

**Central Water Commission  
National Water Academy, Pune**

**Report on Training-cum-Workshop on  
“Creation Awareness about Water Conservation/Recharge”  
(For representatives of Youth Organisations)**

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There is a increased focus on involvement of youth in Water Conservation and Management in India and this fact has been appreciated at the highest level. Prime Minister’s Office has given special instructions to “Create Awareness amongst Youth for Water Conservation & Recharge” and tap youth potentials to take activity upto to the grass root level to make it a success.

In line with these directives, National Water Academy (NWA), Pune conducted one day training-cum-workshop on “Creation of Awareness about Water Conservation/ Recharge” on 21 July 2016. The training-cum-workshop had a participation of about 66 youth organization representatives from across the Maharashtra & Goa like Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, National Social Scheme (NSS), National Cadet Corps (NCC), Scouts & Guide, Indian Red Cross Society (ICS), Centre for Environment Education (CEE) etc.



The program was inaugurated by Dr S K Srivastava, Chief Engineer & Head, NWA, Pune; Shri Upendra Thakur, Zonal Director, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Maharashtra & Goa Zone, Shri Yashwant Mankhedkar, District Youth Co-ordinator, Nehru Yuva Kendra Pune and Mumbai. All the core faculty members of NWA, Pune also participated in Inaugural Session.



**Dr S K Srivastava, Chief Engineer & Head, NWA, Pune addressing the audience**

Dr S K Srivastava, Chief Engineer & Head, NWA in his inaugural address stated that Water Conservation and Recharge being burning national issue needs to be addressed collectively by joining hands together for food security and sustainable development. Thus, it is important to involve youth in water management in order to get new ideas for conserving water by capturing their imagination and way of thinking. He further emphasized that youth in the country should play an important role for taking ahead the water conservation movement by acting as stakeholders, policy contributors and shouldering the responsibilities and revolutionizing the

sustainable water management. He also called upon all the Youth Organizations to conduct mass awareness activities focusing on youth so as to harness their potential for future advancement.



The Training-cum-Workshop focused on subjects like Water Resources of India, Water Conservation Measures, Ground Water Recharge, Efficient Irrigation Practices, local level conservation initiatives. The resource person for this Workshop was drawn from the core faculty of NWA, Central Ground Water Board, Retired Senior Government Officers & NGOs.



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The program was conducted in the ToT mode wherein it was emphasized that each and every representative will further take various mass awareness initiatives at Taluka and District level to spread the message of Water Conservation and Recharge and to take up various activities at the ground level.

At the end of program, during the interaction session participants also shared their experiences about various activities being undertaken by them on Water Conservation.

