

As a culmination to the regional workshops in seven regions of the country namely Kolkata, Nagaland, Pune, Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad, Gangtok and Shimla organized by NWM to build and reinforce the capacities of State/UT in order to develop State Specific Action Plans (SSAP's) effectively, we organized a daylong meeting on SSAP yesterday at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. The nodal officers from all State/UT and representatives from respective of nodal institutes participated in the meeting. The concept of water budgeting introduced by us as a part of formulating the SSAP's has finally seen the light of the day as five States Arunchal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand and West Bengal used different innovative methods of collecting the data from different water related departments in their respective States and presented their water budgets. In fact, Tamil Nadu, the first to complete the water budgets for all their six water basins shared that the data collected for the template and the water budgeting done by them is immensely helping them in better decision making as a commonly agreed document to understand and appreciate the Water Sectors' challenges in their State and to drive the strategy for results. They further shared that the Water Budgeting has provided them a platform where they can come together and establish a State wide water vision so that efforts of all agencies can be synergized towards a comprehensive approach towards water management. It was a productive workshop which enabled cross-learning amongst the States to formulate the SSAP expeditiously. Here are a few pics.