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The core partners of this MOU include:

Australia	India
Western Sydney University (Lead)	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (Lead)
Deakin University	Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
Flinders University	GB Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar

Queensland University of Technology	Indian Institute of Science Bangalore
The University of Melbourne	Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
University of New South Wales	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee
The University of Western Australia	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad
University of Wollongong	Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology, Udaipur
Department of Environment and Water, Government of South Australia	National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee
	National Institute of Technology Surathkal
	SV National Institute of Technology Surat
	University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore
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	JSS Science and Technology University, Mysuru

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The above activities will be done through the following steps:

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Guwahati: IIT-Guwahati, along with University of Western Sydney and 21 partners from India and Australia, launched the Australia-India Water Centre.

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According to experts, India and Australia share water issues and challenges, including natural extremes of floods and droughts, increasing competition for water between urban, peri-urban and rural sectors

and increased threats to water security from climate change.

"There are also pressures due to the over-exploitation and water quality degradation of surface and groundwater resources," read a statement issued by IIT-Guwahati.

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आईआईटी ने पश्चिमी सिडनी विश्वविद्यालय के साथ किया आस्ट्रेलिया-भारत जल केंद्र का शुभारंभ

गुवाहाटी, 9 नवंबर (एस)। आईआईटी गुवाहाटी ने गत दिनों केंद्रीय मंत्री गजेन्द्र सिंह शेखावत की उपस्थिति में पश्चिमी सिडनी विश्वविद्यालय के साथ आस्ट्रेलिया-भारत जल केंद्र का शुभारंभ किया। आस्ट्रेलिया-भारत जल केंद्र का उद्घाटन गत 6 नवंबर को महामारी की स्थिति को देखते हुए एक वेबिनार के माध्यम से किया गया था। इस दौरान आस्ट्रेलिया के शिक्षा मंत्री डान तेहान, भारत सरकार के केंद्रीय मंत्री गजेन्द्र सिंह शेखावत, कर्नाटक सरकार के कृषि मंत्री बीसी पाटिल, आस्ट्रेलिया में भारतीय उच्चायुक्त ए गीतेश शर्मा, भारत में आस्ट्रेलियाई उच्चायुक्त बैरी ओफ्रेल एओ, आईआईटी गुवाहाटी के निदेशक प्रो. टीजी सीताराम और निदेशक, कुलपति, सभी साझेदार संस्थानों के डीन और कई अन्य गणमान्य व्यक्ति इस अवसर पर उपस्थित थे। वाटर सेंटर का नेतृत्व आस्ट्रेलिया के पश्चिमी सिडनी विश्वविद्यालय और भारत के आईआईटी



गुवाहाटी के साथ-साथ भारत और आस्ट्रेलिया के 21 अन्य साझेदार को शामिल किया गया है। इसके माध्यम से भारत और आस्ट्रेलिया के जल मुद्दे और चुनौतियां कई सामान्य तत्वों को साझा करती हैं, जिनमें बाढ़ और सूखे की प्राकृतिक विपदा, शहरी और ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के बीच पानी के लिए बढ़ती प्रतिस्पर्धा और जलवायु परिवर्तन से जल सुरक्षा के लिए बढ़ते खतरे शामिल हैं। सतह और भूजल संसाधनों के अति-दोहन और पानी की गुणवत्ता में गिरावट के कारण भी दबाव है। जून 2020 में आस्ट्रेलिया और भारत के प्रधानमंत्रियों के आभासी शिखर सम्मेलन में हाल ही में संयुक्त घोषणा में कहा गया है कि जल सुरक्षा दोनों देशों के लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण चुनौती है और इसे सुधारने के लिए पारस्परिक रूप से सहमत गतिविधियों पर नीति और तकनीकी सहयोग को गहरा करने का निर्णय लिया गया था। इसे देखते हुए आस्ट्रेलिया और भारत के कई विश्वविद्यालयों, शोध संगठनों और व्यापारिक साझेदारों ने आस्ट्रेलिया इंडिया वाटर सेंटर की स्थापना के लिए प्रतिबद्ध किया है। इस अवसर के दौरान हस्ताक्षरित एमओयू ने पार्टियों के बीच आस्ट्रेलिया इंडिया वाटर सेंटर के लिए सहयोग की समझ स्थापित करने का प्रयास किया। आस्ट्रेलिया भारत जल केंद्र आस्ट्रेलियाई और भारतीय भागीदारों को अवसरों का पता लगाने और दोनों देशों के बीच अनुसंधान और शिक्षा में एक दीर्घकालिक सहयोग के लिए तालमेल बनाने में सक्षम करेगा। विशेष रूप से, पार्टियों को यह अनुमान है कि जल अनुसंधान में सहयोग, जल वायदा में एक संयुक्त मास्टर स्टार का कार्यक्रम, छात्र और कर्मचारी आदान-प्रदान, कार्यशालाएं और सम्मेलन शामिल होंगे और सरकारी एजेंसियों और अन्य प्रतिभागियों को जल क्षेत्र में अल्पकालिक प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करेंगे। एमओयू (पांच साल की अवधि के लिए हस्ताक्षरित) के भीतर प्रस्तावित गतिविधियां जल अनुसंधान, क्षमता निर्माण और ज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी हस्तांतरण में दीर्घकालिक सहयोग विकसित करने के लिए हैं।

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జల భద్రతపై సంయుక్త పరిశోధనలు

కలిసి పనిచేయనున్న
భారత్-ఆస్ట్రేలియా విద్యాసంస్థలు

ఈనాడు, గువాహటి: సురక్షితమైన తాగు నీటి సరఫరా, నదుల పరిరక్షణ, నగరాల్లో నీటి ఎద్దడి నివారణ, జల సంరక్షణ వంటి లక్ష్యాల సాధనతో పాటు భవిష్యత్తులో ఎదురయ్యే నీటి సమస్యల పరిష్కారానికి అవసరమైన పరిశోధనలు, సూత్ర సాంకేతికతల అవిష్కరణలు కోసం కలిసి పనిచేయాలని భారత్-ఆస్ట్రేలియాల్లోని 22 ప్రముఖ విద్యా సంస్థలు నిర్ణయించాయి. మన దేశంలోని

విద్యాసంస్థలకు ఐఐటి-గువాహటి, ఆస్ట్రేలియాలోని విద్యాసంస్థలకు వెస్ట్రన్ సిడ్నీ యూనివర్సిటీ నేతృత్వం వహించనున్నాయి. దీనిలో భాగంగా 'ఆస్ట్రేలియా-ఇండియా వాటర్ సెంటర్'ను ఇటీవల నిర్వహించిన ఓ వెటినర్ సందర్భంగా వర్చువల్ గా ప్రారంభించినట్లు ఐఐటి-గువాహటి డైరెక్టర్ ప్రొఫెసర్ టి.జి.సీతారామ్ వెల్లడించారు. భారత్ తరపున పొల్గానే సంస్థల్లో ఇండియన్ ఇన్స్టిట్యూట్ ఆఫ్ సైన్స్(బెంగళూరు), గువాహటి, ఖరగ్ పూర్ ఐఐటీ లతో పాటు జేఎన్టీయూ(హైదరాబాద్), ఔరంగజేబ్ హిందూ యూనివర్సిటీ (వారణాసి) ఉన్నాయి.

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IIT Guwahati launches Australia-India Water Centre along with University

Australia-India Water Centre was inaugurated virtually through a Webinar, in view of the pandemic situation, on November 6, 2020 (Friday).

Hon'ble Minister Mr. Dan Tehan, Minister for Education - Government of Australia, Hon'ble Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Jal Shakti - Government of India, Hon'ble Shri B. C. Patil, Minister of Agriculture - Government of Karnataka, His Excellency Shri A. Gitesh Sarma, Indian High Commissioner to Australia, His Excellency Barry O'Farrell AO, Australian High Commissioner to India, Prof T. G. Sitharam, Director – IIT Guwahati, and Directors, Vice Chancellors, Deans of all the partner institutions and many other dignitaries were virtually present on this occasion. The Water Centre is led by University of Western Sydney from Australia and IIT Guwahati from India along with 21 other partners from India and Australia.

The water issues and challenges of India and Australia share many common elements, including natural extremes of floods and droughts, increasing competition for water between urban, peri-urban and rural sectors and increased threats to water security from climate change. There are also pressures due to the over-exploitation and water quality degradation of surface and groundwater resources. The recent joint declaration at the virtual summit of the Prime Ministers of Australia and India, in June 2020 stated that "Water security is a critical challenge for both countries, and it was jointly decided to deepen policy and technical cooperation on mutually agreed activities to improve water management and sustainable economic development." With this in view, a number of universities, research organisations and business partners from Australia and India have committed to establish the Australia India Water Centre (AIWC).

The MoU signed during this occasion attempts to establish an understanding of cooperation for the Australia India Water Centre (AIWC) between the parties. The Australia India Water Centre will enable Australian and Indian partners to explore opportunities and create synergy for a longer-term collaboration in research and education between the two countries. In particular, the parties anticipate this will include collaboration in water research, a joint Master's level program in water futures, student and staff exchanges, workshops and conferences and provide short-term training in water sector to government agencies and other participants.

The proposed activities within the MoU (signed for a duration of five years) are to develop longer-term collaboration in water research, capacity building and knowledge and technology transfer, particularly focusing on water and food security, safe drinking water supplies, river health, water-energy-food nexus, water for liveable cities and other related aspects of mutual benefits to Australia and India through:

The development of tools and techniques to tackle future water and food security challenges including improved management of groundwater, springs, storm water and coastal reservoirs

Establishment of a joint Master's level program in water resources management
Capacity building/training programs for government department staff, policy makers, NGOs and industry personnel

Promotion of transdisciplinary research and training approach in research and training/educational program

Promotion of water expertise of the Centre partners which expands engagement and networking internationally

Speaking at the webinar organized on this occasion, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Government of India, said, "I am delighted to inaugurate the Australia India Water Center (AIWC) to promote water related research, teaching and training between the two countries in the presence of officials and experts from the water sector of India and Australia. My wishes for making this collaboration towards water sustainability successful!"

Highlighting the benefits of this partnership, Prof. T. G. Sitharam, Director, IIT Guwahati, said, "Water is likely to play a key economic and strategic role in the future. This Centre will focus on collaboration in transdisciplinary research, capacity building and knowledge and technology transfer, particularly on aspects of water and food security, safe drinking water supplies, river health, water-energy-food nexus, water for liveable cities and other related facets of mutual benefits to Australia and India"

The core partners of this MOU include:

Australia	India
Western Sydney University (Lead)	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (Lead)
Deakin University	Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
Flinders University	GB Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar

Queensland University of Technology	Indian Institute of Science Bangalore
The University of Melbourne	Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
University of New South Wales	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee
The University of Western Australia	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad
University of Wollongong	Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology, Udaipur
Department of Environment and Water, Government of South Australia	National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee
	National Institute of Technology Surathkal
	SV National Institute of Technology Surat
	University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore
	Institute of Rural Management, Anand
	Indian Institute of Information Technology Dharwad
	JSS Science and Technology University, Mysuru

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IIT Guwahati teams up with University of Western Sydney; launches Australia-India Water Centre

Australia-India Water Centre was inaugurated virtually through a Webinar, in view of the pandemic situation, on Friday, November 6, 2020. Many dignitaries were virtually attending the event, including Dan Tehan, Minister for Education - Government of Australia, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Jal Shakti - Government of India, Indian High Commissioner to Australia, His Excellency Barry O'Farrell AO, Australian High Commissioner to India, Prof T. G. Sitharam, Director IIT Guwahati, and Directors, Vice-Chancellors, Deans of all the partner institutions.

Common areas of discussion between India and Australia

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MoU signed for the Australia India Water Centre

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The proposed activities within the MoU (signed for a duration of five years) are to develop longer-term collaboration in water research, capacity building, and knowledge and technology transfer, particularly focusing on water and food security, safe drinking water supplies, river health, water-energy-food nexus, water for liveable cities and other related aspects of mutual benefits to Australia and India through:

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Master's in Water Resource Management

Establishment of a joint Master's level program in water resources management
Capacity building/training programs for government department staff, policymakers, NGOs and industry personnel

Promotion of transdisciplinary research and training approach in research and training/educational program

Promotion of water expertise of the Centre partners which expands engagement and networking internationally

Speaking at the webinar organized on this occasion, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Government of India, said, "I am delighted to inaugurate the Australia India Water Center (AIWC) to promote water-related research, teaching, and training between the two countries in the presence of officials and experts from the water sector of India and Australia. My wishes for making this collaboration towards water sustainability successful!"

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IIT Guwahati-led Australia-India Water Centre inaugurated virtually

- The Australia-India Water Centre (AIWC) has been inaugurated virtually through a Webinar recently to promote water-related research, teaching, and training between the two countries
- The Water Centre will be led by University of Western Sydney from Australia and IIT Guwahati from India.
- Apart from this, it would have 21 other partners from India and Australia.
- A 5-year MoU has been signed to establish an understanding of cooperation for the Australia India Water Centre (AIWC) between the parties.
- Under this MOU, both the parties will work to develop longer-term collaboration in water research, capacity building, and knowledge and technology transfer, particularly focusing on water and food security, safe drinking water supplies, river health, water-energy-food nexus, water for liveable cities and other related aspects of mutual benefits to Australia and India.

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IIT-G, Australian university launch water centre

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GUWAHATI, Nov 10: The Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IIT-G) along with the University of Western Sydney, recently launched the Australia-India Water Centre (AIWC), stated a delayed press release.

The AIWC will be led by the University of Western Sydney from Australia and by IIT-G from India along with 21 other partners from both the countries.

The AIWC was inaugurated virtually through a webinar on November 6 in view of the pandemic situation.

Australian Minister for Education Dan Tehan, Union Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Indian High Commissioner to Australia Anumula Gitesh Sarma, Australian High Commissioner to India Barry O'Farrell AO, IIT-G Director Prof TG Sitharam, and directors, vice chancellors and deans of all the partner institutions, among others, were virtually present on the occasion.

The memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed during the occasion attempts to establish an understanding of cooperation for the AIWC between the parties.

The AIWC will enable Australian and Indian partners to explore opportunities and

create synergy for a longer-term collaboration in research and education between the two countries.

"In particular, the parties anticipate that this will include collaboration in water research, a joint Master's level programme in water futures, student and staff exchanges, workshops and conferences and provide short-term training in the water sector to government agencies and other participants. The proposed activities within the MoU, signed for a duration of five years, are to develop longer-term collaboration in water research, capacity building and knowledge and technology transfer, particularly focusing on water and food security, safe drinking water supplies, river health, water-energy-food nexus, water for livable cities and other related aspects of mutual benefits to Australia and India....," the statement said.

Speaking at the webinar organised on this occasion, Shekhawat said, "I am delighted to inaugurate the AIWC to promote water-related research, teaching and training between the two countries in the presence of officials and experts from the water sector of India and Australia."

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Australia-India Water Centre inaugurated: Significance and all you need to know!

The Australia-India Water Centre was inaugurated virtually on November 6, 2020 through a webinar in the view of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Water Centre is an initiative led by IIT Guwahati, University of Western Sydney from Australia and 21 other partners from India and Australia.

Several dignitaries attended the event including Australia's Minister of Education Dan Tehan, India's Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Indian High Commissioner to Australia Gitesh Sarma, Australian High Commissioner to India Barry O'Farrell and Director of IIT Guwahati Prof. T. G. Sitharam.

The idea behind the formation of Australia-India Water Centre

A joint declaration issued after the virtual summit between the Prime Ministers of the two nations in June 2020, stated that water security is a critical challenge for both countries. Hence, both the leaders jointly agreed to deepen technical cooperation to improve water management and sustainable economic development.

Keeping this in view, several universities, research organisations and business partners from Australia and India committed to establish the Australia India Water Centre (AIWC). An MoU was signed during the occasion, which attempted to establish an understanding of cooperation for the Australia India Water Centre (AIWC) between the parties.

Australia-India Water Centre: Key Highlights

- The Australia India Water Centre will enable partners from both nations to jointly explore opportunities to pave way for long-term collaboration in research and education.
- The Australia India Water Centre will mainly offer opportunities including:
 - Collaboration in water research
 - A joint Master's level programme in water future

- Exchange programmes for student and staff, workshops
- Conferences and short-term training in water sector to government agencies and other participants
- The MoU for the same has been signed for five years and it proposes to develop longer-term collaboration in transdisciplinary water research, capacity building and knowledge and technology transfer, especially focusing on aspects of water and food security, safe drinking water supplies, river health, water-energy-food nexus, water for liveable cities and other related aspects that will mutually benefit both the nations.
- The agreement also proposes to enable joint development of tools and techniques to tackle future water and food security challenges such as improving the management of groundwater, springs, stormwater, and coastal reservoirs.

Significance

The Australia India Water Center (AIWC) will promote water-related research, teaching and training between India and Australia.

Background

India and Australia face many common water-related issues and challenges including natural extremes of floods and droughts, increasing competition for water between urban, peri-urban and rural sectors and increased threats to water security from climate change. Both nations also face the threat of over-exploitation and water quality degradation of surface and groundwater resources.