

Newsletter

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Welcome to the AWWAIndia Quarterly Newsletter!

Dear Reader,

Welcome to our next edition of newsletter of 2026! We are delighted to share the latest updates and highlights from April - June 2026. This quarterly publication keeps our water sector community informed about key activities, events, and developments within our organisation and across the industry. We hope you enjoy this issue and stay connected with the latest advancements and opportunities in the water sector.

AWWA Conference — ACE26, Washington D.C.

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) has recently concluded its Annual Conference in the month of June 2026, on the theme "Water Heroes". The Annual Conference & Exposition was held in Washington, D.C., USA, June 21–24, 2026.

This international gathering brings together water professionals, policy makers, engineers, researchers, and innovators from across the globe. ACE26 will feature over **400+ premier presentations**, 450+ exhibitors, and 10,000+ attendees from 45+ countries, covering topics on smart water networks, climate resilience, digital innovation, water quality, finance, and regulations.

Of the many delegates who attended from India, we would like to share the experience of AWWAIndia members those who attended the ACE26 conference at USA.

According to **Ms. Monalisa Panda**, who is the Managing Director of Sai Bio Care and a member of AWWAIndia Association (AIA):

"I am the first timer to ACE26 but felt very much included by AWWA in every possible way . The sessions are well crafted and I especially enjoyed the world Bank session. The exhibition was way more meaningful and opened opportunities for collaboration and business for Sai BioCare Pvt.Ltd.

Being proud member of AWWAIndia Association the international sessions and reception are memorable"



GLIMPSES OF INTERNATIONAL UTILITY LEADERS FORUM MEETING



A glimpse of Ms. Monalisa at ACE26 with AWWA President Heather Collins

According to **Mr. Arun Kumar, Professor, IIT Roorkee**, ***“An extra ordinary large annual conference of AWWA having over 20 parallel sessions each day and huge number of exhibitors is a good experience of meeting water distribution, treatment, fire hydrants, monitoring, metering, condition assessment, regulatory etc. professionals of North America”.***

Mr. Kumar added, Happy to meet at international lounge Mr. Nilaksh Kothari who was not only past president of AWWA but also a mentor for AWWAIndia Association living in USA. Also met Dr Sudhir Kshirsagar who works in USA but have deep interest in Indian Water management sector. Ms Monalisa Panda from Bhubaneshwar and Shri Saamir Kadakia from Vadodara

manufacturer, exhibitors from India were Rashmi Group DI Pipe Manufacture and Ripple Smart metering, Hyderabad.



(From left to right) Ms. Monalisa Panda, Mr. Nilaksh Kothari, Mr. Arun Kumar at ACE26

Upcoming Events

In its six years of existence, AWWAIndia Association has successfully conducted Annual International Conferences and Exhibitions in Varanasi, Jaipur, Goa and Indore — each with the support and association of **MoHUA** and **CPHEEO**. With a growing membership of over **400+ water professionals** across India, AIA continues to build a vibrant community of practice in the water sector.

AWWAIndia Association will be conducting its 5th Annual International Conference & Exhibition — AICE26 — at Hotel The Ashok, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi on 2nd - 3rd November 2026. This milestone conference will once again serve as a premier platform for water professionals, researchers, government officials, industry leaders, and students to share knowledge, present technical work, network with peers, and collaborate on solutions for India's water challenges. Call for abstracts and Registration to the conference are open. For more details, visit www.awwaindia.org

Stay Updated

Visit www.awwaindia.org for the latest on AICE26 dates, themes, call for abstracts and registration. Email info@awwaindia.org to express interest in presenting, sponsoring, or volunteering.

AICE26
ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

Shaping India's Water Future

INNOVATION RESILIENCE SUSTAINABILITY SECURITY

DATES
2nd & 3rd November, 2026

VENUE
Hotel The Ashok, Diplomatic Enclave, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, India

ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS
Opens 1st July 2026 - closes on 31st August 2026.



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Following are the topics for abstracts submission:

- * Supply & Utilities
- * Wastewater & Reuse
- * Smart Systems
- * Ecosystems & Resilience
- * Governance & Community

Call for abstracts opens: 1st July, 2026 and closes: 31st August, 2026

AWWAIndia Association remains committed to advancing knowledge sharing, professional development, and advocacy in India's water sector. We invite all water professionals — engineers, planners, scientists, students, and administrators — to join our growing network and contribute to building a water-secure India.

AWWAIndia Young Professionals Revives Chapter at IIT, Roorkee

The AWWAIndia Young Professionals (YP) Committee successfully revived the Young Professionals Chapter at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee, marking another step towards strengthening academia-industry collaboration in India's water sector.

The session was led by Mr. Abhishek Jadhav, Chairman, AWWAIndia YP, along with Mr. Shubham Kitkule, Vice Chair. The programme also featured virtual addresses by Mr. Hemen Patel, Chairman, AWWAIndia, and Ms. Mridula, Executive Committee Member, AWWAIndia, who shared their vision for engaging young professionals and strengthening the future water workforce.

The presentation introduced students and research scholars to AWWA's global legacy, AWWAIndia's initiatives, Young Professionals membership, mentorship opportunities, and avenues for technical and professional development in the water sector.

AWWAIndia extends its sincere appreciation to Prof. Arun Kumar for his invaluable support and leadership in facilitating this collaboration and the successful revival of the chapter. The enthusiastic participation of students and faculty made the session highly engaging and marked an important milestone in building the next generation of water leaders through stronger industry-academia partnerships.



YP session at IIT, Roorkee - Mr. Abhishek Jadhav, Chairman, AWWAIndia YP, Mr. Shubham Kitkule, Vice Chair

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Looking Ahead

As AWWAIndia Association moves into Q3 2026, several exciting initiatives are in the pipeline. The **Young Professionals Committee**, established at AICE25 under the leadership of **Mr. Abhishek Jadhav**, is actively building its programme. Young professionals interested in joining are welcome to reach out at yp@awwaindia.org

The **Publication Committee** is seeking the technical content of this newsletter. Water professionals are encouraged to contribute articles, case studies, or research summaries. Contact. info@awwaindia.org

AIA will also be working closely with MoHUA and CPHEEO on advocacy initiatives aligned with national water priorities such as the **Jal Jeevan Mission**, **AMRUT 2.0**, and the **Smart Cities Mission**. AIA members will be among the first to receive updates on these programmes and engagement opportunities.

Thank you for being a part of our journey. We are grateful for your continued support. Stay tuned for our next Newsletter in Q3 2026. Together, let us advance water security, innovation, and leadership across India and beyond.