Hon’ble Union Minister of Jal Shakti to Inaugurate the National Conference on Integrated River, Reservoir & Dam Systems at CWPRS Pune

Over 300 Delegates from Across the Country Expected to Participate

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The Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS), Pune, under the aegis of the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, in association with the Indian Society for Hydraulics (ISH) and with the support of the National Water Mission (NWM), is organising the National Conference on Integrated River, Reservoir & Dam Systems (IRRDS–2026) on 19–20 November 2026 at CWPRS, Pune. Centred on the theme “Connecting Rivers, Reservoirs & Dams for a Resilient Water Future”, the Conference will provide a national platform for policymakers, senior administrators, scientists, engineers, researchers, dam owners, project authorities, academia and industry to deliberate on emerging priorities in water resources development and management.

The inaugural function on 19 November 2026 will be graced by Shri C. R. Paatil, Hon’ble Union Minister of Jal Shakti, as the Chief Guest, and Dr. Raj Bhushan Choudhary, Hon’ble Minister of State for Jal Shakti, as the Guest of Honour. The Conference will be held under the patronage of Smt. Archana Varma, IAS, Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, whose presence and guidance will lend special significance to the occasion. The inaugural function will also be graced by Shri Anupam Prasad, Chairman, Central Water Commission, and Dr. M. Selva Balan, Director, CWPRS, along with other distinguished dignitaries and senior representatives of Central and State Government organisations.

The two-day programme will comprise Plenary sessions, keynote addresses, expert lectures and discussions across six thematic areas: Integrated River Basin and Reservoir Systems; Climate Resilience and Extreme Events; Dam Health,

Safety and Resilient Infrastructure; Integrated Reservoir Sediment Management; Advanced Survey and Digital Technologies; and Hydraulic Structures and Spillways.

In addition to the inaugural programme, the Hon'ble Union Minister will chair an online review meeting on "Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari: Catch the Rain (CTR)", with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra joining virtually. The meeting is expected to involve the Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources, Government of Maharashtra, Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary and other officers of the State Water Resources Department, District Magistrates, Divisional Forest Officers and Municipal Commissioners. The review will provide an opportunity to take stock of water conservation initiatives and strengthen coordinated efforts towards sustainable water management.

The Hon'ble Union Minister will also review the progress of studies undertaken by CWPRS in connection with the Kalpasar Project, followed by visits to selected physical models and research facilities.

CWPRS and the Indian Society for Hydraulics look forward to welcoming the distinguished dignitaries, experts and delegates to Pune for IRRDS–2026.

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