

The ‘Water Talk ‘ Series

“**Water Talk**” is a lecture series of National Water Mission intended to promote dialogue and information sharing among participants of water related topics, with an aim to stimulate awareness, build capacities of stakeholders and encourage people to become active participants in conserving water. It is based on the premise that sharing of ideas among people will enhance knowledge, ensure consistent dissemination of information and build capacities in better water management. The first Water Talk was held on 22 March 2019 and is being held on third Fridays of every month since then. In these Water Talks, domain experts like Mr Mihir Shah, Mr Tushar Shah, Mr Himanshu Kulkarni, Mr Sashi Sekhar, Mr Sachin Ojha, Mr Alok Sikka, Mr Nayan Sharma etc and practitioners from the field like Mr Anil Joshi, Mr Sonam Wangchuk, Mr Popat Rao Pawar, Mr Pushendra bhai, Mr UmakantUmrao, Mr Hiralal, Sant Balveer Singh Seechewal, Sri Ayyappa Masagi, Mr Arun Krishnamurthy, Mr Madhavan, Mr Mahesh Sharma etc talked on their subject and experiences.

The programme also acts as an intellectual platform to transfer knowledge, solve problems, brainstorm and promote teamwork among the participants of the talk. Since it is intended to serve as a gateway of knowledge, best practices and experiences leading to cross learning of new developments, the speakers invited are scientists, academicians, engineers, scientists and activists or dedicated practitioners in the field of water. The ‘Water Talk’ provides a space to these water experts to share their views and critically analyse the prevalent water-related issues in practice and highlight the importance of water conservation in the contemporary Indian situation. All speakers have been from different walks of life and have presented a variety of perspectives and practical knowledge in their area of expertise. This has given an opportunity to learn and replicate the best water conservation and management practices in the country.

Following Government's restrictions on public gatherings due to COVID-19 pandemic, the water talks are now being organised as e-Water Talk in webinar format since May 2020.

How to participate in e- Water Talk?

The talk is live-streamed on the Facebook pages of **National Water Mission, Department of Water Resources, Ministry Jal Shakti** and various other organizations under the Ministry. Interested participants may join the water talk on

NWM’s Facebook page-<https://www.facebook.com/nwmgoi/> or

DoWR’s Facebook page-<https://www.facebook.com/mowrrdgr/> .

Alternatively, an email may be provided to National Water Mission on which a link for registration will be sent every month before the scheduled date of the Water Talk. Please share your contact details and e-mail address at catchtherain.nwm@gmail.com.