

International Conference

Water use efficiency in Industrial Sector

Jointly organized by RIICO & IWF

Jaipur: 9 November: “Industries have to share responsibility towards judicious usage of water its conservation, said Mr. Pawan Bansal, Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Water Resources, Government of India, presiding over the Inaugural Session of International conference on Water Use Efficiency in Industrial Sector.” He further added that Reduce, Reuse and Recharge along with Water Harvesting will go a long way in achieving this goal. Industry has to target towards being water positive and not merely neutralizing the water intake. The other eminent speakers in the Inaugural Session were Mr. Rajendra Pareek, Minister Water Resources and Industries, Government of Rajasthan, Mr. Ramlubhaya, Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources, Govt of Rajasthan, Mr. Ranjan Chatterjee, Senior Advisor, Planning Commission of India, Mr. Sunil Arora, Chairman RIICO and Mr. Arvind Kumar, President, India Water Foundation.

Supplementing what the Union Minister said, Mr. Rajendra Pareek, Minister Industries and Water Resources, Govt of Rajasthan added, “To make any policy, programme or allocation effective, there is a need to include the practical aspects along with a strong political will.” As a responsible citizen, it is our duty to protect environment and water resources. He also announced awards of Rs. 5 lakhs, Rs. 3 lakhs, and Rs. 2 lakhs annual for united located in industrial areas for best practices of water use efficiency.

The event was jointly organized by India Water Foundation and RIICO. Many experts and internationally acclaimed speakers presented their Technical papers during the Conference. The key areas of discussion were water conservation, water and climate change, industrial water laws and regulation and institutional challenges. The Conference was attended by representatives from Government, Industry, civil society, academic institutions etc.

The Conference assumes its importance in view of the fact that there is no industrial water policy in India and findings and recommendations of this conference could be helpful in formulating a clear-cut Industrial Water Policy. “Industrial Sector is open to new and innovative ideas and with involvement and cooperation of all stakeholders the objective of water use efficiency can be achieved, said Mr. Arvind Kumar, President, India Water Foundation.” This will also help in promoting inter-sectoral convergence between water and industry and centre-state synergy in water sector. As said by Mr. Sunil Arora, Chairman RICO, Rajasthan is one of the largest states in area but at the same time one of the most difficult when it comes to water availability. He hoped that the

deliberations out of the conference will help in chalking out a consorted and well coordinated strategy for water conservation and its efficient utilization.

The Concluding Session was presided over by Mr. Ramlubhaya, Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources, Govt of Rajasthan. The other participants during the Valedictory Session included Mr. Ajit Tyagi, DG India Meteorological Department, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt of India, Mr. Anthony de Sa, Director UNIDO, Mr. S.C. Dhiman, Chairman Central Ground Water Board and Mr. Rajendra Bhanawat, MD RIICO.

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Photo1: Mr. Pawan Bansal, Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Water Resources, Government of India lighting the lamp in the inaugural session. To his right are Mr. Rajendra Pareek, Minister Water Resources and Industries, Government of Rajasthan and Mr. Rajendra Bhanawat, MD, RIICO. To his left is President, India Water Foundation, Dr. Arvind Kumar.



Photo2: Dignitaries on the dais in the international conference on “Water Use Efficiency in Industrial Sector” held today at Jaipur.

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