

World water day : water and jobs



Lecture by Er. Rajendrakumar V. Saraf, Director (Technical), IWWA to the audience

World Water Day, 2016 was celebrated on 22nd March, 2016 at International Centre Goa, Dona Paula with great enthusiasm and zeal by the members of **The Institution of Engineers (India), Goa State Centre jointly with Indian Water Works Association (IWWA), Goa Centre. Er. Rajendrakumar V. Saraf, Director (Technical), IWWA, and Chairman of Viraj Engineering India, was the keynote Speaker on this occasion.**

Er. Rajendrakumar V. Saraf highlighted the water related issues India faces. In keeping with the theme for the day **‘Water and Jobs’** he spoke of the job potential in the water industry and how qualified people in the country are not taking advantage of this.

Addressing the gathering, he brought out the facts of Better Water – Better Health – Better Jobs. He expressed that the economic growth and changing quality of life has increased aspirations to have more and better quality of water.

While commenting on the stake holders in Water Sectors, he emphasized the importance of jobs created at various levels right from treatment of water, marketing, operations, research and development and participation by NGO community including public awareness programme.

Talking on the usage of water, he introduced a new concept of water

footprint which measures the quantum of water required for production of one unit of material/product.

In his concluding remarks, Er. Saraf appealed the Members of The Institution of Engineers (India) as well as Indian Water Works Association to come forward and be partners in policy making for sustainable development of the country.

Earlier, Er. V.S. Sawant, Chairman of the IWWA, Goa Centre welcomed the gathering. Er. Bhobe, Hon. Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.

Er. Gurunath M. Naik Parrikar was the convenor of the Programme.

The programme was attended by about 50 Engineers from Government and private sectors.