



ACCELERATING CHANGE



WORLD WATER DAY 2023

“Accelerating Change” to Solve the Water and Sanitation Crisis

On this World Water Week, 2023, the Secretariat of ‘Maharashtra Urban WASH and Environmental Sanitation Coalition’ Represents Key Performers who are Engaged in Accelerating Water and Sanitation Sustainability and Management to Facilitate SDG 6.0.

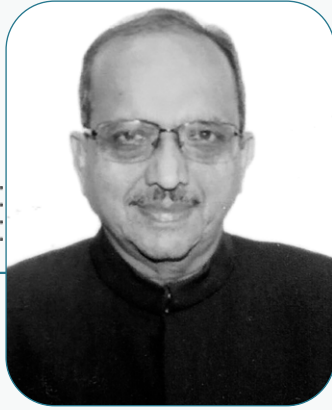




Shri. Sanjeev Jaiswal, IAS,
Principal Secretary,
Water Supply and Sanitation Department,
Government of Maharashtra.

A three-pronged approach of using water judiciously, reusing treated waste water and conserving water resources will result in accelerating the change, while moving towards SDG 6.0 for achieving water and sanitation for all by 2030. Government of India has taken major steps towards this goal by creating an enabling framework through its flagship missions and programmes. WSSD, Maharashtra is committed to achieving the objectives of these programmes through strategic interventions in the field, with involvement of stakeholders at various levels. On this World Water Day 2023, let us pledge to contribute to accelerating the change, which is inevitable to sustain the ecosystem





Dr. Jairaj Phatak IAS (Retd),
Director General,
All India Institute of Local Self-Government, Mumbai

Water is essential for any community, urban and rural alike for sustaining a civilization. Access to safe potable water can be accelerated through community participation and zealous endeavours by local governments. Empowering the local governance to drive innovations and bring about positive change in water management within communities is embedded in our goals.





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Ms. Kavita Dwivedi, IAS,
Municipal Commissioner,
Akola Municipal Corporation

Water is the soul of the planet, over the years, perennial water losses have been the trademark of worldwide water management. Mitigating water losses is necessary for optimum resource usage, efficient service management, increased user satisfaction, and reducing capital-intensive capacity additions. Our aim should be beyond world water day, it can be more focused on identifying local non-revenue water scenarios and fixing them to reduce the burden on government.





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Mr. Anand Ghodke,
WASH Officer,
UNICEF Mumbai Field office, Maharashtra

The essence of celebration of days like WWD is to keep us reminding our responsibilities towards our nature. With increasing climate induced risks water will have more crucial role in our lives. We must help ourselves for a secured water future. Bringing changes in our basic water demand related activities will help us secure it and it is the fundamental.





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Mr. Subhash Bhujbal,
Chief Engineer,
Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran Region Nashik
President,
Indian Water Works Association

On this WWD, we need to see where we stand with respect to the SDGs, as we have limited time to 2030. The accomplishment requires contribution from Individuals, Communities, Corporates, NGOs and Governments. The government is dedicatedly working towards availability of water and sanitation for all, through programs like Swachh Bharat Mission and Jal Jeevan Mission in an accelerated mode and to facilitate this Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran, which is a premier organisation in water and waste-water sector is implementing large water supply projects in Maharashtra under JJM. Indian Water Works Association is also a part of this journey of achieving SDG 6.0. Lets accelerate our efforts and be the change we want to see in the world!





Ms. Manisha Palande,

Chief Engineer and Officer on Special Duty,
Water Supply and Sanitation Department,
Government of Maharashtra

Climate change triggered by industrialization and urbanization is drastically disrupting the weather patterns affecting the quality and quantity of water availability. To secure environment and water for generations it needs paradigm shift in our approaches that is possible through accelerating evolutionary changes in policies, regulations, and bring in technological inclusions via integrated approaches by government and competent authorities. IEC Awareness in implementing authorities and importantly in the citizens need quantum leaps. Most of freshwater bodies are polluted and we must conserve remaining ones along with rainwater. In old times as there was a concept of God's Forest, lets save freshwater bodies by calling it as God's Water.





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Dr. Ajit Vishnu Salvi,
Dy. Chief Engineer (S.O.),
Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation

Water is elixir of life. It has quantitative limitations and qualitative vulnerability. It is at the core of sustainable development and is critical for socio-economic development, healthy ecosystem and for human survival itself. Water is vital for reducing the global burden of disease and improving the health, welfare and productivity of population. Increased investment, innovation and governance are need of an hour to manage water resources effectively with eye on 'Accelerating the change to solve the Water & Sanitation crises.





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Ms. Smriti Patil,
Deputy Municipal Commissioner,
Sangli Miraj Kupawad City Municipal Corporation

Water is an essential element for survival of humankind due to which management of it becomes very crucial. We have started facing climate change leading to natural and human made threats that are correlated to ecosystem imbalance affecting ground water table. To curb this, it is our responsibility to adopt and adapt to conventional and non-conventional techniques of water management. Encouraging households to reuse water, construct recharge wells and develop an overall awareness by awarding them a 5-star template is one of the initiatives undertaken in our ULB to promote sustainable lifestyle





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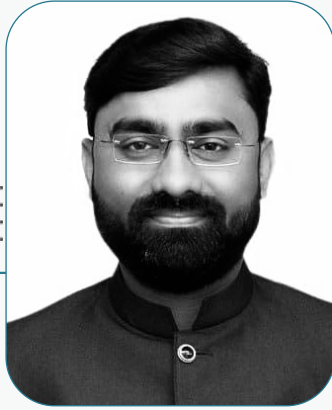
श्री. मनोहर भास्करराव शिंदे,
उपनगराध्यक्ष तथा सभापती,
पाणीपुरवठा, सार्व. आरोग्य व जलनिःस्सारण समिती,
मलकापूर नगरपरिषद, जि. सातारा

पाणी हे जीवन आहे आणि जीवन समृद्ध करण्यासाठी पाण्याची बचत, पुनर्वापर आणि संवर्धन करणे हे आपले कर्तव्य आहे. याची सुरुवात आपल्या घरगुती स्तरावरील प्रयत्नांपासून होते, असे होताना दिसत आहे की आपण जाणूनबुजून वाया जाणाऱ्या पाण्याची काळजीही घेत नाही आणि त्यामुळे आपण आपल्या भावी पिढ्यांसाठी आपतीचा सापळा रचत आहे. म्हणून एक निश्चय आपण देखील करूया, तांत्रिक व पारंपरिक पद्धतीने जल संवर्धन करून ठेऊया.



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Mr. Girish Dapkekar,
Chief Officer,
Panchgani Municipal Corporation

Benjamin Franklin said - 'If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail!' Similarly, if you fail to save water, you will fail to save our future lives. So we should use water carefully whether it is for domestic use or outside the house. There is a dire need to change our behavior towards water in our daily life and at the same time do something to be perceived as an ideal person in the society. Let's save water and set an example for others





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Mr. Mahesh Rokade,
Chief Officer,
Baramati Municipal Council

We need to spread awareness about water conservation more even though people have a bit of an idea about it. Many remote corners of the world still face water crisis. Curated water conservation technologies are useful in this journey. So, let's get together and celebrate the world water day with friends, family and communities to help spread the message of water conservation and be the part of change.





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Ms. Gauri Mirashi,
CEO,
Ecosattva Environmental Solutions, Aurangabad

The SDG of Clean Water and Sanitation is closely linked to effective service delivery and management of resources by communities and local self government bodies. Building localised solutions and local capacities is crucial to achieving this SDG. The work we strive to do on the ground with partners, including MahaWash Secretariat, gives us hope that together we can accelerate change in synergy with the spirit of World Water Day 2023.





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Ms. Utkarsha Kavadi,

Sr. Executive Director, AILSG Mumbai and Director,
Secretariat of Maharashtra Urban WASH & ES Coalition

It is estimated that the World needs to work four times faster in order to achieve SDG 6.0 i.e. water and sanitation for all by 2030. "Accelerating Change" is thus the need of an hour. Convergence, circularity, strategic planning and systemic reforms can be instrumental in moving towards water sustainability, while building upon learnings from the past experiences. Every small but pragmatic initiative can contribute to the change. We, at the 'Maharashtra Urban WASH & ES Coalition' are committed to support Maharashtra in achieving its WASH goals, through such initiatives. Along with a collective drive, on this occasion, let us also pledge to accelerate the change in our own "LiFE"!





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पाणी हा मानवाच्या जीवनाचा एक मूलभूत घटक आहे म्हणून पाण्याशिवाय मानव आपल्या जीवनाची कल्पना करू शकत नाही. घरी किंवा वस्ती शौचालय आणि सार्वजनिक ठिकाणी देखील पाण्याचा वापर अतिशय काटकसरीने करावा. शौचालय मध्ये देखील पाण्याचे नळ दिले गेले आहे आणि अश्या ठिकाणी वापर जास्त झाल्यास उद्या पाण्याचा तोटा हा आपल्यालाच भोगावा लागणार. यासाठी प्रत्येकाने स्वतःहून जागृत होणे गरजेचे आहे आणि पाण्याचा वापर नियमित करणे म्हणजे स्वच्छते वर भर देणे आहे.



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Ms. Nutan Zarapkar,
Director,
Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), RTI International India

Plastic is not only polluting our water bodies and killing marine life, its in all of us and impacting humans. Plastic pollution free water bodies is not a choice but should be a commitment and responsibility of every citizen of India.





Dr. Dayanand Panse,
Director,
Ecosan Services Foundation, Pune

For many of us, clean water is so plentiful and readily available that we rarely, if ever, pause to consider what life would be like without it. Water is being depleted many, many times faster than nature can replenish it. We need to spread awareness about water conservation more, even though people have a bit of an idea about it, but don't even think of initiating the action. Climate change is knocking the door and if we do not think seriously about it then who will? The WWD 2023 call is very apt and every one of us needs to bring the change! Accelerate the change!





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सभीको जागतिक पानी दिन के अवसर पर शुभेच्छाये। हमारे बस्ती शौचालय मे बोअरिंग नही है। बृहन्मुंबई महानगर पालिका का पानी है। पानी अच्छा है। बस्ती शौचालयमे पानी इस्तेमाल करते समय उसका कम से कम इस्तेमाल करना सही है। लेकिन बस्ती शौचालय के सभी लोग सही तरीकेसे पानी का इस्तेमाल नही करते है। कुछ लोग ज्यादा तो कुछ लोग बेहिसाब पानी इस्तेमाल करते है। अगर हम सही तरीकेसे / हीसाबसे इस्तेमाल करे तो सभीको पानी मिल सकता है और भविष्यमे भी हमे पानी मिल सकता है। मैं जनता की सेवा करना चाहती हू। इसीलिए मुझे ऐसा लगता है के पानी का इस्तेमाल सही तरीकेसे करने के लीए जनजागृती करना आवश्यक है।



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Dr. Ketna Atul Matkar,
Founder & Managing Director,
Cipher Environmental Solutions LLP, Thane

Today, on World Water Day 2023, we celebrate the theme of "Accelerating Change." In order to truly make a difference in the world, we need to embody the spirit of the hummingbird, as illustrated by the famous quote from Theodore Rose vault, "Do the best you can, with what you have, where you are." The world is facing a water crisis, and it is up to each and every one of us to do our part in 'Accelerating Change'. Whether it is conserving water in our daily lives, supporting organizations that work to provide clean water to those in need, or advocating for better water policies, we all have a role to play.





श्रीमती. सुरेश्वा अलदर

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जागतिक पाणी दिवसाच्या सर्वांना हार्दिक शुभेच्छा. आमच्या वस्ती शौचालयात आम्ही बैठक घेऊन सर्वांनाच पाणी कमीत कमी वापरा आणि त्याचवेळेस शौचालयात पण स्वच्छता ठेवा असे सांगत असतो. शौचालयात पाण्याचा गैरवापर होऊ नये याकरिता कॅमेरे लावले आहेत. त्यामुळे जे लोक आवश्यकता नसतानाही पाण्याचा जास्त वापर करतात त्यांना त्याबद्दल आम्हाला सांगता येते. कोणीही पाणी अनावश्यक रित्या वापरताना दिसल्यास इतर वापरकर्ते त्यांना लगेच पाणी वाया घालवू नका असे सांगतात. वस्ती बाहेरून जे लोक शौचालयाचा वापर करतात त्यांचेकडून जास्त पाणी वापरले जाते. या जागतिक पाणी दिनाच्या निमित्त मी संदेश देऊ इच्छिते की, प्रत्येकानेच शक्य तितके कमी/ आवश्यक इतकेच पाणी स्वच्छतेसाठी वापरावे जेणेकरून प्रत्येकाने पाण्याचा एक-एक थेंब वाचवला तरी त्याचे तळे होईल आणि तळ्याच्या पाण्याचा वापर आपण भविष्यातही पिण्यासाठी, स्वच्छतेसाठी आणि शेतीसाठी करू शकू.



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