



Environment

Water & Environmental Sanitation Network (WES-Net India)



Community Update

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From the Moderator

Dear Members,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this third update of the community. I am also very happy to inform you our community membership has now crossed the 1,000 mark !

The past month has been very eventful on Solution Exchange for the Water and Environmental Sanitation (WES-Net) Community.

We have posted three Consolidated Replies on the issues of:

- Low-cost technology for treating sullage in special soils
- The issue of convergence in WES programmes
- Reward mechanisms promoting successful urban WES projects

We have also initiated some more important queries this month, one on members' experience with various biogas digesters and another on gender equity in Participatory Irrigation Management.

However, the issue that is attracting the most attention of members (and many people outside the community) is the one related to the draft Rajasthan Water Policy, which has also been placed before the community for comments. We hope that our discussions will be able to unravel the various threads, which are implicit in such a complex subject and will ultimately allow voices of people to inform government policies.

In my interaction with Members, many have expressed the need for the Community to discuss the larger water issues in India, such as Water Resources Management and Water Governance. In the coming months, we will endeavour to facilitate members to delve deeper into such issues while continuing to support discussions on Environmental Sanitation.

Some of our Members have also used the Solution Exchange forum to

Community News

Open Queries

[Comparative Analysis of Biogas Digester Models](#), from WOTR, Ahmednagar (Experiences, Examples). Reply by 10 July 2006, to se-wes@solutionexchange-un.net.in

[Gender Equity in Participatory Irrigation Management](#), from DHV-MDP, New Delhi (Experiences). Cross-posted with Gender Community. Reply by 20 July 2006, to se-gen_se-wes@solutionexchange-un.net.in

For Comments

[Rajasthan State Draft Water Policy](#), from UNDP, New Delhi. Reply by 20 July 2006, to se-wes_comments@solutionexchange-un.net.in

See [Completed Queries](#)

Events

Recently Held

Joint Regional Meeting (East) on Solution Exchange for the Water and Environmental

post their responses anonymously, especially on issues where their personal positions within their organisations may be compromised if their names are revealed. We have and will continue to respect member's right to post anonymously.

As part of our continued effort to make your interactions easier, we have also initiated the Web Based Mailgroup Forum, from where you can view and respond to messages.

In the past month, the email traffic on our community has gone up considerably. While this is an indicator of the vibrancy of our community, we apologise to members for this rise in email load.

Looking forward to many more meaningful interactions within the community.

Pankaj Kumar S
Resource Person & Moderator

Members Postings

Workshops and Conferences

Upcoming

From [Rahul Mangaonkar](#), AIR Society, Ahmedabad and [Suchi Pande](#), Kabir, New Delhi

Drive Against Bribe: Nationwide Campaign, 1-15 July 2006, in eighteen states

The campaign would create awareness about RTI through mainstream media and provide assistance to those who wish to use RTI but do not know how to use it. The first part (1-15 July) would provide assistance in preparing and filing RTI applications and in the second part (post 15 July) it would develop into a full RTI campaign. See [website](#)

Recently Held

From [Prakasam Tata](#), Tata Associates International, Naperville, USA



Water Summit, India Development Coalition of America (IDCA), 16-18 June 2006, in Lisle, IL, USA

Participants incl. local, state, & federal government officials, individuals & others from industrial & consulting firms, interested in the improvement of WSS in India. Four concurrent sessions covered municipal/industrial applications, government role in water management, agricultural/community applications, & water supply issues. Also, water & sanitation projects that were completed in India by people of Indian origin were presented. See [flyer](#)

Sanitation Network; Food and Nutrition Security, and Gender Communities

Kolkata, 24 April 2006

Read [Report](#).

Decentralization Visioning

Workshop, held in April 2006,

New Delhi; Read [Report](#)

Work and Employment Community – Visioning

Workshop, New Delhi; 30–31 May

2006. View the [event website](#) for final agenda, presentations and documents on the workshop

Gender Community – Regional

Workshop, Hyderabad, 2 June

2006. See [Press Release](#)

NEW Features!

Solution Exchange introduces the New Web Based Mail Group Forum –

you can now access your mails, send replies, start a new query, search old mails with key words and access old mails (from Day 1) from this web forum. [Download](#) (1.4 MB) a power point presentation for a step by step guide to use this forum.

Member Database is now open, visit

<http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/admin> to access it. You will need to log in with your email and password, to see the details.

From Our Partners

UNDP

◆ **Country Program for India 2003 – 2007** Read [Outline](#)

◆ **Press Release: World Environment Day:**

Training Programs

From [Anupam Nidhi](#), LEAD India, New Delhi

 **LEAD's Cohort training program**

Provides a unique learning opportunity to mid level professionals for 30 days spread over a period of one year. The Training program begins in October 2006 and would run simultaneously in 14 LEAD centers across the Globe. Read [brief](#)

From [N. Srinivasa Rao](#), Andhra Pradesh Mahila Abhivruddhi Society (APMAS), Hyderabad



Annual Training Calender 2006, 17-22, July, 2006, Hyderabad

Focusing on National Immersion Programme on Micro Finance for Senior Personnel From Self Help Promoting Institutions & SHG Supporting Institutions. For [details](#)

Job Openings

From [Amaka Godfrey](#), Water, Engineering and Development Centre (WEDC), Loughborough University, UK

[Rural Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Consultant](#)
WELL - Water and Environmental Health

Location: Madhya Pradesh
Last Date: July 14, 2006

Recommended Readings

From [M.S. Rathore](#), Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur

- ◆ **Gaps in Rajasthan State Water Policy 2002**
http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/environment/comm_update/res03-030706-10.doc
- ◆ **Government of Rajasthan – State Water Policy (Draft)**
<http://www.rajirrigation.gov.in/docs/DraftStateWaterPolicy.pdf> (Full Text in PDF, Size: 38 KB)
- ◆ **Report of the Expert Committee on Integrated Development and Management of Water Resources headed by Prof. Vyas.**
<http://www.rajirrigation.gov.in/docs/report.htm> (Full Text Link)
- ◆ **Salient points of the Report of the Vyas Committee**
<http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/environment/cr/res31070601.pdf> (Summary in PDF, Size: 33 KB)
- ◆ **National Water Policy of India**
<http://wrmin.nic.in/policy/nwp2002.pdf> (Full Text in PDF, Size: 60 KB)

**International Theme:
Deserts and
Desertification – [Don't
Desert Drylands](#)**

- ◆ **Call for Nominations:
[Social Entrepreneur of the
Year 2006](#) Deadline: 10
July 2006**

- ◆ **[The United Nations World
Water Development
Report](#)**

WES-Net, India

Workshop on Learning & Sharing around knowledge & information management (KM/IM) & role of RC(N) s in water, sanitation & hygiene sector. Dates: 3 – 7 July, 2006, New Delhi. Facilitated by IRC. See [Agenda](#)

- ◆ **Upstream vs. Downstream – Groundwater Management and Rainwater Harvesting**
Sunil Ray, Mahendra Bijarnia, Economic and Political Weekly, 10 June 2006, Pgs. 2375 – 2383 (Free registration required), <http://www.epw.org.in>

From [N. Srinivasa Rao](#), Andhra Pradesh Mahila Abhivruddhi Society (APMAS), Hyderabad

- ◆ **Publications from Andhra Pradesh Mahila Abhivruddhi Society (APMAS)**
http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/environment/comm_update/res03-030706-06.pdf
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Network Activity

Completed Queries (from May 24 – 5 July, 2006)

[Improving irrigation efficiency for crops using groundwater](#), from K.A.S. Mani, APFAMGS, Hyderabad (Experiences). Issued 26 May 2006. Revised on 8 June 2006 Cross-posted with Food and Nutrition Security Community. **Download PDF**

Provides experiences on improving efficiency of water use for agriculture with suggestions on appropriate measures to improve groundwater efficiency in growing crops

[Public Private Partnership in Delivery of Urban Services](#), from A.N.P. Sinha, Planning Commission, New Delhi (Experience, Examples). Issued 8 June 2006. Cross-posted with Decentralization Community. **Download PDF**

Addresses various aspects of service delivery in urban areas, highlighting PPP models and the underlying features of these partnership arrangements.

[Low-cost technology for treating sullage in special soils](#), from Vijaya Saradhi Atluri, Byrraju Foundation, Hyderabad (Advice). Issued 27 June 2006. **Download PDF**

Provides technological options to treat sullage for rural communities & specifically for black cotton soil. highlighting contextual specifications when selecting an appropriate sullage treatment design

[The Issue of Convergence in WES Programmes](#), from Bhawna Vajpai, Water and Sanitation Consultant, New Delhi (Experiences). Issued 28 June 2006. **Download PDF**

Identifies major barriers to convergence, emphasizing role of communities and their institutions in operationalizing it at grassroots, providing experiences and suggestions to ensure better convergence

[Reward mechanisms promoting successful urban WES projects](#), from WEDC, UK (Experiences). Issued 5 July 2006. **Download PDF**

Discusses how reward mechanisms in urban areas could help promotion and dissemination of good experiences; also deliberates on the social acceptability of awards in this context.

Many thanks to all who contributed to this issue!

If you have items to feature in the Updates, please send it to Solution Exchange for WES-Net at se-wes@solutionexchange-un.net.in

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