the Mission.

The Session will deliberate on the success of Jal Jeevan Mission so far and way forward for sustainable operation and management of the schemes and ensuring water quality. The Session will also deliberate on water security in the cities through Amrut Scheme.

The Session will deliberate strategies to accelerate access to domestic water services, adopt service level benchmarks, ensure source sustainability of the schemes and quality of water supplies, ensuring viable operation and management, use of technology and innovation in delivery of services.

4. Water Delivery Services with Focus on Irrigation and other Uses: Water security is crucial for achieving food security and rural prosperity. The Session will deliberate on strategies to achieve the mission of “Har Khet Ko Pani” through modernization of irrigation infrastructure, enhancing irrigation performance, on farm application of water. The Session will also consider need for integrated planning for other uses of water such as Industry, Energy, Navigation, Recreation and Environmental flows amongst other uses.

The Session will deliberate on use of remote sensing-based Irrigation Performance Assessment, benchmarking, automation of Irrigation Management to improve water and land productivity, modernization of command area development through water user societies, volumetric measurement of water, technology driven O&M and linkages with other flagship schemes for agriculture sector. The Session will deliberate developing dams and

reservoirs as sustainable tourist destinations, towards socio-economic development of the region, creating livelihood opportunities for local community.

5. Demand Management and Water Use Efficiency: Demand management and water use efficiency is key to manage increasing stress on water resources. The Session will deliberate on the urgent need to focus on demand management and enhancing water use efficiency in all sectors of water uses be it domestic, agriculture, industry. The Session will deliberate development of sector wise best practices for improving water use efficiency and integrate them into various government schemes and programs, promote volumetric measurement of water uses in all areas, promote circularity in water use including reuse of treated water, focus on enhancing water use efficiency in agriculture, which is the largest user of water. The session will also deliberate on contours of a proposed National Bureau of Water Use Efficiency.

6. Integrated River and Coastal Management: The Session will deliberate on need for integrated River and Coastal Areas Management highlighting strategies for basin level planning, integrating water and land use planning, flood plain development and other measures.

The Session will deliberate adoption of integrated and basin-wide approaches towards river rejuvenation and integrated coastal management. The Session will deliberate implementation of Spatial Flood Inundation Forecasts, Integrated Reservoir Operations, Reservoir optimization including e-Flows, Floodplain Zoning, Embankment Health Management System with the help of relevant Central and State technical organizations, with a view to effectively manage the

floodplains and river conservation zones.

Each theme will address the complexities of the water sector, while considering India's diverse topography, climate, and socio-economic conditions.

The Second State Water Ministers Conference will witness the participation of more than 40 Ministers from across the nation, including Water Resources, Irrigation, Public Health Engineering, Rural Development, and other relevant sectors alongside senior officials from key ministries. This broad representation highlights India's strong commitment to achieving Water Vision@2047 and ensuring a water-secure future for all.

E-Launches: Inaugural Session of the conference would also include the following e-Launches by Shri C R Paatil, Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti in august presence of other dignitaries :

- 'JSA:CTR-2004: Nari Shakti se Jal Shakti' compendium.
- 'Monograph of Water Heritage Sites of India' – INTACH- Recognizing traditional water management practices.
- 'Jal Jeevan Mission: Breaking the Social Barriers' – Documenting inclusive water access.
- Film on 'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari' – Community-driven water conservation initiative.

Dignitary Participation:

Ministers of Government of India

- Shri C.R. Patil, Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti
- Shri Raj Bhushan Choudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State, Department of Water

Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti

- Shri V. Somanna, Hon'ble Minister of State, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti

Chief Ministers/Deputy Chief Ministers

- Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan
- Shri Mohan Yadav, Hon'ble Chief Minister Madhya Pradesh
- Shri Manik Saha, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura
- Shri Mohan Charan Majhi, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha
- Shri Mukesh Agnihotri, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh
- Shri D.K. Shivakumar, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka
- Shri Arun Sao , Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh

State Ministers/Lt Governors:

- Shri Duraimurugan, Hon'ble Minister, Department of Water Resources, Tamil Nadu
- Shri Javed Ahmed Rana, Hon'ble Minister, Jal Shakti Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir
- Shri Ranbir Gangwa, Hon'ble Minister for Public Health Engineering, Haryana
- Shri Swatantra Dev Singh, Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti, State Government of Uttar Pradesh
- Shri Niraj Kumar Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Public Health Engineering, State Government of Bihar
- Shri Uttam Kumar Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Irrigation, State Government of Telangana
- Shri Manas Ranjan Bhunia, Hon'ble Minister Water Resources, West Bengal

- Shri Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources (Godavari & Krishna Valley), Government of Maharashtra
- Shri Marcuse N. Marak, Hon'ble Minister, Soil & Water Conservation, Meghalaya
- Shri Kanhiya Lal Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister for Public Health Engineering, Rajasthan
- Shri Vijay Kumar Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister Water Resources Department, State Government of Bihar
- Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, Hon'ble Minister of Panchayat and Rural Development, State Government of Madhya Pradesh
- Dr. Danasari Anusuya Seethakka, Hon'ble Minister of Rural Water Supply, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, State Government of Telangana
- Smt. Sampatiya Uikey, Hon'ble Minister, Public Health Engineering Department, Madhya Pradesh
- Shri Hardeep Singh Mundian, Hon'ble Minister of Water Supply & Sanitation, Housing and Urban Development, Revenue, Rehabilitation and Disaster Management, Punjab
- Shri Priyank Kharge, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Karnataka
- Shri Mama Natung, Hon'ble Minister, PHE & WS, Arunachal Pradesh
- Shri Rabi Narayan Naik, Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Drinking Water, Government of Odisha
- Shri Ven Sonam Lama, Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources & Public Health Engineering, State Government of Sikkim
- Shri Kedar Kashyap, Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources, State Government of Chhattisgarh
- Dr. Nimmala Rama Naidu, Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources Department, Andhra Pradesh
- Shri Sharwan Kumar, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development Department, State Government Bihar

- Brig. (Dr) B.D.Mishra (Retd), Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Ladakh

India is committed to ensuring water security for all – Join us in shaping the future of water management!

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