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National Water Mission, DoWR, RD & GR is going to organize a Webinar on **"WOMEN LEADERSHIP IN WATER GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT" on the 8th of March, starting at 03:30 pm IST**. Further, this Webinar will be live-streamed on Social media platforms. The agenda of the event is enclosed.

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In keeping with the trailing mail, PFA.

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Dear All,

*Greetings from NWM !*

We cordially invite you to the Webinar being conducted on Women's Day that aims to have a discussion on **gender-mainstreaming and governance**, in the water-sector.

UNDP-SIWI Waters project in partnership with National Water Mission, DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt of India is celebrating the International Women's Day with a forum on **"WOMEN LEADERSHIP IN WATER GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT"** on the **8th of March**, starting **at 03:30 pm IST**.

Please find attached the Agenda for the event and a compilation of the brief bios of the eminent experts who will be speaking on the day. Find below the joining link and also note that the Webinar shall be streamed live on UNDP and NWM social media platforms for the convenience of all participants & viewers.

**Joining Link:**

<https://undpindia.webex.com/undpindia/onstage/g.php?MTID=e8fdb57af9687186906aeeb901867dbfd>

Thanking you in anticipation and looking forward to having an insightful session with your presence !  
With warm regards,

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Dear Water experts,

Greetings of the day!

UNDP-SIWI  
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project in  
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Ministry of Jal  
Shakti, Govt of  
India is  
celebrating the  
International  
Women's Day  
with a forum on

**WOMEN LEADERSHIP IN WATER GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT,  
8 March 2021 / 3:30-5:30 pm (IST).**Agenda is enclosed

Do join the virtual forum and participate with some eminent experts and 2 of the Women Water Champions! Request you to [Save the date](#) for the forum and use the below link for registration and participation.

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Please feel free to forward the invitation to other colleagues and agencies working in this sector.

Look forward to welcoming you in our celebration of International Women's Week on 8th March .

With warm regards  
Swayamprabha

**Ms. Swayamprabha Das, Ph.D**  
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*Climate Reality Leader (CRL) 2015*  
*Commission Member, IUCN CEESP & CEM 2017-2020*

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**Webinar on**  
**WOMEN LEADERSHIP IN WATER GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

8th March 2021, 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM (IST)

**Brief Bios**



**Ms. Shoko Noda** is UNDP Resident Representative in India. Previously, she was the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Maldives. Ms Noda was pivotal in taking forward the development agenda of the Maldives in a politically fluid and charged context. Effectively engaging key national political interlocutors, she has coordinated analysis, engagement and diplomatic action, in addition to strong resource mobilisation at a crucial transitional post-elections phase. Before that, Ms Noda worked in Nepal, Mongolia, Pakistan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Kosovo and Tajikistan handling various portfolios of UNDP.

She is a strong advocate for gender equality and climate action.

**Mr. G. Asok Kumar**, Additional Secretary & Mission Director at National Water Mission, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD & GR), Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS). He is driving the national agenda on water conservation and management, specially the “Catch the Rain campaign” and the “Jal Shakti Abhiyan II” that reaches out across the country, under his excellent leadership.

A 1991 batch IAS officer, G. Asok Kumar, had earlier served as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation. A winner of Telangana Excellence Award in 2018 and Jalmitra Award in 2002, he has initiated/completed many infrastructure projects like the Outer Ring Road, Krishna Phase-2 Drinking Water Pipeline, Godawari Drinking Water Pipeline Project, etc. in Hyderabad, among others.



**Dr. Marianne Kjellén** is a Senior Water Adviser at the UNDP, she works with UNDP's Water & Ocean Governance Programme in support of operations through UNDP country offices and regional hubs. She provides in-house and external water-related advice and expertise and oversees project activities for knowledge management and capacity development. Representing UNDP at UN-Water, Marianne Kjellén is a regular contributor to UN-Water's global reporting. Trained in Human Geography, Marianne Kjellén specializes in water governance as it relates to urban environmental management, water supply and sanitation and inclusive approaches for the reduction of poverty and inequality.

## Dr Alok K. Sikka



Dr Alok K. Sikka is International Water Management Institute (IWMI) representative of India. Prior to joining IWMI, he served in leadership roles at Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA), Planning Commission of Government of India, National Institute of Hydrology. He has a rich and diverse experience of over 38 years in research, institutional and policy issues, teaching, training, extension and consultancy in the diverse areas of water sector. He holds a Ph. D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering with specialization in Hydrology and Water Resources Engineering. He has more than 251 publications and is recipient of many national awards including Fellow of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

## WOMEN WATER CHAMPIONS

### Naktu Devi, GRAVIS

Naktu belongs to a poor scheduled tribe community living in remote ki Bap Village in Jodhpur District of Rajasthan. Driven to address the shortage problem of her drought-prone village, Naktu got involved in implementation and monitoring of water management activities and constructed Khadin (earthen dyke) in her farmland to do rain-fed farming. She took ownership of rainwater harvesting tanks and the renovation of ponds in the village. She also motivated other women to forward to take the steering of their life at their hand. The model she demonstrated is a sustainable drought mitigation approach for not just providing water and food to a family but an overall socio-economic development with a secured rural livelihood.



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### Neetu Singh, PANI and HUF



Neetu hails from Basawanpur Village in Siddharthnagar District of Uttar Pradesh which is a flood-prone region in Eastern Uttar Pradesh. Since her childhood she has witnessed, drying ponds and wells, declining groundwater levels and use of water-intensive agriculture techniques in her village. She broke gender barriers and decided to join the organization People's Action for National Integration (PANI) where she received extensive training on farming and water-use practices. She convinced the farmers to adopt System Rice Intensification (SRI) technique. She also started mentoring women professionals in other panchayats. At present, she is working as a field coordinator at PANI and has 10 Community Resource Persons working under her who are reaching out to 2,250

women farmers with a focus on water-saving farming. She aspires to start her organization and empower women so that they come out of their homes and realize their true identity.



## PANELISTS

### **Dr Prakash Tyagi**

Dr Prakash Tyagi is the Executive Director of GRAVIS and has been leading the organization for over 15 years. GRAVIS is a recognized NGO working in the Thar Desert region in the spheres of water security, health-care, agriculture and education with a strong focus on gender equality. It covers a population of over 1.5 million and has facilitated the formation of over 3500 CBOs.



### **Ms. Kavita Sachwani**

Kavita Sachwani is a public policy and financial services professional, with over two decades of experience spanning policy advocacy and program management in water resources management, public health, financial inclusion and financial services.

She is currently part of the global leadership team of the 2030 Water Resources Group (2030 WRG) - a public private partnership platform hosted by the World Bank's Water Global Practice. She leads and manages the Secretariat of the Maharashtra Water Multistakeholder Platform of the 2030 WRG towards creating the wider political economy conditions and momentum for change in water reform.

She has worked closely with several State Governments and the Union Government in projects for nation building.

### **Ms Reshma Ahmed**

Reshma Anand, is the CEO of Hindustan Unilever Foundation. HUF, set up in 2010, is a corporate foundation focused on water conservation, governance and behavioural change in water use. A business school graduate, Reshma has over 20 years of leadership experience in the private sector and social ventures. Reshma founded two social ventures including a specialist advisory firm on sustainable social responsibility and an accelerator for rural micro entrepreneurs. She has worked extensively with non-profit organizations and donors to define their strategy, impact principles and leadership values. Reshma also anchors a leadership programme for young women across business, government and civil society. Reshma is also an Aspen India Fellow and a TED India Fellow.



### **Kanika Groeneweg-Thakar**

Kanika Groeneweg-Thakar is the Gender Equality Focal Point at Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) where she actively works to build capacity for improving gender equal outcomes across SIWI's programmes of work – both internally among institute staff as well as externally with programme partners. Kanika holds a Master's in Integrated Water Resources Management, and has previously worked with the United Nations Environment Programme, the Global Water Partnership and is a WASH emergency response delegate with the International Federation of the Red Cross. A Canadian national, Kanika brings experience from working with civil society and intergovernmental organizations across Asia, Africa, Europe and North America.



### **Kalpana Ramesh**

Kalpana Ramesh, fondly called as 'Water Warrior' is an environmentalist advocating water conservation and restoration. She started working towards solving water woes by implementing rainwater harvesting in and across the city. She is leading the water initiatives at Society for Advancement of Human Endeavors (SAHE). She has been extensively working on wells restoration, lakes revival and awareness workshops in various capacities in collaboration with the govt., community and various organizations.

Her current social start-up, "The Rainwater Project", provides sustainable integrated water management solutions in public and private sectors, along with lake & well restoration and conservation.

She is one of the seven women honored on women's day to take over the Prime Minister's social media handle for a cause.







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# **WOMEN LEADERSHIP IN WATER GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

Monday, 8th March, 2021  
3:30 to 5:30 PM (IST)

Time	Session	Speakers
3:30 - 3:35 pm	Welcome	<b>Dr. (Ms) Swayamprabha Das</b> , UNDP
3:35 - 3:40 pm	Introductory Remarks	<b>Ms. Shoko Noda</b> , Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme
3:40 - 3:50 pm	Opening Remarks	<b>Mr G Asok Kumar</b> , Additional Secretary and Mission Director, NWM, Ministry of Jal Shakti, GOI
3:50 - 3:55 pm	Context setting and introductions to the Women Water Champions and the Panelist	<b>Dr. (Ms) Swayamprabha Das</b> , UNDP
3:55 - 4:45 pm	Panel Discussion	<b>Chair: Mr. G Asok Kumar</b> , Additional Secretary and Mission Director, NWM, Ministry of Jal Shakti, GOI <b>Moderator: Dr. Alok Sikka</b> , Representative India- IWMI <b>Panelist:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Nakuta Devi</b>, Women Water Champion, GRAVIS</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Neetu Singh</b>, Women Water Champion, PANI and HUF</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Kanika Groeneweg -Thakar</b>, Gender Focal point, SIWI</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Kavita Sachwani</b>, State Coordinator, 2030 WRG, World Bank</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Prakash Tyagi</b>, Executive Director, GRAVIS</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Reshma Anand</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Hindustan Unilever Foundation</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Kalpana Ramesh</b>, Founder, The Rainwater Project and Lead, Water Initiatives, SAHE</li> </ul>
4:45 - 5:00 pm	Open Discussion	
5:00 - 5:10 pm	Reflections from the discussion	<b>Mr. G Asok Kumar</b> , Additional Secretary and Mission Director, NWM, Ministry of Jal Shakti, GOI <b>Dr. Alok Sikka</b> , Representative India- IWMI
5:10 - 5:15 pm	Closing Remarks	<b>Dr. Marianne Kjellén</b> , Global Policy Advisor, Water Governance, UNDP
5:15 - 5:20 pm	Vote of Thanks	<b>Dr. Swayamprabha Das</b> , UNDP

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