

Conference agenda

National Conference on the Potential of Rainwater Harvesting Traditions, Technologies, Policies and Social Mobilization

October 3, 1998

Registration of delegates : 8.30 am onwards

Inaugural Session : 9.00 am to 11.00 am

Welcome Address : 05 minutes

Keynote Address : 30 minutes
(Introducing the traditions and potential of rainwater harvesting)

Recognition of four artisans involved with water harvesting together with multi-media presentation on their work : 20 minutes

(Multi-media presentation on four artisans involved in water harvesting from different parts of the country.

The dignitary inaugurating the conference will be requested to give them certificates of merit.)

Inaugural Address : 20 minutes
(By the President)

Chairperson's Address : 25-30 minutes

Vote of Thanks : 05 minutes

(The President will leave after this)

Tea : 11.00 am to 11.30 am

Keynote lectures : 11.30 am to 1.00 pm

Lecture 1 : 11.30 am to 12.15 pm
(by a leading Indian water economist)

Lecture 2 : 12.15 pm to 1.00 pm
(by a leading foreign guest)

Lunch Break : 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm

Plenary Session 1 : 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm

On India's traditions and history of rainwater harvesting

(The purpose of this session is to discuss and present papers on India's traditions and history of rainwater harvesting, especially from regions that were not covered or inadequately covered in the fourth Citizen's Report on the State of India's Environment, *Dying Wisdom*, which focussed on India's traditions in rainwater harvesting)

Public Lecture : 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm

October 4, 1998

Plenary Session 2 : 9.00 am to 3.00 pm

On efforts being made to revive rainwater harvesting systems

The purpose of this session is to discuss and present papers on efforts being made for the revival of the traditional rainwater harvesting systems by the government, NGOs and local communities. Infrastructural, financial and institutional issues will be discussed together with a discussion on achievements. Papers will also discuss how the traditional systems can be integrated with modern water technologies and methods and the complementarity between modern and traditional methods. Papers will be divided into two groups : one dealing with the rural sector and another with the urban sector.

Tea : 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Plenary Session 3 : 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm

Policy implications of the lessons learnt from pioneering efforts being made to revive community based rainwater harvesting systems.

A panel of senior policy analysts involved with water issues and government systems will be asked to analyse the policy implications of the case studies presented in session 2.

Public Lecture : 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm

October 5, 1998

Plenary Session 4 : 9.00 am to 1.0 pm

On international efforts being made to develop rainwater harvesting systems : A senior policy analyst dealing with water policy will be asked to chair the session and sum up the policy implications of the international experiences.

Lunch : 1.00 pm to 2.00pm

Plenary Session 5 : 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

On technological studies and research to promote rainwater harvesting.

Plenary Session 6 : 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm

On the need to establish a national rainwater harvesters' network.

The session will examine the possibility and desirability of setting up networks with co-ordinators and co-ordinating bodies at various levels and regions to promote revival and maintenance of community- controlled rainwater harvesting systems. The network will promote exchange visits and studies to understand water harvesting systems in different parts of the country, among other activities to be proposed by the participants . The participants will also examine the methods for establishing linkages with the government water sector. Papers will be presented on various aspects of networking by people from different regions of India.

Valedictory session : 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm

Presentation on the key findings of the conference by the chairperson. : 5.30 pm to 5.50 pm

Valedictory panel of eminent people : 5.50 pm to 7.00 pm

We intend to invite people like Madhu Dandavate, former deputy chairman of the Planning Commission, Y K Alagh, former minister of Power, C H Hanumantha Rao, former member of the Planning Commission, M S Swaminathan, former member, Planning Commission, Thupstan Chhewwang, chairperson, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Gaj Singh, former Maharaja of Jodhpur

Valedictory Lecture : 7.00 pm to 7.30 pm

We intend to invite either one of the chief ministers of Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh or Tamil Nadu who have shown an interest in community based water management *or* the current deputy chairman of Planning Commission to deliver the valedictory lecture.

Vote of Thanks : 7.30 pm to 7.40 pm

(Ends)

Note on arrangements for paper presenters and chairpersons

1. All individuals who want to or have been asked to present papers, are requested to submit their abstracts by July 31, 1998 and their papers by August 15, 1998
2. All papers submitted will be screened by the Centre's Advisory Committee on rainwater harvesting.
3. All individuals whose papers have been selected for the plenary sessions will be paid their travel costs and stay costs in Delhi.
4. All those individuals whose papers cannot be accommodated in the plenary session will be given an opportunity to make their presentations in the workshops for which appropriate arrangements will be made.
5. Travel costs will be reimbursed for 2T AC train if the train journey does not exceed 14 hours. But, for paper presenters and chairs of plenary sessions whose journeys will be longer, air costs will be paid
6. For all those participants we are not paying travel or stay costs, we will do our best to make stay arrangements at costs indicated.