

Newsletter

AWWA India Association serves as a forum for thought and practice leaders in the water industry. Activities going on in the current quarter are published in this Newsletter. This is a regular quarterly publication that provides information about a business, organization or topic to its subscribers/members of interest in the water sector.

This third quarter of 2024 was full about expanding networks for AWWA India Association (AIA). It has been a remarkable time for AIA as it has enrolled more than 300+ members and continues to grow.

WEBINARS:

On 29th August 2024 AIA conducted a webinar on “Corrosion Protection for assets in Water Utility”. The webinar was jointly hosted by AWWA India and AMPP, USA. The one-hour webinar focused on Cathodic protection system, anti-corrosion, design and use of coating systems and solution to the corrosion issues associated with Water, Corrosion Protection and Control – Techniques & best practices.

Featured Speakers were Mr. K B Singh (Coatings & Cathodic Protection Consultant, ASME India), Mr. Dudley J. Primeaux II (Owner & Operator, Primeaux Associates LLC) and Mr. Ashvin Patel (Founder, SARK EPC Projects Pvt Ltd) shared their knowledge on the subject. The webinar’s interactive sessions, characterized by a vibrant exchange of questions and answers, reflected the enthusiasm and engagement of the participants.

Video of the webinar is now available at the AIA website: www.awwa-india.org

This quarter ended up with, AWWA India 3rd Annual International Conference & Exhibition (AICE24) held from 18th September – 20th September, 2024 at Caravela Beach Resort, Goa. The conference was well attended by various water professionals from more than 15 states of India with varied background including students.

The AICE24 was jointly supported by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and National Institute of Oceanography (NIO). The conference was made remarkable by the presence of Chief Guests like Dr. V K





Chaurasia, Advisor CPHEEO, MoUHA, GOI, Mr. Patrick J. Kerr (Past President, AWWA, USA), Mr. Uttam Parsekar (Principal Chief Engineer, PWD, Goa) and Dr. Sanil Kumar V (Chief Scientist, CSIR-NIO, Goa). We were honored to have a special welcome address by Madam D Thara, Additional Secretary of Amrut 2.0, MoUHA, GOI. Her insights emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts of global water professionals in transforming India's water future. Concept of AIA being a bridge to water professionals in India, USA and other countries was addressed by Ms. D. Thara. She mentioned that this will enhance knowledge and know how to develop sustainable water infrastructure in India.

A preconference workshop was also conducted on the 18th September 2024 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM which was attended by more than 80 water professionals. Dr. Snehalatha Mekala from ASCI, Hyderabad including other speakers from Odisha, Coimbatore, experts from USA, presented and deliberated in the Workshop. A case study on Implementation of 24/7 Water Supply, followed by the panel discussion on the role of private sector and innovations in achieving Drink from Tap, which was moderated by Dr Ramakant, CPHEEO.

During the two-day programme (19th – 20th September 2024), the AICE24 had nine technical sessions with over 40 speakers from the industry. The entire schedule of the programme was designed in such a manner so as to cover the various topics like Sustainable Water Management, Climate Change and its Impacts on Water Resources, Women in Water, Water Quality and Monitoring Coastal, IoT, and Rural Water Supply Challenges, to name a few.

Twelve Exhibit booths from various companies further enhanced the knowledge of the participants on the latest technologies. The conference included student's poster presentation from institutes like IIT, Kharagpur and were well received on the research being conducted at IIT.



AICE24 provided a platform for experts, researchers, manufacturers, government officials and practicing water professionals to share knowledge, discuss recent developments, network with peers, and collaborate on new ideas.

AWWAIndia Association has announced its 4th Annual Conference AICE25 at Indore in December 2025.

You will always be MISSED Mr. Kardile!!



During the month of September, AWWAIndia Team lost one of its most important team members – Sh. Shirish Jayant Kardile. On 28th September, 2024 we woke up with the news that Mr. Kardile is no more with us. He was a very passionate water professional and responsible for the formation of AWWAIndia Association for which he worked tirelessly for more than a decade. His knowledge on water treatment will be sorely missed in India

Through his acts of compassion, generosity, and understanding, we can perpetuate the essence of who he was, ensuring that his presence continues to illuminate our lives and those of others in the water sector and beyond.

As AWWAIndia Association continues to forge ahead, the call to promote its membership is an opportunity for water professionals to be part of a dynamic and supportive community. The association's dedication to providing a platform for knowledge sharing, professional development, and advocacy in the water sector is unwavering.

July – September 2024 has been a quarter of learning, collaboration, networking and community building for AWWAIndia Association. The association looks forward to continuing its mission to empower water utility professionals and contribute to the sustainable management of water resources in India. Let's join hands in promoting the membership of AWWAIndia Association and be part of this transformative journey. Together, we can make a difference in the water sector of India and beyond.

To become AIA member, please log on to
www.awwa-india.org or write into **info@awwa-india.org**.
We are looking forward to this collaboration.