SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

25TH CONGRESS & 74TH IEC OF ICID

THEME: TACKLING WATER SCARCITY IN AGRICULTURE

Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India

1-8 November 2023

Mr. Kushvinder Vohra
Chairman INCID / Chairman Organizing Committee, Vice President ICID
Chairman CWC & ex-Officio Secretary to the Government of India
INVITATIONAL MESSAGES

Message from Mr. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon’ble Minister of Jal Shakti, Govt of India

Water plays a pivotal role in economic, social, and environmental harmony which forms the three pillars of sustainable development. India to home to about 18% global population, and 18% cattle, but has only 4% of the global freshwater resources and has 20 major and composite river basins. Due to increasing demand for domestic, industrial and agricultural use, most river basins are water stressed. This is further accentuated by the fact that water demand is unevenly distributed across the country.

I am very happy to note that ICID's 25th International Congress is being hosted in India after 57 years. I compliment CWC, INCID and State Govt of Andhra Pradesh for taking initiative towards hosting the mega event in India. I am of strong belief that the deliberation of the Congress and the International Executive Council Meeting shall pave a way for transfer of knowledge regarding suitable and sustainable technologies to tackle scarcity of water in India.

I extend a cordial invitation to all the national and international delegates for the ICID Congress and IEC. I wish all the success to ICID, INCID, CWC and Govt of Andhra Pradesh for their future endeavors towards organizing the 25th ICID Congress in India.

Message from Mr. Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, Chief Minister, State of Andhra Pradesh, India

With great pleasure, I announce that the Govt of Andhra Pradesh, on behalf of INCID, is hosting the historic 25th Congress & 74th IEC of ICID at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. State of Andhra Pradesh is thankful to IEC of ICID for accepting our proposal for hosting these event in Andhra Pradesh, India.

Andhra Pradesh is a riverine state with 40 major, medium & minor rivers and has a rich heritage of cultivation & irrigation. Andhra Pradesh has also received 4 World Heritage Irrigation Structure (WHIS) awards from ICID. The State is ensuring that human and economic development takes place in harmony with the environment. At a time, when education, health care, agriculture and welfare are given prominence in my Govt, hosting of ICID Congress is a great coincidence. Our State also has a splendid natural and cultural heritage. I extend my warm welcome to the participants from all across the Globe to visit Andhra Pradesh, the Sunrise State and the Rice Bowl of India and the city of Destiny- Visakhapatnam. I am hope that all the participants will have a very pleasant, healthy and enriching experience during these events. I wish the Congress a grand success adding much to the benefit of the water sector all over the World.

Message from Prof. Dr. Ragab Ragab, President ICID

It is my pleasure to announce that 25th ICID Congress on Irrigation & Drainage under theme "Tackling Water Scarcity in Agriculture" together with 74th IEC will be held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh India from 1-8th Nov, 2023. On behalf of ICID, I extend my warm invitation to ICID members & all global water scientists & stakeholders for these events, which will be an enriching experience in irrigation & drainage disciplines.

India is a founding member of ICID & is ICID home since 1950. INCID hosted the 1st IEC at Shimla in 1950 and also the 1st Congress at New Delhi in 1951, among other events. India has an impressive record in hosting successful conferences and this one with no exception will be a memorable event. Visakhapatnam is a beautiful coastal city in Andhra Pradesh & is one of the neatest, nicest and tidiest cities of India. India has a vast experience to offer in the fields of irrigation, drainage and water management. India also has a rice history and has plenty to offer to its visitors including its famous cuisine, fabric, spices, perfumes and more. I believe that INCID & Govt of Andhra Pradesh will leave no stone unturned for the success of the 25th Congress & 74th IEC meeting combined with the Exhibition. The delegates can be ensured of great hospitality and a rich learning experience. The events will also see various interesting programmes for the accompanying persons as well as the study tours for the participants including places of historic and cultural heritage. With this cordial invitation, I am looking forward to meeting you there.

Message from Mr. Kushvinder Vohra, Chairman, CWC / INCID and VP ICID

With immense pleasure, I congratulate INCID/CWC, Govt of Andhra Pradesh for the marvelous feat of organizing 25th Congress & 74th IEC of ICID in Visag, Andhra Pradesh. Noting unequivocal role played by Agriculture in survival of civilizations, the theme for 25th Congress is "Tackling Water Scarcity in Agriculture" wherein deliberations would be held among global experts from the field of irrigation & drainage.

It is a moment of great pride for India & INCID to be hosting ICID Congress after a gap of 57 years. INCID has played a significant role in guiding India's quest for agricultural development, irrigational infrastructure, sustainability, technology upgradation, and knowledge exchange, with its wide array of experts from various inter-related fields. ICID Congress & IEC are expected to witness participation of about 1200 global researchers & professionals, providing a great learning platform vis-a-vis latest available technologies, promising customized solutions, new emerging issues and explore avenues for collaborative global effort to solve the problems. The event also provides a bright opportunity to India to project its prowess to global audience. It is also believed to have fruitful engagement with the industry experts from the sector. The event is also expected to provide a window to India in general & Andhra Pradesh in particular to exhibit rich cultural legacy & tourism avenues. I am sure that the national & international delegates are going to have a wonderful learning and networking opportunity. I would like to extend a warm invitation to all the prospective delegates, exhibitors, volunteers etc for being part of this prestigious event and help us make it a grand global success.
ICID Congress is the flagship triennial event aimed to deliberate & develop solutions for the concurrent global issues pertaining to agricultural water management.

International Executive Council (IEC) is the highest decision making body of ICID to deliberate on issues related to Policy, Budget, Finances, programmes, technical activities, etc.

INCID and State Govt of Andhra Pradesh are hosting the 25th Congress & 74th IEC Meeting of ICID at Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India during November, 2023 with the active collaboration of CWC and ICID.

1st ICID Congress in India - 1951 → 6th ICID Congress in India - 1966 → 25th ICID Congress in India - 2023

Vishakhapatnam
Andhra Pradesh,
India

1- 8 November 2023

Radisson Blue Resort,
Vishakhapatnam
ICID Congress is the flagship triennial ICID event wherein two Questions or thematic areas, from the emerging global trends, are identified on which papers are presented, a Special Session, Symposium, and History Seminar is organized and showcased on the global platform, in addition to various Special Events by various international bodies/agencies.

**CONGRESS THEME & QUESTIONS**

**Theme: Tackling Water Scarcity In Agriculture**

**Ques 64: What alternative water resources could be tapped for irrigation agriculture?**

- 64.1 Developing & Reinforcing conventional sources of irrigation water
- 64.2 Tapping non-conventional sources of water
- 64.3 Empowerment of farmers

**Ques 65: Which on-farm techniques can increase water productivity?**

- 65.1 Improving management of existing facilities
- 65.2 Improved Agronomics practices and Research / Innovation
- 65.3 Efficient application of irrigation water

**Seminar: National policies for safe re-use of wastewater in irrigation**

**Symposium: Pathways and Technologies for Modern Irrigation Systems**

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**REGISTRATIONS**

Participants are required to register themselves using the Registration on the event website <www.icid25congress.in>. The On-line Registration will be soon activated on the Congress website <www.icid25congress.in>. Early Bird Registration Discount available for advance booking of registrations. To receive an early bird discounted fees, please register no later than 15th June 2023. After completing the registration form, a confirmation letter will be sent directly to the participant with Username and Password. In second step, participant can enter the portal and make their payment by credit card or wire-transfer (INR and USD).

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT (S) FOR 25TH CONGRESS**

- Submission of 'Extended Abstracts' (500-600 words): 15 April 2023 (Extended)
- Notification of Acceptance of Extended Abstracts: 25 April 2023 (Extended)
- Submission of Full papers: 15 May 2023
- Notification to Authors (oral/poster/presentation): 31 May 2023

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**REGISTRATION FEE STRUCTURE**

- **Venue / Year**: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India (Nov 2023)
- **Event**: 25th Congress + 74th IEC

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**REFERENCES**

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- Ques 65: Which on-farm techniques can increase water productivity?
## 25th ICID Congress & 74th IEC Schedule

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**N. D. Gulhati Memorial Lecture** - 02 Nov 2023
1130 to 1300 Hrs

Key Note address by Eminent Personalities from various International institutions like WB, FAO, ADB etc.

International Symposium on “Pathways and Technologies for Modern Irrigation Systems” - 04 Nov, 2023, from 11:30-13:00 Hours (Symposium-I) & 14:00-15:30 Hours (Symposium-II)
The 25th ICID Congress & 74th IEC is providing a special opportunity where businesses can promote their goods and services to approximately 1200 international & national participants. This will be the world's largest business event relating to agriculture water management particularly for irrigation and drainage hosting in India after a gap of 57 years. In addition, it is ICID’s first international event organized in South India (Visakhapatnam) with patronage of the Andhra Pradesh Government. This mega event will give an opportunity to experience the newest skills and products simultaneously and also allow the exchanging of information from worldwide experts in these fields.

The event provides a unique opportunity for participants to network and share their knowledge and expertise related to sustainable agriculture. This includes water management, irrigation, micro irrigation, drainage, livestock and crop production related hardware, software and knowledge based tools – all important aspects that support stable agriculture production with the goal of improving water and food security. The delegates represent a range of government and non-government organisations including policy makers, program managers, scientists, agri-business representatives and not-for-profit development organisations.

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

Meet various industry-leading products and service companies relating to agriculture, water, and environments
Consult with industry experts
Gain valuable face time with thousands of attendees
The ICID Congress on Irrigation and Drainage is a major global event aimed at finding answers & solutions to various contemporary situations faced by the world. It is bound to benefit all spheres of professionals and researchers engaged in the field of irrigation and drainage.

Generous support, via sponsorship arrangement, is expected from the various Governments, Departments, Organisations, Private Players, International Bodies etc to make this event a grand success. Sponsorship arrangement will give an opportunity to act as Partners for hosting this historical event.

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Visakhapatnam is fondly known as Jewel of the East Coast. Its history stretches back to 6th Century BCE. The present city was built around the 11th and 12th centuries. The control over the city: Chola Dynasty, Gajapati Kingdom, Vijayanagara Empire, the Mughals, French and British from 1804 till India’s independence in 1947. It is one of the clean cities of India. The city is ninth largest contributor to India’s overall GDP ($43.5 billion). It is the oldest shipyard with natural harbour. It is the headquarters for the Indian Navy’s Eastern command and South Coast Railway Zone. Visakhapatnam is one of the main tourism destinations in the state of Andhra Pradesh. It is one of the cleanest cities of India - 30% covered with greenery.

**About the Climate:**
Visakhapatnam has a tropical wet & dry climate. Annual maximum temperatures ranges between 26–43°C (78.8–109.4°F), with maximum in May & minimum in January; Minimum temperatures ranges between 17–27°C (63-81°F). Receives rainfall from South-West & North-East Monsoons and the average annual rainfall recorded is 1118.8 mm (44.05 in).

**How to Reach:**
- Visakhapatnam Airport, about 8 km away from the city centre, links Vizag with various cities in India and abroad.
- Good connectivity with International Airports at Bangalore, Chennai, Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad and Kolkata.
- Visakhapatnam Railway Stations has several frequent trains plying from nearby cities including Hyderabad, Bangalore, and Chennai among others.

**Tourism destinations**
Beaches, Caves & Eastern Ghats & wildlife sanctuary

**Landmarks**
Dolphin’s Nose, Lighthouse, Kailasagiri, Beach Road, VMRDA Park, Visakha Museum, R K Beach, Rushikonda Beach, Mangamaripeta Beach and Matsyadarsini aquarium

**Geo-heritage site**
Erra Matti Dibbalu (Red sand dunes) situated between Visakhapatnam & Bheemunipatnam

**Religious sites**
Simhachalam Temple of Lord Narasimha & Sri Kanaka Maha Lakshmi Temple

**Heritage Buddhist Sites**
Boudharamam, Saligudam, Sankaram & Devipuram etc.

**Accommodation Details**
Availability of accommodations from 5 star to low cost. Some notable options -
- Radisson Blue Resort (Venue)
- Hotel Novotel (11 km)
- Dolphin Hotel (12 km)
- The Gateway Hotel (11 km)
- Welcome Hotel by ITC (11 km)
- Marriott Fairfield (17 km)
- The Park (11 km)
- Daspalla (12 km)
- Green park (12 km)
- Hotel Winsar Park (12 km)
- Daspalla Executive Court (11 km)
- Four Points by Sheraton (10 km)

Details to be soon updated on Event website
**Tatipudi Reservoir**

On the River Gosthani in Andhra Pradesh, there is a dam called Tatipudi Reservoir. It serves as the city of Visakhapatnam’s water supply reservoir. The Thatipudi Reservoir Project, which spans the Gosthani River, was built between 1963 and 1968. The Project’s main objectives are to provide drinking water to Visakhapatnam City and irrigate 15,378 acres (62 km²) in total in the Vizianagaram District. The reservoir’s storage capacity is roughly 3 tmcft, and the Project uses 3.325 tmcft of the water that is available. The 15,378-acre (62 km²) Ayacut in the Vizianagaram District’s Gantyada, S.Kota, and Jami Mandalshas been stabilized.

**Dowleswaram Barrage**

The Godavari River empties its water into the Bay of Bengal after flowing nearly fifty miles from the Dowleswaram Barrage. The original Dowleswaram Barrage was built by a British irrigation engineer, Sir Arthur Thomas Cotton and completed in 1850. The barrage was constructed in four sections, which allowed flood passage during the construction period. The Dowleswaram Barrage was 15 feet high and 3.5 km long. Cotton’s many projects averted famines and stimulated the economy of southern India. Before this barrage was constructed, many hectares of land has been flooded with water and was unused. Post this barrage construction, those unused lands were brought into cultivation and the water was stored and used. The Cotton Museum was constructed on behalf of Cotton’s memory. It is a tourist attraction in Rajahmundry.

**Araku Valley**

The Araku Valley is a hill station & valley region, surrounded by the thick forests of the Eastern Ghats mountain range. It is a place of immense scenic beauty. The Araku Valley houses the Tribal Museum which is dedicated to area’s numerous indigenous tribes, known for their traditional Dhimsa dance, & showcases traditional handicrafts. A miniature train runs through Padmapuram Gardens, with its sculptures and tree-top huts.
ICID, established with India’s initiative, is a leading scientific, technical, not-for-profit organization working internationally in the field of irrigation, drainage and flood management to promote ‘sustainable agricultural water management’. 

As a knowledge-sharing platform, ICID is dedicated to improving the status of agricultural water management practices including rain-fed agriculture, supplemental irrigation, deficit irrigation and full irrigation. Other core activities focus on the drainage of agricultural lands and the management of extreme climate events such as flood and droughts.

ICID partners with UN-Water and has close affiliation/liaison with UN Agencies like FAO, IFAD, UNEP, UNESCO, WHO, WMO, and other international professional organizations like ADB, AWC, GWP, ICARDA, ICOLD, ICRISAT, IFPRI, IGS, IHA, IUCN, IWRA, IWMI, ISO, AARDO, WWC, World Bank, etc. with an aim to bring together various stakeholders for sustainable agriculture water management.

**ICID VISION**
A water-secure world, free of poverty and hunger, achieved through sustainable rural development

**ICID MISSION**
To work towards sustainable AWM through interdisciplinary approaches for economically viable, socially acceptable and environmentally sound irrigation, drainage, and flood management.

ICID Website: [https://icid-ciid.org/](https://icid-ciid.org/)
Email: icid@icid.org
INCID was established along with the ICID) on 24th June 1950 to cater to India’s needs for improvements in irrigation & drainage, through closer & active interactions with ICID. INCID functions as India’s representative National Committee for the ICID. INCID is headed by Chairman, Central Water Commission (CWC), Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India.

INCID aims at stimulating and promoting the development and application of irrigation, drainage, river training, and flood control techniques within India while integrating the efforts of Central Government, State Governments, academic institutions, and private sector in the field of agriculture water management. INCID is serving as an ideal platform to stimulate appropriate application of engineering, agriculture, economic, environmental, legal, and social science technology to improve irrigation, drainage, and flood control practices. INCID works towards identifying the technology upgradation needs of country and suggest import of technology from appropriate countries / organizations.

**INCID OBJECTIVES**

- Stimulating & promoting development & application of irrigation, drainage, river training, & flood control techniques.
- Integrating efforts of Central & State Governments, Academia & private sector for agriculture water management; and
- Co-operating with ICID for distribution & interchange of information concerning irrigation, drainage, river training, & flood control between National Committees.

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