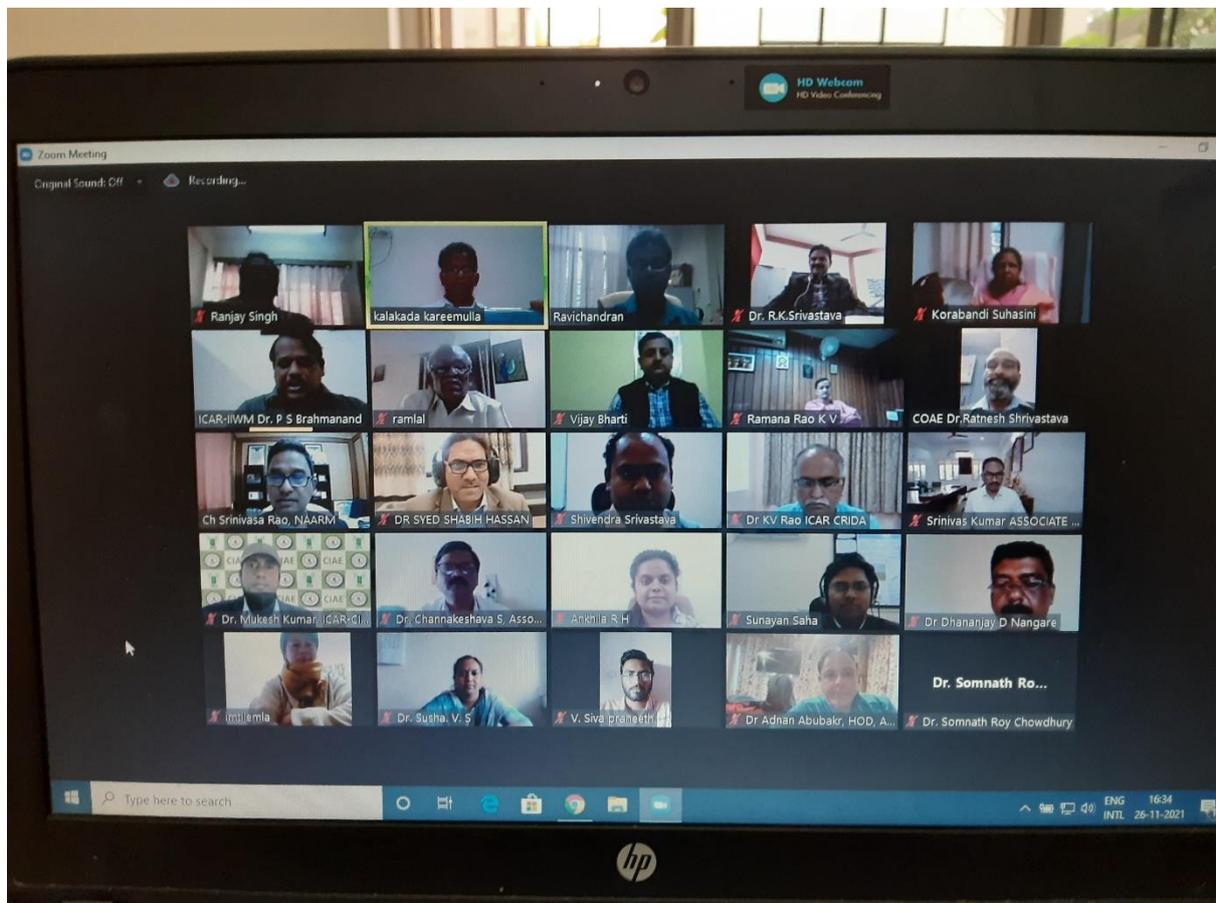


Report on National workshop on “Indian National Water Policy – Issues and Suggestions” held during November 25-26, 2021

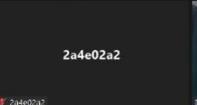
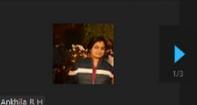
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A two days' virtual National workshop on Indian National Water Policy – Issues and Suggestions was held during November 25-26, 2021. Fifty-seven participants, of which 55% are from SAU, followed by 34% from ICAR and remaining from private institutions. attended the programme. Out of the total participants, 44 are male p and 13 are female participants. There were 36 Scientists, 17 professors, 3 deans/Heads of Departments and one ATRAI Director attended the programme. In the beginning of the programme, **Dr. K Kareemulla and Dr S Ravichandran**, Programme Directors outlined the objective of the workshop. The aim of the workshop was to sensitize the participants about the various water policies of the country for optimum utilization of water available from various sources river and surface water, ground water and other sources. The programme started with the inaugural address by Dr. Mihir Shah, eminent water expert and former planning commission member who gave an inspiring talk on various national water policies formulated by the Government of India including the National Water policy (2020). **Dr. Shah** talked about the five main reforms proposed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in NWP 2020. They are 1. Needs to break down silos into which water was divided. 2. Respect for immense diversity of the country in planning for water. 3. Focus on management of and distribution of water. 4. Prioritize recycling and reuse of water, and 5. Raising people's awareness and their participation in management of water. There were eminent water policy experts who spoke on all aspects of water management including water costing. Group exercises on various aspects such as Assessment of existing water policy, issues in interstate water sharing, groundwater management, *in situ* water conservation were discussed in different groups and many points emerged which will be brought out in the form of policy papers. Some of the points emerged from the group discussions are: share of the states should vary with the availability of water and rainfall pattern; water pricing should be decided based on the usage; uneven distribution of water resources between states; topographical issues between states is also a problem in water sharing; strengthening water harvesting structures; prioritization of community approach for creating awareness. The plenary session held on 26/11/2021 was chaired by **Dr. Srinivasa Rao, Director** of the Academy and **Dr. R C. Srivastava, Vice Chancellor**, Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Bihar was the Chief Guest. Dr. Srivastava emphasized the importance of water and hence depending upon the availability of water, judiciously water should be utilized. Utilization of water should be in

a more efficient way. Water balancing is the need of hour and policies should be made in the direction. Water meters should also be installed in all the areas of the country so that water will be utilized properly. Dr. R.C. Srivastava also emphasized the importance and sustainable use of water for all purposes. Dr Srinivasa Rao urged the importance of water in view of climate change and emphasized the importance of educating the stakeholders. Dr. Rao also mentioned about flash floods being experienced by China due to climate change and construction of dams and reservoirs by China. He also mentioned about water crisis and floods in few parts due to climate change. High intensity rains and number of rainy also reduced drastically and hence we need to save water. He was also touched upon the importance of ground water utilization. Water is a precious commodity and at the same time water is complex and hence water saving is very important. He was also mentioning about drinking water for animals, which is a major problem during summer.



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