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TATA TRUSTS

WORKSHOP

WATER AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT IN RURAL AREAS

MAY 22, 2026 | MAGNOLIA HALL, INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, LODHI ROAD

Key features of the programme

Workshop to sensitize the community giving a bigger perspective of sustainability and circularity:

- Understanding the future action plans of Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation on source sustainability and greywater management through JJM and SBM (G)
- Successful state actions on source sustainability in different geographic regions
- Bringing water circularity in the action agenda for rural areas – success stories



PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

10.00 AM -10.30 AM Registration | CSE Team**10.30 -12.05 | Inauguration session****10.30 -10.40****Welcome note, Setting the context | Subrata Chakraborty, CSE**

10.40 – 11.00

What it means to be water wise in a climate risked world

Sunita Narain, Director General, CSE

11.00-11.20

Enabling Sustainable and Resilient Systems through Water Circularity

Divyang Waghela, Deputy Head of Programmes, TATA TRUSTS

11.20-11.40

Special address - Rethinking the Water Ecosystem: Ensuring safe and secured water supply

Yugal Kishore Joshi, Programme Director, Water & Land, IT & Telecom, Culture & Tourism and Lead Communication, NITI Ayog

11.40 – 12.00

India's mission towards safe and sustainable rural drinking water

Ashok K K Meena (IAS), Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti

12.00 – 12.05

Vote of Thanks | Sushmita Sengupta, CSE

12.05-12.20 | TEA BREAK

12.20- 13.00 | PANEL 1

Greywater management solutions for protecting the water sources

CHAIR

JOSEPH RAVI KUMAR

Former Sr. Water and Sanitation Specialist
World Bank

PANEL

RAJESH SINGH

Scientist E
National Institute of Hydrology, Ministry of Jal Shakti

SANJAY SINGH

Secretary
Parmarth Samaj Sevi Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh

BHARAT SINGH

Superindending Engineer
Panchayati Raj, Hisar

13.00 – 14.00 PM | LUNCH BREAK

14.00 – 15.00 | PANEL 2

Securing drinking water in villages through source protection and recharge - Success stories from the states

CHAIR

NITIN KHADE (IAS)

Joint Secretary
Department of Land Resources,
Ministry of Rural Development

CO-CHAIR

A. MURALIDHARAN

Deputy Advisor
Drinking Water & Sanitation, Water & Land Resources,
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T.B.N. SINGH

Member
Central Groundwater Board

RAJENDRA PRASAD

Joint Director
Watershed Development and Soil Conservation, Rajasthan

LALIT MOHAN SHARMA

Advisor
Sehgal Foundation, Haryana

15.00 -15.15

Conclusion and way forward | Sushmita Sengupta, CSE