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22 MARCH WORLD WATER DAY

2026 Water and gender

National Technical Symposium

Under the theme

"Where Water Flows, Equality Grows"



23-24 March 2026

Mon & Tue

23 March 2026 (10:00am - 11:00am) - World Water Day 2026 Inauguration

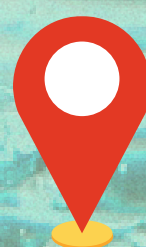
23 March 2026 (11:00am - 04:00pm) - Technical Seminar

24 March 2026 (10:00am - 03:00pm) - National-Level Student Debate Competition

24 March 2026 (04:00pm - 05:00pm) - World Water Day 2026 Valedictory

Registration link for all participants - <https://forms.gle/iYumJG1oTxFqryak7>

Registration link for debate participants - <https://forms.gle/ETscU3TKvdwvdwCHA>



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The Institution of Engineers (India)

The Institution of Engineers (India) or IEI is the largest multidisciplinary professional body that encompasses 15 engineering disciplines and gives engineers a global platform from which to share professional interest. IEI has membership strength of over 10 million. Established in 1920, with its headquarters at 8 Gokhale Road, Kolkata - 700020, IEI has served the engineering fraternity for over a century.

IEI, Karnataka State Centre

The Karnataka State Centre of the Institution, established at Bangalore in the year, 1934, is one of the most active Centres in the country. Since its inception, it has been serving the society in general and the engineering community, in particular, with the set objectives and plays a significant role in dissemination and proliferation of knowledge amongst its members. With a meagre membership strength to start with, the Centre has brought into its fold a large section of fraternity with a membership strength of more than 20000 Corporate Members and nearly 40000 Non-corporate Members. Widening its horizon of technical activities, the Centre has established nine Local Centres at Mysore, Dharwad, Munirabad, Kalaburagi, Mangaluru, Belagavi, Davangere, Kolar and Tumakuru to serve more professional groups.

About Dayananda Sagar College of Engineering (DSCE)

The college was started in the year 1979 with four branches. The college offers 20 branches of Engineering and six post-graduate courses. It is affiliated with the Visveswaraya Technological University (VTU), approved by NBA and has the credit of the Centre of Excellence (ISO).

About Department of Civil Engineering, DSCE

The department has been recognized as an R&D Centre, undertaking Research work leading to M.Sc. Engineering/Ph.D. The Department has externally funded research & consultancy projects in environmental and structural engineering. Every year, various short-term programs are conducted for practicing engineers to upgrade their knowledge in Civil Engineering.

Background

“Where water flows, equality grows”

The global water crisis affects everyone – but not equally. Where people lack safe drinking water and sanitation close to home, inequalities flourish, with women and girls bearing the brunt. They collect water. They manage water. They care for people made sick by unsafe water. They lose time, health, safety, and opportunities. And too often, the systems that govern water leave women and girls out of decision-making, leadership, funding and representation. This makes the water crisis a women’s crisis.

We need a transformative, rights-based approach to solving these challenges, where women’s voices are heard and their agency recognized. All women must be equitably represented at all levels of water leadership – helping design every pipe and policy.

And women must drive change in water as engineers, farmers, scientists, sanitation workers and community leaders. As we face growing risks, from a changing climate and water-related disasters to financing shortfalls, from social norms to governance gaps, we need everybody to play their full part: managing water as a common good and building resilience for the future.

On World Water Day 2026, let's explore the critical relationship between water, women, and gender equality.

Event Overview

World Water Day 2026 will be commemorated through a **National Technical Symposium** themed “Where Water Flows, Equality Grows,” highlighting the critical link between water access and social equity. The event will feature expert talks by eminent speakers and specialists in Integrated Water Resource Management, covering political, economic, social, cultural, and technical dimensions of water governance, particularly in developing regions. Delegates from across the nation will collaborate on inclusive strategies for sustainable water management. A commemorative technical souvenir and proceedings will be published and unveiled during the event. The following topics will be covered:

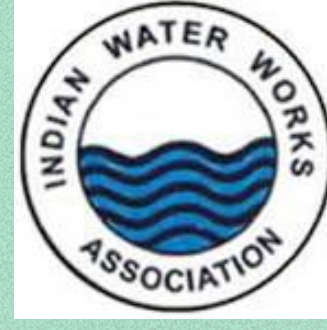
- **River Health & Ecosystem Restoration:** Nature-based solutions, such as wetland restoration and reforestation, to protect rivers from pollution and degradation.
- **Smart Monitoring Systems:** Leveraging AI and IoT for real-time tracking of water quality and availability.
- **IWRM Frameworks:** Advancing Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) to balance social, economic, and environmental water needs.
- **Climate Adaptation:** Developing resilient infrastructure and sustainable urban drainage systems to withstand hydro-meteorological extremes like floods and droughts.
- **The 5 R's of Water:** Implementing Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rejuvenate, and Respect to create a water-secure future.
- **Wastewater Resource Recovery:** Treating and purifying wastewater for industrial, agricultural, and potable reuse to reduce reliance on freshwater.

On 24th March 2026, the **National-Level Student Debate Competition** (2 students per team), aligned with the theme, will be hosted, inviting participation from institutions across the country to foster informed dialogue and youth engagement with the following topics:

- **Universal access to safe drinking water is a fundamental right and must be legally enforceable.**
- **Privatization of water services improves efficiency but undermines social equity.**
- **Integrated Water Resource Management is the most effective approach to achieving water security in developing countries.**
- **Climate change adaptation policies should prioritize water equity over economic growth.**
- **Community-led water governance is more sustainable than centralized water management systems.**

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Indian Water Works Association (IWWA), KSC
Institution of Water Engineers, Karnataka (IWEK)



Registration fees

- Participation fee applies to all (including debate competition participants without any other separate charges).
- Registration fee is not applicable for Regional Chairman, State Council/ Ex-Officio members of IEI-KSC, Management Committee Members (COM) of IWWA, IPHE, and IWEK.

Academician/ Research Scholars/ Engineers/ Industry Practitioners: ₹1,000

UG/ PG students: ₹200

Sponsorship & Advertisement

Platinum Full page in souvenir: ₹2,00,000

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23 March 2026

Monday



10:00 am



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24 March 2026
Tuesday
04:00 pm



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Invitation



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