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# Prime Minister on Water



**Narendra Modi**  
Prime Minister

अमरेली में हुए 'जल उत्सव' के दौरान 'जल संरक्षण' और झीलों के संरक्षण को लेकर लोगों में जागरूकता बढ़ाई गयी। इसमें *Water Sports* को भी बढ़ावा दिया गया, *Water Security* के जानकारों के साथ मंथन भी किया गया। कार्यक्रम में शामिल लोगों को तिरंगे वाला *Water fountain* बहुत पसंद आया।

PM Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat:  
107<sup>th</sup> Episode with the Nation, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2023



# Workshop on 'Community Adaptability and Sustenance Mechanisms at the Intersectionality of Water and Climate Change'

Promoting Stakeholder Stewardship towards Sustainable Water Management  
30<sup>th</sup> November 2023, New Delhi

**S** M Sehgal Foundation<sup>1</sup>, in collaboration with DCB Bank, and National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR) as the knowledge partner held the inaugural workshop in the capacity building and experience sharing workshop series in New Delhi

on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Titled '*Jalagam*', the workshop series was graced by Smt. Vini Mahajan, Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti; Shri Ashok Goel, Commissioner, Ministry of Jal Shakti; and trustees of S M Sehgal Foundation

Smt. Neelima Khetan and Dr Suhas P Wani; and Mr. Avinash Mishra, former adviser, NITI Aayog. The panel sessions featured discussions around community adaptability and sustenance mechanisms in addressing water-related challenges. The proceedings from the four workshops



<sup>1</sup> S M Sehgal Foundation (Sehgal Foundation) has been working since 1999 to improve the quality of life of the rural communities in India. It has five main programme areas: Water Management, Agriculture Development, Local Participation and Sustainability, Transform Lives one school at a time, and Outreach for Development.

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in the series will form part of a white paper for sharing with policymakers, practitioners, and academia.

'Jalagam' marks a significant step toward featuring community adaptability and sustenance mechanisms at the intersectionality of water and climate change. The workshop series aims at fostering collaboration and sharing experiences in the field of water resources management and bringing out best practices across regions in the states of Delhi, Maharashtra, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh.

Chief Guest, Smt. Vini Mahajan, Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti shared the various initiatives undertaken by the Ministry emphasising the aspect of community ownership in ensuring long term sustainability of infrastructure and impact. Encouraging convergence of efforts by stakeholders, she said "Capacity building of village level institutions, behaviour change communication, innovations and a range of partnerships are needed to

make people aware of both, their rights and responsibilities to sustain these services. It would be incredible if this empowerment is embedded into the issues around water and sanitation". She further reinstated the importance of the Jal Jeevan Mission and its focus on grey water management and crucial link with the Swachh Bharat Mission.

Describing the value of 'Contribute to Society' at DCB Bank and its impact, Mr Murali M Natrajan, Managing Director and CEO, DCB Bank, shared, "Water, the lack of it impedes progress and sustainability of the nation, its people, and the planet. We cannot ignore the relationship between water and waste management affecting the overall health and water of a nation."

Anjali Makhija, Trustee and CEO, S M Sehgal Foundation shared, "The joint efforts of DCB Bank Limited and Sehgal Foundation have contributed significantly to water conservation and sustainability, positively transforming the lives of many communities across India. The

success of the workshop series will mark a milestone in the ongoing efforts to build resilient communities and provide collective impetus to the pressing issues of water and climate change."

The collaborative efforts of DCB Bank and S M Sehgal Foundation, emphasise their shared commitment to addressing critical issues such as water crisis, climate change, and sustainable livelihoods. With impactful projects benefiting over 14,500 community members across five states, the partnership has harvested over 350 million litres of water through initiatives like groundwater augmentation and rejuvenation of ponds. The success of the workshop series that will mark its footprint in four locations in the states of Delhi, Maharashtra, Hyderabad, and Madhya Pradesh, is poised to become a milestone in the ongoing efforts to build resilient communities and address the pressing challenges of water and climate change. ■





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