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Point for discussion this month
Necessities of Lake Management

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Dear Readers,

It's a breath taking view of Lonar Lake, Maharashtra, India. Water of this lake is saline. It is believed to be a meteoroid impacted depression. It's really an ecological wonder!

There are 'n' numbers of lakes in India or in the world. Out of fresh water available for us on this Earth surface, 90% is contributed by the lakes only. Can you imagine life without lakes on Earth? But most of the lakes are under stress. As fresh water resource lakes are very sensitive to human activities in their catchment. One of many reasons behind the degradation of lakes is destruction of Ecosystem in and around the Lake.

There is need to protect our fresh water resources from ourselves only. We are responsible to make them unsustainable. Is sustainable development possible with unsustainable resources? It's the time of actions and not discussions.

As one of the seven principles of Ecology Day is not to wait for governments to take actions, it's the basic need of citizens to have healthy environment. Then they must strive for their own environment irrespective of help or assistance from government's administrative and regulatory machinery, though we all know that government is the biggest stakeholder in integrated lake basin management. That's the learning from organizing the Ecology Day and ILBM of Ujjani Reservoir in Pune in presence of Dr. Masahisa Nakamura, Dr. Walter Rast and Dr. Mohan Kodarkar, members of ILEC.

Thank you,
Chief Editor

From SERI's DESK

Ecology Day!

SERI celebrated the Ecology Day on 31st Aug., 2008 It was very cherishing day for all who gathered at the venue on the banks of river Mutha. The theme of the day was River Scape. The programme kits were sponsored by Praj Foundation. Managing Trustee of Praj Foundation, Mrs. Parimal Chaudhari charmed for the Ecology Day programme with her elegant presence .

Jal Pujan: Dr. V.S.Ghole, Dr. Walter Rast, Dr. Nakamura, Abhijit Ghorpade, Dr. Mohan Kodarkar, Dr. Amar Supate.



The audience was thrilled observing the Green Expressions by school and college students and citizens.



Green Expression by Jnana Prabodhini, Nigadi, students



Green Expression by students of Bal Shikshan Mandir, Pune,



Green Expression by concerned citizens mimicking the FM radio interview and discussion programme,



Trophies and awards given to the winners of Green Expressions



Ecology Day was a scintillating experience of ecological understanding of citizens and students with no age bar sparked up with contributions from Abhijit Ghorpade, journalist, elaborating the status of rivers in Maharashtra and Dr. Amar Supate, expert on Zoning Atlas explaining the Ecovillage concept in detail. Dr. Masahisa Nakamura, Dr. Walter Rast, Dr. Mohan Kodarkar, Dr. V. S. Ghole, Er. Vidyanand Ranade (Retd. Secretary, Irrigation), Mr. Vinayak Kelkar (Praj Foundation) and Principals of Bal Shikshan Mandir, Jnana Prabodhini, graced the occasion with their timely contributions.

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ILBM Workshop on Management of Ujjani Reservoir, Pune

Dr. Masahisa Nakamura, Chairman, Scientific Committee, ILEC, Japan in his inaugural speech addressed the experts' gathering on worldwide practices of lake management,



Er. Vidyanand Ranade (Retd. Secretary Irrigation, Government of Maharashtra) presented his paper to spark off the discussion on Ujjani Reservoir's issues and challenges,



Er. Kulkarni of Maharashtra Engineering Research Institute, Nashik explained siltation rate estimation based on remote sensing techniques,



Er. Avinash Surve, SE, Water Resources Department, Government of Maharashtra presented Ujjani Reservoir's catchment issues,



Dr. Walter Rast, Vice-Chairman, Scientific Committee, ILEC, Japan expressed world lake vision and principles,



Dr. Mohan Kodarkar, Member, Scientific Committee, ILEC, Japan addressing the experts' gathering on water quality issues and Mrs. Shanti Vaidya was presenting her work on Ujjani Reservoir's quality,



Dr. A. D. Patwardhan (left), Chairman of Indian Environment Association, Pune apprised the gathering of pollution control status in twin cities Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad in the catchment of Ujjani (Dr. Mohan Kodarkar is also seen)



Dr. Amar Supate, Project Leader, Zoning Atlas, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai presented his excellent work on environmental planning and zoning atlas of Pune District – Upper Bhima Basin of Ujjani Reservoir



Sandeep Joshi, Environment Technologist presented the ecoplanning and ecotechnologies for the catchment treatment of Ujjani Reservoir,



Er. S. D. Mande gave review of the papers presented in the workshop,



In the dignitaries, Er. Sudarshan Tandale, Dr. Nagesh Tekale, Er. Patil, Dr. Pramod Salaskar, Dr. Vishwas Yevale and Dr. Sarda were also present.

Hyderabad Event

IAAB organised ILBM International Conference in Hyderabad on 28 -2 29 Aug. 2008 for which Dr. Nakamura, Dr. Rast, delegates from Nepal and Indian Water Laureate Dr. Madhavrao Chitale were present,



Visit to Ujjani Reservoir

Dr. Masahisa Nakamura, Dr. Walter Rast and Dr. Mohan Kodarkar in lighter moment during the visit to Ujjani Reservoir on Sept. 02, 2008,



Visit to SERI's Office

It was a very memorable day for SERI when Dr. Nakamura, Dr. Rast and Dr. Kodarkar visited SERI's office. SERI's CEO, Mrs. Sayali Joshi welcomed visitors



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