

REPORT

World Water Day 2018

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Delhi State Centre of the Institution of Engineers (India) organized **World Water Day 2018** on the theme "*Nature for Water*" on **March 22, 2018** at **Engineers Bhawan, New Delhi 110002**. **Shri Vinay Shanker, Former Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Govt of India**, was the Chief Guest of the function. **Shri Yogesh Sharma, Chief Engineer (Retd), U P Jal Nigam and Director, (Retd), Ministry of Env. & Forest, Gol** was delivered the theme address.

Welcoming the Chief Guest **Shri Devendra Gill**, Chairman, Delhi State Centre, IEI informed the audience that the theme of this year's "*Nature for Water*". He mentioned that realizing the current scenario of water shortage in the country. In the global environment it is expected that next world war will be on water issue. He also mentioned that damaged ecosystems affect the quantity and quality of water available for human consumption. Environmental damage, together with climate change, is driving the water-related crises we see around the world. Floods, drought and water pollution are all made worse by degraded vegetation, soil, rivers and lakes. He added that Nature-based solutions have the potential to solve many of our water challenges. We need to do so much more with 'green' infrastructure and harmonize it with 'grey' infrastructure wherever possible. Planting new forests, reconnecting rivers to floodplains, and restoring wetlands will rebalance the water cycle and improve human health and livelihoods.

Shri Yogesh Sharma, Chief Engineer (Retd), U P Jal Nigam and Director, (Retd), Ministry of Env. & Forest, Gol in his address apprise about the various key issues relating to water passage in India. He informed that a various initiative of Indian Government like Clean Ganga have not been able to achieve their expected results. Lamenting on the current water situation in the Country and in metro cities. Shri Sharma mentioned that three Crises have let to the involvement of various other prospering business like water tanker supply business, RO Industries and Bottling industries.

Chief Guest Shri Vinay Shanker, Former Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Govt of India in his very elaborative address focus on various challenges and faced by the county in order to ensure water availability. Hon'ble Chief Guest state on various contrary action have actually let to an effective utilisation of this resources and due to which core issue of water shortage has not been addressed. Shri Vinay Shanker in his address also highlighted various strategies and tools available to mitigate the impact of water shortage in the country.

Shri Praveen Kr Singh, Honorary Secretary, The Institution of Engineers (India), Delhi State Centre coordinate the event and proposed the vote of thanks.

Nearly 80 members, guests and invitees attended the function.