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**Point for discussion this month**  
**Network of government, public and private for**  
**restoration of lakes and rivers**

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Dear Readers,

Surprisingly, “Water Literacy” is very high in the state of Rajasthan as compared any of the states in India as it faces severe water scarcity. Rainwater harvesting and numerous water storage lakes and tanks constructed by kings from historical times is salient feature of drought prone Rajasthan. The photograph is of such marvel – Lake Palace in Jaipur, capital of Rajasthan.

We congratulate Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India who organized 12th World Lake Conference “TAAL 2007” in association with Ministry of Environment and Forest, Rajasthan State and ITDC, NIE under the auspices of ILEC, Japan. There were four presentations by SERI's Sandeep Joshi and Sayali Joshi in the Taal 2007. The oral presentation of ecotechnology was well appreciated by Indian and foreign delegates. Sandeep Joshi told that these technologies were developed to make pollution control affordable for developing countries.

Jaldindi, 2007 is completed successfully and reached Pandharpur as per schedule. Many awareness programmes on health and environment were organized en-route.

Environment Status Report of the city should be guiding document for the city's development while maintaining the environment. The conclusion of the discussion on Pune's ESR was that there was a lot of scope to document, process and present the information.

Wish you all very Happy Diwali!

Thanking you,

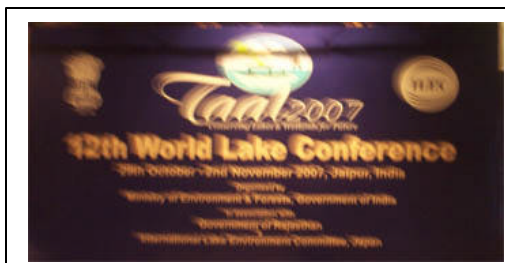
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## World Lake Conference 2007

World Lake Conference was organized at Jaipur during Oct. 29 to No. 2, 2007 by Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India in association with Ministry of Environment & Forest of Rajasthan State, ITDC with Secretariat support from NIE under the auspices of International Lake Committee (ILEC), Japan.

The venue was Jaipur's famous Birla Auditorium with spacious central hall and 6 other halls. Opening ceremony, plenary lectures and valedictory function took place in Central Hall and parallel technical sessions were organized in six other halls.

Photographs of WLC 2007 (By Sayali Joshi, Susmit)



There was little chaos when the registration of delegates started at 2 pm on Oct. 28, 2007 -



Her Excellency Mrs. Pratibha Patil, Honorable President of India graced the opening ceremony with her presence and elegant talk. Rajasthan's Governor Mr. Singh and Chief Minister Ms. Vasundhararaje with Minister of State MoEF, GOI Mr. Meena, Minister of Rajasthan state's MoEF Mr. Dave and Secretary of MoEF Ms. Gupta and

Governor of Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan were also present at the occasion -



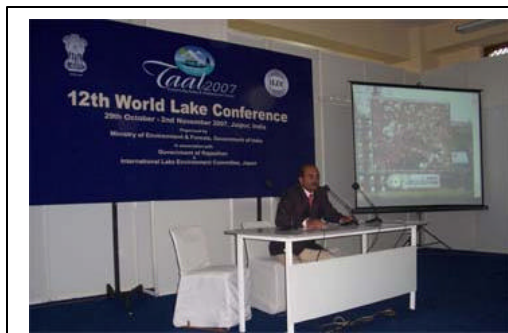
The main hall was over packed at the time of opening ceremony. More than 50 IAAB (Indian Association of Aquatic Biologists) attended the TAAL 2007 with Secretary Dr. M. S. Kodarkar, Pune Chapter's President Sandeep Joshi and Mr. Walawalkar of Thane.



All delegates including foreigners from almost 60 countries enjoyed delicacies at food joint of the conference -



Shrishti Eco-Research Institute's Environment Technologist, Sandeep Joshi chaired a technical session at the conference on "Invasive Species and Weeds Control" on Oct. 29, 2007 -



Susmit cultivated friendship with scientists and delegates from various countries -

Mrs. Sayali Joshi, Chief Executive Officer, also presented her paper on "Ecotechnology for lake pollution control" which was applauded by the international audience. Her presentation was preceded by presentation of Ion Exchange Ltd. on SBR and MBR.

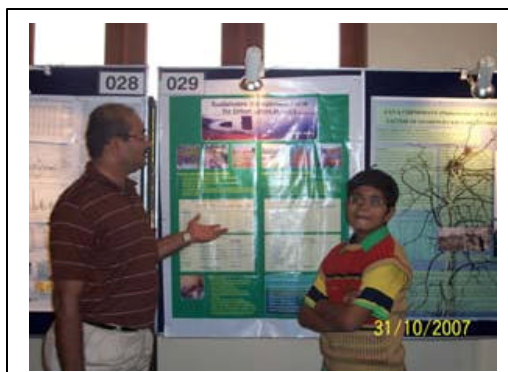


Sandeep Joshi, being Trustee of Jal Dindi Pratishtan presented the paper on Jal Dindi in the conference. Theme was lakes and culture. Jal Dindi's catchline positiveness, environment, health and spirituality were well received by the distinguished international audience. He distributed CD's of Jal Dindi (English Version).

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Sandeep Joshi's poster was also presented on "Sustainable Management of Lakes in India" -

**Points noted**



1. There was considerable presence of Indian delegates and especially members of IAAB.
2. The papers presented were of high quality barring a few.
3. Most of the posters were of Indian delegate and research scholars which depicted the pitty conditions of many urban lakes in India. Some of posters showed biodiversity of lentic ecosystems in India and abroad.
4. Draft Jaipur Declaration was discussed in very short period just half an hour. It was developed by Indian experts from various Government departments and NIE's Director.

Young photographer Master Susmit enjoyed conference shooting various events -

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## Jal Dindi started on Oct. 22, 2007

Jal Dindi is an annual river – culture – environment – health festival. This year it started from Oct. 22, 2007 from Alandi.



This year, there was innovation, there was innovation of lotus shaped Jal – Stambha (Water Column) installed along the Indrayani river to show the distance of respective spots, halts from Alandi and Pandharpur.



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## Environment Status Report (ESR) of Pune City

Recently a report of Pune's Environment Status was published by Pune Municipal Corporation. A meeting was convened by UV Foundation and Indian Environment Association (IEA), Pune Chapter with Department of Environment, University of Pune.

Dr. A. D. Patwardhan, noted environment engineer and Chairman of IEA (Pune Chapter) chaired the session. Dr. V. S. Ghole, Head, Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Pune, Dr. Yashwant Khaire, Chief of Garden Department, Pune Municipal Corporation. Mr. Ashish Devasthali, Regional Director, AILSG presented guidelines for ESR. Sandeep Joshi, Secretary of IEA (Pune Chapter) was the convener of programme.



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