

CELEBRATION OF WORLD WATER DAY 2023

(Theme : “ACCELERATING CHANGE”)

World Water Day-2023 was celebrated on the theme “ACCELERATING CHANGE” by AICRP on Irrigation Water Management, Department of Irrigation & Drainage Engineering CAET, JAU, and Junagadh. on 21/03/2023

Under the guidance and motivation of **Dr. V P Chovatia, Hon. Vice Chancellor**, Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh, supports of **Dr. H M Gajipara**, Director of Research & PG Dean and in the gracious presence of **Dr. N K Gontia**, Principal & Dean, CAET, **Dr. P M Chauhan**, Registrar, JAU and **Dr. R M Solanki**, DSW, JAU, Junagadh, "World Water Day-2023" was celebrated on 21/03/2023 on theme of “ACCELERATING CHANGE” by ICAR sponsored All India Coordinated Research Scheme on Irrigation Water Management, Department of Irrigation & Drainage Engineering at College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology, Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh.

Dr. V K Tiwari, HoD-FMPE, Dr. M N Dabhi, HoD-PFE, Dr. G V Prajapati, Research scientist (Agril. Engg.), Dr. H V Parmar, Assoc. Prof., SWCE, Prof. P B Vekariya, Asst. Prof., IDE, Prof. H H Mashru, Asst. Prof., SWCE, Dr. R J Patel, Asstt Prof., IDE, Dr. J M Modhwadiya, Asst. Prof., SWCE, Dr P A Pandya, Asstt Prof., SWCE, Dr. V K Chnadegara, Assoc. Prof., PFE, Dr. V P Sangani, Asstt Prof., PFE, Prof. A L Vadher, Asst. Prof., , FMPE, Dr. S P Cholera, Asst. Prof., , REE, Dr. Punial Gajjar, Asst. Prof., , FMPE, Er. P J Bagada, SRA, Er. P A Damor, SRA, Mr. G K Majethiya, Agril. Asst., Mr. Y H Hala, Lab. Tech. were remained present.

At the first outset, Dr. H. D. Rank, Chief Scientist, AICRP-IWM and HoD, Department of Irrigation & Drainage Engineering, CAET, JAU, Junagadh had welcome all dignitaries seated on and off the dais as well as faculties/staff and students. He gave brief explanation about why world water day is celebrated by UNO since 1993 on different themes as per the prevailing issues. He presented facts on the present status and issues of the water resources. He gave facts and figures of water footprints to produce various commodities namely refined sugar, coffee, vegetables, cloth, paper, meat, milk etc.

All the dignitaries were welcomed by “Jalkumbh”. The world water day-2023 program was inaugurated by “Jal-Ahuti” by Dr. N K Gontia, Principal & Dean, CAET with all dignitaries.

Dr. H D Rank, had delivered the expert lecture on “ Water Resources: Past, Present and Future. He also gave the issues of decreasing per capita availability of water resources in India and Gujarat state in particular. He explained the various reasons of decreasing the water resources like ever-growing population, industrialization, urbanization, increasing standard of living of human being, lack of adoptions of technology, requirements of infrastructural development etc. He urged to students to extend the awareness among the public, farmers, family and friends about importance of water resources and its conservation. He also presented

on various modern technologies which can help for reducing water losses to enhance water footprints. He gave brief about the SDG 6 by 2030 set by UN for the world.

Dr. R M Solanki, Director of Students Welfare, JAU, and Junagadh emphasized and motivated the participants for the judicious use of water in our daily life. He also pointed out the importance of water conservation in life of human being since ancient times of civilization on river bank. He suggested various ways to reduce water use in lives of human being.

Dr. P M Chauhan, Registrar, JAU, Junagadh, emphasized the dire needs of sound actions on water conservation and its judicious use. He gave brief on adoption of various technologies at public places for the reducing the water use like use of sensors with IoT in water supply, drone for the spraying, MIS for the irrigation and vacuum cleaning for sanitization etc. He mentioned that only the human mentalities as well as technology adoptions at every-sphere can lead towards the judicious use of water in each water use sector.

Dr. N K Gontia, Principal & Dean, CAET, JAU, Junagadh, in his inaugural/presidential speech, emphasized to accelerate the various actions in water conservation, sanitizations and judicious use. He also mentioned the need of role of young generations for the water-food-energy securities for the ever growing population of the nation under era of changing climate. He gave importance and issues of water resources for the agricultural productions and sanitizations. He expressed worries for the carelessness of today's generations for water use. He urged all that it can be our responsibilities to conserve water and use efficiently for the sustainable development of our nation. Water is one of the prime inputs for the development of any nations. Under the changing climate, the water securities should be strengthened. He congratulate chief scientist and his team of AICRP on IWM as well as all faculties and supporting staffs of Department of Irrigation & Drainage Engineering and Soil & Water Conservation Engineering, CAET, JAU, Junagadh. He had congratulated and gave away the prizes to winners of different competitions of elocutions competitions on the theme of world water day-2023.

The celebration was held with the objective of creating awareness among the faculties, technical and supporting staff and especially the students' group on the issues of water scarcity, sanitizations, water conservation, sustainable development as well as balanced utilization of water resources.

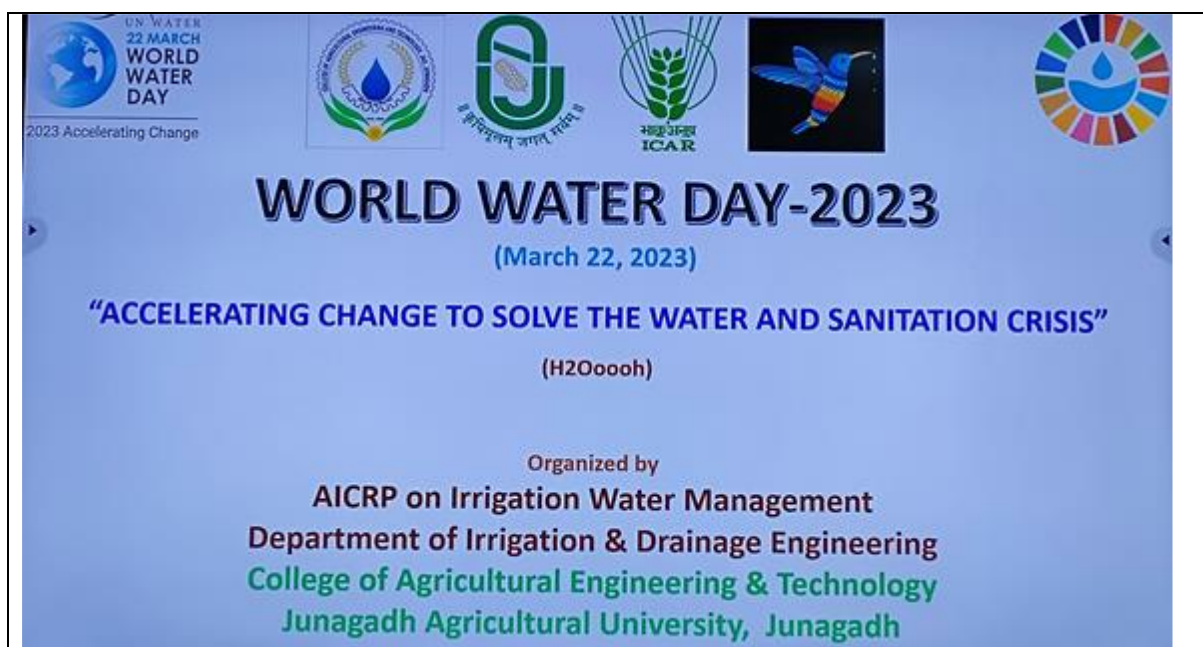
The elocution completion was also organised among all PG and final year B Tech (Agril. Engg.) Students of the CAET, JAU, Junagadh on the theme "ACCELERATING CHANGE TO SOLVE THE WATER AND SANITATION CRISIS". The judge panel assessed the elocution speech on the theme and best 3 were ranked and prized them. The following students have participated in the elocution competition.

SN	Name of students	Semester	Rank
1	Pradip Parihar	8th Sem. B Tech(Agril. Engg.)	1
2	Makwana Sunil	8th Sem. B Tech(Agril. Engg.)	2
3	Ananya Mishra	1st Sem. Ph D(Agril. Engg.)-SWCE	3
4	Dheeraj Kumar	1 st Sem. Ph D(Agril. Engg.)-SWCE	-
5	Vighneshwari	1 st Sem. M Tech(Agril. Engg.)-SWCE	-

6	Anjali Yada	1 st Sem. M Tech(Agril. Engg.)-SWCE	-
7	Chauhan Ravi	1 st Sem. M Tech(Agril. Engg.)-IDE	-
8	Heli Patel	8 th Sem. B Tech(Agril. Engg.)	-
9	Mori Kanchan	8 th Sem. B Tech(Agril. Engg.)	-
10	Eva Soni	8 th Sem. B Tech(Agril. Engg.)	-
11	Goyani Parth	8 th Sem. B Tech(Agril. Engg.)	-
12	Durgesh Dhakad	8 th Sem. B Tech(Agril. Engg.)	-
13	Amit Datta	8 th Sem. B Tech(Agril. Engg.)	-

At the end, Prof. P B Vekariya, Assistant Professor, AICRP on IWM, IDE, CAET, JAU, Junagadh thanked to all.

Total 91 (50 students and 21 faculties/technical staff and 21 supporting staff) have participated in the said event. The few clicks of the event as below.





Sudents, faculties and staff participating the event



Welcome address by Dr. H. D. Rank, Chief Scientist, AICRP-IWM, CAET, JAU, Junagadh



Welcome by Jalkumbh



Inauguration by Jal Ahuti



Expert lectures by Dr. H.D. Rank, Chief Scientist and Dr. P. B. Vekariya, AICRP-IWM





Students participation in elocution competition during the event



Dignitaries during the elocution competitions among studnets



Address by Dr. P M Chauham, Registrar, JAU



Address by Dr. R M Solanki, DSW, JAU





Prize distribution to 1st, 2nd & 3rd winners of elocution competitions by dignitaries



Inaugural/Presidential address by Dr. N. K. Gontia, Principal & Dean, CAET, JAU



Vote of Thanks by Prof. P B Vekariya, Asstt. Prof., AICRP-IWM, IDE, CAET, JAU.