

India Young Water Professional Programme

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In news- Recently, the first edition of the India Young Water Professional Programme was launched virtually.

About India Young Water Professional Programme-

- This program has **been taken up under the National Hydrology Project**, a Central Scheme of Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti and **supported by the Australian Water Partnership**.
- This initiative **aims to** provide a structured platform for capacity building with strategic and long-term investment to support the water management reforms in India.
- **The objectives of the Programme are** to equip water professionals with the necessary skills, knowledge, behaviours and networks that will better enable them to contribute to the development and management of water resources in India, and to address the competency needs and priorities of the water sector in India.
- **It is focused on Engaged Training and Learning Model.**
- About 70% of the program is focused on project based learning through Situation Understanding and Improvement Projects (SUIP).
- The Program **focuses on gender equality and diversity**, because sustainable water management can only benefit from the views and skills of all members of society.
- A total of 20 participants have been selected for the first edition of this Programme (10 men and 10 women) from central and state implementing agencies of the

National Hydrology Project.

- **The seeds for this Program were sowed during a co-design workshop with National Hydrology Project (NHP) on 'Sustainable Water Management' in November 2019.**
- **This Program will be implemented by Australia India Water Centre (a consortium of Australian and Indian universities).**
- **Based on the success of this edition, a second phase of YWP will be planned in the later half of the year 2022.**

National Hydrology Project:

- **It was started in the year 2016 as a Central Sector Scheme with 100% grant to Implementing agencies on pan India basis.**
- **The project aims at improving the extent, reliability and accessibility of water resources information and to strengthen the capacity of targeted water resource management institutions in India.**
- **Project duration is 8 years from 2016-17 to 2023-24.**
- **Project Components include** Water Resources Monitoring Systems, Water Resources Information Systems, Water Resources Operations and Planning Systems, Institutional Capacity Enhancement.