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CONSTRUCTION OF IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

A VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

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The conference is targeted at:

- The irrigation sector has witnessed a surge in the adoption of new and innovative construction techniques and methods due to the alarming depletion of water resources. New irrigation technologies are being developed to shift from rain-dependent farming to innovative practices such as the underground pipeline conveyance, rainwater harvesting and storage, and the use of treated wastewater.
- A greater emphasis is being laid on micro-irrigation (drip and sprinkler) systems and efficient water-use mechanisms. Modern designs for canal irrigation and storage systems are being adopted to reduce the execution time and improve the quality of structures. Systems such as solar-powered lift micro-irrigation are gaining prominence over the conventional flooding method of irrigation.
- Sophistication in equipment is being witnessed across the irrigation sector. Higher capacity equipment with better safety features is being developed. Besides, a major technological innovation has been the canal network flow monitoring system, which monitors canal systems and on-farm parameters using sensors, remote terminal units and information and communications technology. The use of digital solutions such as geographic information systems is also being tested to enable complete online tracking of the micro-irrigation system.
- With several projects in the planned and announced stages, the irrigation infrastructure is expected to expand significantly. New strategies need to be devised to fast-track the construction work and minimise the impact of Covid-19 on the sector. It is estimated that over Rs 5 trillion worth of projects will be awarded over the next five to six years. This will create manifold opportunities for EPC contractors, technology suppliers, and raw material and equipment providers. With the greater use of modern techniques and technologies for risk assessment, design and construction, the sector will witness lower risks in project construction in the years to come.

The mission of this virtual conference is to understand the emerging trends and developments, discuss the state irrigation plans, and highlight the opportunities and challenges. It will also showcase the latest construction techniques, best practices and the new and innovative technologies in design, engineering and construction.

**Mission**

- State irrigation departments
- Water resources department
- Project developers
- EPC contractors
- Financiers and consulting firms
- Pump manufacturers
- Pipe manufacturers
- Meter manufacturers
- Storage system providers
- Technology providers
- Renewable/Captive energy developers
- Instrumentation and monitoring solution providers
- Equipment manufacturers
- Multilateral funding agencies
- O&M contractors
- Water network management companies
- Policymakers and regulators
- Etc.

**Target Audience**


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AGENDA/STRUCTURE

TRENDS, DEVELOPMENTS AND POST-COVID-19 OUTLOOK
- What have been the key trends and developments in the irrigation sector?
- What has been the impact of Covid-19 on the sector?
- What has been the progress under various government programmes (PMKSY, AIBP, CADWM, etc.)?
- What are the issues and challenges? What are the new and upcoming opportunities?

CONTRACTOR VIEWPOINT: CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE AND CHALLENGES
- What is the perspective of contractors on the irrigation sector?
- What has been the project implementation experience? What have been the key challenges?
- What are their future plans and outlook for the sector?
- What are their expectations from the government and other stakeholders?

STATE IRRIGATION POTENTIAL, NEW PROJECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES
- What is the status of irrigation projects in your state?
- What has been the experience so far in project implementation? What are the best practices and lessons learnt?
- What are the upcoming projects and investments? What are the key issues and challenges?

THE WAY FORWARD FOR MICRO IRRIGATION SYSTEMS
- What has been the experience so far with micro-irrigation systems in India? What has been the trend in the uptake of micro-irrigation systems by the states so far?
- What are some of the noteworthy initiatives and projects?
- What are the key lessons learnt and new technologies deployed?
- What are the key issues and challenges?

FOCUS ON IRRIGATION STORAGE SYSTEMS
- What has been the experience with regard to the construction of irrigation storage structures?
- How have construction practices evolved over the years? What are the new trends and advancements?
- What are the new techniques being deployed to optimise construction costs and time?

SPOTLIGHT ON PIPED IRRIGATION SYSTEM
- What has been the experience so far with piped irrigation system in India? What has been the trend in the uptake of these systems?
- What are some of the noteworthy initiatives and projects? What are the key lessons learnt and new technologies deployed?
- What are the key issues and challenges? What is the future outlook?

FOCUS ON SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS FOR IRRIGATION CONSTRUCTION
- What are the recent advancements and new innovations in this area?
- What are some of the successful case studies?
- What are the lessons learnt?

SPOTLIGHT ON CANAL IRRIGATION SYSTEMS
- What has been the experience so far with canal irrigation systems in India? What has been the trend in the uptake of these systems?
- What are some of the noteworthy initiatives and projects? What are the key lessons learnt and new technologies deployed?
- What are the key issues and challenges? What is the future outlook?

NEW ADVANCEMENTS IN DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGIES
- What are the emerging needs and requirements with respect to the design, engineering and construction of irrigation projects (flow monitoring system, sensors, etc.)?
- What has been the experience so far with regard to the use of digital technologies? What are the costs and benefits?
- What are the likely challenges in the use and adoption of potential technology solutions? What is the future outlook?

OPPORTUNITIES UNDER RIVER INTERLINKING PROJECTS
- What are the government’s plans with respect to river interlinking? What are the investment requirements?
- What has been the implementation experience so far?
- What are the upcoming projects and opportunities?

PROJECT SHOWCASE: EXPERIENCE, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES
- What are some of the noteworthy/landmark irrigation projects?
- What are their key characteristics (irrigation technique/method, project cost, completion period, energy efficiency, water use efficiency, etc.)?
- What have been the issues and challenges in light of the Covid-19 pandemic?
- What are the upcoming opportunities and investment requirements?

PUMPS AND PUMPING SYSTEMS: NEW REQUIREMENTS AND ENERGY EFFICIENT SOLUTIONS
- What are the emerging requirements for pumps and pumping systems for irrigation projects?
- What are the current practices with regard to the optimisation of energy costs and requirements?
- What initiatives/measures have been taken by the government to promote the use of solar pumps?
- What are the key issues and challenges?

EQUIPMENT SHOWCASE: EMERGING REQUIREMENTS AND NEW INNOVATIONS (Sprinkler Systems, Filters, Flow Meters, Injectors, etc.)
- What are the emerging trends and advancements in the equipment segment?
- What is the new equipment being deployed to automate processes?
- How is the industry gearing up to meet the emerging equipment requirements for the irrigation sector?
- What are the key issues and challenges?
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Previous speakers (in alphabetic order):

- R.K. Agrawal, Executive Engineer, Water Resources Department, Government of Chhattigarh
- G. Amuthan, Superintending Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department, Government of Tamil Nadu
- Rajat Chowdhury, Senior Executive in Business Development Department, Electrosteel Casting
- A.K. Deharia, Executive Engineer, Water Resources Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh
- Manoj Dhar, Vice President, Sales and Marketing, Astral Pipes
- Anirban Dutta, Vice President, Sales, Marketing & Strategic Business, Volvo Trucks India
- Dr Ambuj Dwivedi, SE, Irrigation and Water Resources Department, Govt of Uttar Pradesh
- Mohit Gulati, Deputy General Manager, Eicher
- C.B. Harinatha Reddy, Project Officer, Micro Irrigation Project, Department of Horticulture, Government of Andhra Pradesh
- J. Chandrashekar Iyer, Chief Executive Officer, Polavaram Project Authority
- K.M. Jaiswal, Superintending Engineer, Water Resources Department, Government of Rajasthan
- Dr N. Janakiram, Senior Vice President, Business Development, BGR Mining and Infra
- Dr A. Jeyaram, Chief Executive Officer, SECON
- V.C. Jha, General Manager & Head - Large Water Systems Business Unit, L&T
- Vivek P. Kapadia, Secretary, Government of Gujarat on “Sardar Sarovar Project”
- Dr Uday Kelkar, Managing Director, NJS Engineers India
- Akkiraaj Radha Krishna, Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department, Govt of Andhra Pradesh
- Tanay Kulkarni, Co-Founder, DTK Hydronet Solutions
- T. Vijaya Kumar, Associate Vice President, Gayatri Projects
- Pushkar S. Kutiyal, Member, Godavari River Management Board, Ministry of Water Resources
- Surender Makhiya, Strategic Advisor and Senior Vice President, Jain Irrigation
- Manish Mittal, Sales Head and Sashanka Mohanty, Sr. Manager, Smart City Product, Xylem India
- Chetan Muralidhar, Engineer-in-Chief, Irrigation and CAD Department, Government of Telangana
- Kamlesh B Rabada, CE and Additional Secy, Water Resources Department, Govt of Gujarat
- Dr P.S. Raghavaiah, Special Commissioner, CADA, Water Resources Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh
- Sunil Raj D., Executive Engineer, Government of Kerala
- C. Ramanathan, General Manager, Projects, Amrutha Constructions
- G. Venkateswara Rao, Vice President, Projects, Gayatri Projects
- Bharath Rao, Regional Director, McElroy
- K Sudarshan Reddy, GM projects, KNR Constructions
- Dr C.B. Harinatha Reddy, Project Officer, Micro Irrigation Project, Government of Andhra Pradesh
- M. Gopal Reddy, Director, BVSR Constructions
- Sabarna Roy, Senior Vice President (Business Development), Electrosteel Castings
- Karun Raj Singh Sareen, Director, Major Project Advisory, Infrastructure, KPMG
- Kaushik Sen, Vice President, EY
- Y.C. Sharma, Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh
- Bhopal Singh, Director General, National Water Development Agency
- Amrendra Singh, Chief Engineer, Central Water Commission
- S. Sivalingam, Superintending Engineer, Water Resources Department, Government of Tamil Nadu
- M.K. Srinivas, Chief Engineer, National Water Development Agency
- G. Srinivasulu, State Head, Telangana, Jain Irrigation System
- M.K. Srinivas, Director General, National Water Development Agency
- Martin Unterkreuter, Head, Sales and Marketing, ANDRITZ Hydro
- Alex Varghese, Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department, Government of Kerala
- Amit Vatsyayan, Partner, Social Sector, EY
- Dr Shilp Verma, Researcher Fellow, IWMI-TATA Water Policy Program, International Water Management Institute

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