

IWWA Meet at Bhubaneswar focuses on Urban Drinking Water Security. Dt. 29.10.2022

Indian Water Works Association (IWWA), Odisha Centre in collaboration with Odisha Water Academy (OWA), Government of Odisha organized a workshop at Bhubaneswar on 'Urban Drinking Water Security'. The Key Note address was delivered by G. Mathi Vathanan, Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department, Govt. of Odisha, presentation on 'Drink from Tap Mission in Puri city' was deliberated by Er. P. K. Swain, CEO, WATCO.

The Principal Secretary, H&UD Department, Govt. of Odisha said that "The drinking water security journey of Odisha started from the precarious water situation during 2014 – 2015 to successfully implement the universal coverage of piped water supply with 100 per cent house connections leaving no one behind and then Drink from Tap quality (IS 10500) water supply on 24x7 basis. In this journey, in 2021, Puri became the 1st city in India to drink straight from the tap with round the clock water supply" mentioned G. Mathi Vathanan, Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department, Government of Odisha.



Er. P. K. Swain, CEO, WATCO highlighted how in Puri City from intermittent water supply, it became the first city in India to provide drink from tap quality (IS 10500) water supply on 24x7 basis.

More than 40 COM members of IWWA and around 120 officials from Public Health Engineering Organization (PHEO), Water Corporation of Odisha (WATCO) and Odisha Water Supply & Sewerage Board (OWSSB) under Housing & Urban Development Department together with Rural Water Supply & Sanitation (RWSS) under Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department, Government of Odisha participated in the workshop.



Among other dignitaries IWWA National President Er. P. K. Sinha and General Secretary Er. Dayanand B. Panse, IWWA Odisha Centre Honorary Chairman Er. S. Laxmi Pati and Honorary Secretary Er. B. K. Parida, Water Sector Expert Chinmay Tripathy, Director, Odisha Water Academy Dr. Santanu Rath, RWSS Engineer-in-Chief Er. Hadibandhu Behera, PHEO Engineer-in-Chief Er. Rabindra Nath Naik, OWSSB Engineer-in-Chief Er. Prasanta K. Mohapatra were present in the workshop.

Eighth meeting of the Council of Management (COM) for year 2021-2023 was held in Bhubaneswar at 3.00 PM on 29.10.2022.

