

DIRE NEED OF EFFECTING WATER-USE EFFICIENCY IN INDUSTRIES

Jaipur, 08 November: There is a dire need of effecting water use efficiency in industries and recycling the industrial waste water today, said the Managing Director of Rajasthan Industrial Development & Investment Corporation (RIICO), Mr. Rajendra Bhanawat at a curtain raiser press conference today. He further said that in the wake of mounting pressure on scarce water resources and to keep up the momentum of industrial development, RIICO and India Water Foundation (IWF) have joined hands to organize a one day international conference on 'Water-Use Efficiency in Industrial Sector' on 9 November in Jaipur.

He informed that the conference will be inaugurated by the Union Minister for Water Resources & Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India, Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal. It will be presided over by the Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Shri Ashok Gehlot, Minister of Industries & Water Resource, Government of Rajasthan, Shri Rajendra Pareek will be the Guest of Honour.

Mr. Bhanawat further added that the focus areas in the conference will be to forge collaboration and synergy between industry and water sectors, analyze obstacles in fostering public-private partnership; share best practices in technology and innovations in water-use efficiency in industry and work-out policy recommendations for the state and central governments.

President, India Water Foundation, Dr. Arvind Kumar said that the themes to be discussed at the conference will relate to industrial water policy future plans; industrial water conservation; climate change and successful water efficiencies, efforts, role and responsibility.

He further hoped that the expected outcomes of the conference will be lead to the regular dialogue for improving the water-use efficiency. Furthermore, he said, the institutional mechanisms to support water and industrial organizations will be strengthened. The conference will further paved ground for transfer of technology from national and international sources.

Former Member, CGWB, Principal Advisor India Water Foundation, Mr, SK Sharma, stressed upon having transparency in the figures of water consumption of the industries. In context to Rajasthan, he said that if water is utilized well, using the best technology, then the state can have a lot of success stories which later can encourage many.

He further added that if our industries embrace the concept of water recycling then a lot of water problem can be solved. It should be our first attempt to thoroughly inspect the amount of water consumed by the industries.

The conference will be attended by the central and the state government water and industry departments, public and private sector and major PSUs, international agencies like UNIDO, embassies and others on pan-India basis.

The Chief Guest for the valedictory session will be the Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Water Resource, Government of Rajasthan, Mr. Ramlubhaya. Principal Secretary, Department

of Industries, Government of Rajasthan, Mr. Sunil Arora will preside over the event. Director General, India Metrological Department, MoES, Government of India, Dr. Ajit Tyagi and Chairman, Central Ground Water Board, MoWR, Government of India, Dr. S.C. Dhiman will be the Guests of Honour.



Photo Caption: RIICO's Managing Director, Mr. Rajendra Bhanawat (centre) addressing the press conference today at Udyog Bhawan. To his right is President, India Water Foundation, Dr. Arvind Kumar and to his left Former Member, CGWB, Principal Advisor India Water Foundation, Mr, SK Sharma.

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