

BLUE STAGE



Day 1, Wednesday, September 09, 2026

10:00 - 12:00 Hrs. Inaugural Ceremony

12:00 - 13:30 Hrs. Opening Plenary Session

One Water, One City, One Future: Reimagining Urban Water for Viksit Bharat 2047

12:00 – 12:05 Hrs. Welcome Remarks: Ms. Usha Garg, Associate Director, Government and Public Services – Health, Human and Social Services, KPMG in India

12:05 - 12:15 Hrs. Setting the Context: Why One Water Matters for India's Urban Future
Mr. Sandeep Paidi, Partner & Lead- Health, Human and Social Services, Government And Public Services, KPMG in India

12:15 - 12:25 Hrs. Opening Remarks: Accelerating Urban Water Resilience: AMRUT 2.0 and the Path to Viksit Bharat 2047
Smt. Isha Kalia, IAS, Joint Secretary (AMRUT), Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs

12:25 - 13:30 Hrs. Mega Cities Water Alliance: Indian Leadership in Urban Water Security

Moderator: Prof. Srinivas Chary Vedala, CEO, Sustainability, Circularity and Innovation (SCI) Hub and Senior Expert & Advisor, KPMG in India

- **Dr. Manjula N, IAS**, Chairperson, BWSSB, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- **Dr. Vipin Sharma, IAS**, Additional Municipal Commissioner, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)
- **Mr. T. Anand, IAS**, MD, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB)
- **Ms. Divya Murugesan, IAS**, Joint Municipal Commissioner of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation
- **Mr. Mayank Mittal, IAS**, Joint Managing Director, Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB)
- **Mr. Dalbir Singh**, Chief Engineer, Delhi Jal Board
- **Shri S. Suresh Kumar, IAS**, Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh

13:30 - 14:30 Hrs. Break & Networking

14:30 - 15:00 Hrs. Leaders' Dialogue: Shaping Water-Secure Cities

Moderator: **Smt. Utkarsha Kavadi**, Sr. Executive Director, All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIIILSG)

Speakers:

- **Dr. Lena Robra**, Head of Academic Engagement, Swissnex, Consulate General of Switzerland
- **Ms. Laura Sustersic**, Project Director, GIZ India
- **Ms. Kerstin Peckl**, Deputy Trade Commissioner, Austrian Embassy
- **Mr. Thierry Van Helden**, Deputy Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

15:00 - 17:00 Hrs. **Technical & Strategic Sessions: Advancing Water Security through Finance and Digital Utilities**

15:00 - 15:45 Hrs. **Financing the Future Cities: Mobilizing Urban Water Investments**

Moderator: **Mr. Kumar Saket**, Associate Partner, KPMG in India

Speakers:

- **Shri. Arun Mahesh Babu, IAS**, Commissioner, Vadodara Municipal Corporation
- **Mr. David Malcolm Lord**, Lead, Water Supply & Sanitation, World Bank
- **Mr. Sanjay Diwaker Joshi**, Principal Urban Development, Specialist, Asian Development Bank
- **Mr. Himanshu Gulliani**, EVP- Head Strategy, NaBFID

15:45 - 16:30 Hrs. **Circular Water Economy & Smart Utilities**

Moderator: **Dr. Prasanna Jogeo**, South Asia Engagement Manager, International Water Association (IWA)

Speakers:

- **Mr. Jean-Martin**, Head of the Singapore Water Center (SWC)
- **Mr. Irshaad Hakim**, Executive Vice President, Asia-Pacific (APAC) Region, Veolia Water Tech
- **Shri V. K. Chaurasia**, Advisor, CPHEEO

16:30 – 16:55 Hrs. **Optimizing Urban Water Supply through NRW Reduction & Preventive Maintenance**

Moderator: **Shri Rohit Kakkar**, Jt. Advisor, CPHEEO

Speakers:

- **Shri P.V.V. Satyanarayana Raju**, Chief Engineer, GVMC, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- **Shri Sudhir S**, Chief Engineer (IP R &D), BWSSB, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- **Shri T. Vijaya Kumar**, City Engineer, Coimbatore Corporation, Tamil Nadu
- **Smt. Shweta Banerjee**, Superintending Engineer, NMC, Nagpur, Maharashtra

16:55- 17:00 Hrs. **Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks**

Day 2, Thursday, September 10, 2026

10:30 - 11:30 Hrs. **Blended Finance and Corporate Philanthropy as Investment Enabler in Water Sector**

Moderator: Mr. Tejas Pol, Director, KPMG in India

Speakers:

- **Prof. Srinivas Chary Vedala**, CEO, Sustainability, Circularity and Innovation (SCI) Hub and Senior Expert & Advisor, KPMG India
- **Ms. Laura Sustersic**, Project Director, GIZ India
- **Mr. Kiran Avadhanula**, Senior Sector Specialist, Sustainable Urban Development, KfW Development Bank
- **Mr. Gyan Prakash, Director**, The Blended Finance Company
- **Ms. Kaveri Dhawan**, Associate Director, Urban Sanitation, Dasra

11:30 - 12:30 Hrs. **Smart Water Network (SWAN) Forum Session**

Part A: Adapting Global Smart Water Success Stories for Indian Cities

Context: How international models for leak detection, network monitoring, and utility digitization can be localized to fit India's infrastructure, regulatory, and operational realities.

Moderator: Mr. Fredrick Royan, Co-Chair of the SWAN India Alliance and Associate Partner at Frost & Sullivan

Panelists:

Mr. Sanjay Neogi, Managing Director for Utilities, Sand Tech
Mr. Phil Tomlinson, Chief Revenue Officer at FIDO Tech
Mr. Andreas Bosel, Managing Director, Nivus Technologies (India)
Mr. Cillian O'Neill, Digital Water Expert, Qatium

Part B: From India to the World – Scaling Homegrown Smart Water Pioneers

Context: What it takes for Indian smart water innovators to scale domestically and become export-ready solutions for global markets.

Moderator: Ms. Raveena Shinde, India Manager, SWAN

Panelists:

- **Mr. Santosh Bendkhale**, Founder, Drop by Drop Systems
- **Mr. Sridhar Tummala**, Founder and CEO of BCITS
- **Mr. Krishna Prasad G**, Director, Sales & Marketing, Ripple Smart Metering Ltd
- **Mr. Nandakumar E**, CEO, International Centre for Clean Water (ICCW)

12:30 - 13:30 Hrs.

Scaling Water Reuse: Role of Private Players, Bridging Infrastructure Gaps, Financing Challenges, and Market Acceptability

Moderator: **Mr. Kumar Saket**, Associate Partner, KPMG in India

Speakers:

- **Dr. Binu Francis**, IAS, Joint Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority
- **Dr. Ajit Salvi**, Director (RCUES of AILSG, Mumbai) and Former Deputy Chief Engineer (Sewerage Operation), Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)
- **Mr. Irshaad Hakim**, Executive Vice President, Asia-Pacific (APAC) Region, Veolia Water Tech
- **Ms. Meghana Rao Pahlajani**, Technical lead (2030 WRG), World Bank
- **Ms. Charlotte Christian**, Asia Editor, Global Water Intelligence
- **Mr. Mitch Donnelly**, CEO Fido Tech, UK

13:30 – 14:00 Hrs.

Break & Networking

14:00 - 15:00 Hrs.

Use. Treat. Repeat. – German Technologies for Water Reuse in India

Moderator: **Mr. Christian Schepers**, Export Manager Hermann Sewerin GmbH

Speakers:

- **Mr. Akhil Bhosale**, Manager Product and Quality, Roediger Vacuum GmbH
- **Mr. Axel Wenzel**, Director Sales Export, NIVUS GmbH
- **Mr. Nikesh Parsan Zachariah**, International Sales and Business Development, Binder GmbH
- **Mr. Tobias Steube**, CEO, Berghof Membranes Technology GmbH
- **Mr. Narendra Pratap Singh**, Sales Leader (India), Water & Membrane Solutions MANN+HUMMEL

15:00 -16:00 Hrs.

Global Utility Knowledge Sharing: Driving Innovation, Resilience, and Transformation

Moderator: **Mr. Sumouleendra Ghosh**, Partner, G & PS-HHSS, KPMG in India

Speakers:

- **Mr. Rajiv Ranjan Mishra**, IAS (Retd) Chief Advisor National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)

- **Shri Rajesh Sukumar Toppo**, IAS, Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Chhattisgarh
- **Shri Er. Debabrata Mohanty**, Managing Director, Water Corporation of Odisha, Government of Odisha
- **Ms. Amrutha Venugopal**, Global VP, Water and Waste Vertical, Siemens
- **Mr. Siddharth Desai**, Joint MD, Kishor Pumps

16:00 -17:00 Hrs.

**Strengthening Water Services Through Jan Bhagidari
(Community-Led Governance)**

Moderator: Mr. Rajesh Kumar, OSD, Lohiya SBA, Bihar, Government of Bihar

Speakers:

- **Dr. Barsha Poricha**, Director Technical Head, Centre for Urban and Regional Excellence (CURE)
- **Yusuf Kabir**, Program Specialist, Climate and Environment, WASH Section, UNICEF India Country Office
- **Prof Bineesha Payattati**, Executive Director, International Institute of Waste Management (IIWM)
- **Mr Chinmay Tripathy**, CEO, Ecometrix

17:00 -18:00 Hrs.

From Water Compliance to Water Stewardship: Driving Business Resilience in a Water-Risk World session by International Water Association (IWA)

Moderator: Dr. Prasanna Jogdeo, IWA South Asia Engagement Manager, IWA

Speakers:

- **Mr. Tejas Pol**, Director, KPMG in India
- **Mr. Santosh Bhaskaruni**, Business Unit Head – Water Tech, Vassar Labs
- **Mr. Pushkar Kanhare**, Sr. Scientist Hallstar