



First Circular INC-IAH National Seminar



on

“Water Management for the Sustainable Groundwater use –A journey from Vedic Age to Modern Age”

March 16th to 17th 2026



Jointly Organised

by



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About Seminar

The conference “Water Management for the Sustainable Groundwater Use – A Journey from Vedic Age to Modern Age”, is highly relevant as it seeks to reconnect ancient Indian water wisdom with contemporary hydrogeological science. From the Vedic reverence for water as a sacred and finite resource to community-managed tanks, stepwells, and recharge systems, traditional practices emphasized sustainability, harmony with nature, and collective responsibility. Integrating these principles with modern tools such as geospatial technologies, groundwater modeling, and climate-responsive planning can provide holistic and culturally rooted solutions to today’s water crisis.

The primary objective of the conference is to examine the evolution of water and groundwater management practices across historical periods and to identify lessons applicable to present-day challenges. The conference aims to promote integration of traditional knowledge with modern science, address issues of groundwater over-extraction, contamination, and climate change impacts, and highlight sustainable and climate-resilient management strategies. It also seeks to strengthen policy and governance frameworks, encourage community participation, and foster interdisciplinary dialogue among scientists, policymakers, practitioners, and stakeholders. Ultimately, the conference aims to generate actionable insights and recommendations that contribute to sustainable groundwater use and support national priorities and global water goals, including Sustainable Development Goal 6 – clear water and sanitation.



About INC-IAH

The International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH) is a scientific and educational charitable organisation of scientists, engineers, water managers and other professionals working in the fields of groundwater resource planning, management, and protection. Founded in 1956, it has grown to a world-wide membership of more than 5000 individuals from more than 132 countries including 40 Chapter countries. India is also a chapter country of IAH and is christened as Indian National Chapter of IAH (INC - IAH). INC – IAH present has 362 members in India.

About MMYVV



Maharishi Mahesh Yogi Vedic Vishwavidyalaya

Established by Madhya Pradesh Act No. 37 of 1995. Recognised under UGC Act Section 2 (F)



The Maharishi Mahesh Yogi Vedic Vishwavidyalaya is located at Karoundi Umariyapan in the district of the Katni, Madhya Pradesh and is the only university in the country imparting education in all forty aspects of Vedic Science and its technologies. MMYVV has also gained highest repute in introducing life oriented consciousness based-value based system of education in main stream of Modern Science. The campus is located at the geographical center of India.

Seminar Venue

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi Vedic Vishwavidyalaya
Brahmsthan Karaundi, Umariyapan,
Katni, Madhya Pradesh - 483332

How to reach

The nearest railway station is Katni Junction (~ 35km away), and the nearest airport is Jabalpur Airport (about 100 km away).

Proposed Technical Sessions

- T-I:** Water Wisdom of the Vedic and Ancient Indian Civilization
- T-II:** Traditional Water Management Systems and Community Stewardship
- T-III:** Evolution of Groundwater Science in the Colonial and Post-Independence Era
- T-IV:** Groundwater Development, Agriculture, and Food Security
- T-V:** Groundwater Depletion, Quality Degradation, and Climate Change Impacts
- T-VI:** Aquifer Mapping, Monitoring, and Assessment: Modern Scientific Tools
- T-VII:** Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) and Nature-Based Solutions
- T-VIII:** Policy, Governance, and Legal Frameworks for Sustainable Groundwater Management
- T-IX:** Community-Led and Participatory Groundwater Management Models
- T-X:** Urban Groundwater Management and Emerging Challenges
- T-XI:** Integrating Traditional Knowledge with Modern Science
- T-XII:** Future Pathways for Sustainable Groundwater Use in India

Pre-conference Workshop

A Preconference Workshop will be organised for young researchers on March 15, 2026 by Dr BS Chaudhary, Senior Professor and Chairman, Dept. of Geophysics, Kurukshetra University, Haryana and Dr Subhash Singh, Former Regional Director, CGWB, Bhopal on "Geophysical applications for groundwater exploration and management".

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Important Dates

Abstract Submission: An abstract, limited to a maximum of 300 words, should be submitted by 31st January 2026 to secretaryinciah@gmail.com, with a copy to vicepresidentasia.iah@gmail.com.

Registration Process

Participants can register through this link:

<https://forms.gle/xouSKQTEFnmey6pv7>

Registration Fee:

Rs 1000/- (For students and research scholar), Rs 2000/- (For IAH member), Non IAH Member (Rs. 2500), Rs 4000/ Corporate bodies.

Note: *Students and Research scholars shall be provided free boarding and lodging. Ten students and research scholars shall be given travel grant to meet their travel expenses.*