

Newsletter

The AWWAIndia Association is pleased to present the latest edition of our Quarterly Newsletter. This regular publication offers valuable insights on technology and key topics of interest within the water sector for our subscribers and members.

The fourth quarter of 2024 has been a particularly exciting period for AWWAIndia Association (AIA), as we have successfully expanded our membership base to over 300 new members, and we continue to grow.

WEBINARS:

On October 4th, 2024, AIA, in collaboration with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), hosted a webinar on the topic “Implementing Water Infrastructure Projects – Contractor’s Perspective.” This two-hour session attracted nearly 500 participants. The webinar served as an important platform for discussing how contractors can improve the efficiency and success of water infrastructure projects, offering insights from both Indian and international perspectives.

The session began with a **Welcome Address** by AWWAIndia Association Chairman, Mr. H. V. Patel, who warmly welcomed all participants and highlighted the significance of the event in fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing within the water sector. Mr. Patel emphasized the importance of creating strong partnerships between contractors, government bodies, and industry experts to enhance the execution and sustainability of water infrastructure projects.

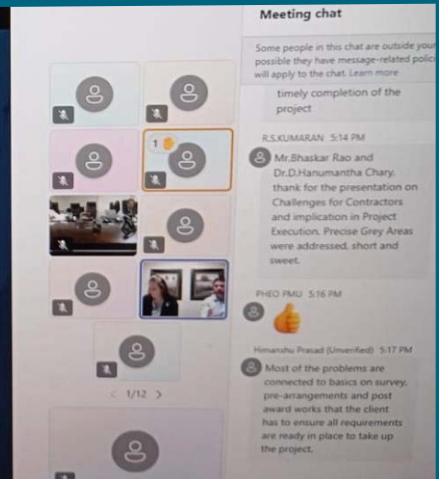
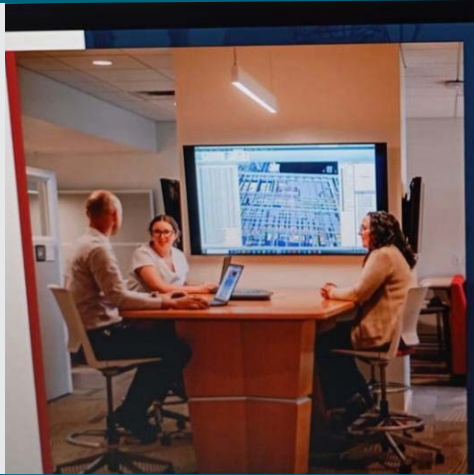
Following the welcome address, the webinar moved into the Introductory Remarks by Ms. D. Thara, Additional Secretary (A&CV), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. Ms. Thara introduced the topic and set the stage for a productive session, outlining the current challenges and opportunities in implementing water infrastructure projects from a contractor’s perspective.

The Indian speakers included Dr. Ajay Kumar Singhal of L&T Ltd., along with Mr. Bhaskar Rao Gudluri and Mr. D. Hanumantha Chary from GVPR, who shared their valuable expertise. International perspectives were provided by Mr. Gino D’Agostini of Ric-Man Construction (USA), and Ms. Holly Nowak and Mr. Lee Spindler of Miron Construction Co. (USA).

In addition to the expert speakers, participants actively contributed to the discussions, sharing their own experiences from both national and international contexts. These exchanges enriched the webinar, with attendees offering real-world examples of water infrastructure projects from various regions, highlighting challenges faced and technical solutions implemented. The collaborative nature of the session allowed for a diverse range of perspectives, further enhancing the overall learning experience.

The webinar featured lively and interactive Q&A sessions, reflecting the participants' strong engagement and enthusiasm.

A glimpse of webinar held on 4th October 2024



AIA's Participation at NSF Forum 2024

AWWAIndia Association was invited to deliver a technical presentation at the NSF Water Forum 2024, jointly organized by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) in collaboration with the U.S. Commercial Service and the Embassy of the United States. The Forum was held on December 11th in Delhi and December 12th in Mumbai.

Mr. Hemen V. Patel, Chairman of AWWAIndia Association, delivered his presentation at the Delhi event, while Mr. Prasana Shah, Executive Committee Member of AWWAIndia Association, spoke at the Mumbai event, hosted at the Consulate General of the United States of America. AIA's presentations focused on *Advancing Water Standards and Solutions for India's Drinking Water Supply Treatment and Distribution Systems*, offering valuable insights into improving water infrastructure and standards across the country.

The events in both cities attracted a distinguished audience, including officials from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), organizations in the water sector, utility operators, NGOs, manufacturers, contractors, and consultants. The sessions were meticulously organized by NSF in collaboration with the U.S. Commercial Service and the Embassy of the United States.

The NSF Water Forum saw participation from approximately 70-80 attendees at each location, providing a dynamic platform for in-depth discussions on water-related challenges and innovative solutions. Below is a glimpse of AIA's contribution to the Forum:



Mr. Hemen V. Patel, Chairman, AWWAIndia
(Speaker at NSF Forum - Delhi Event)

Mr. Prasana Shah, Executive Committee Member
(Speaker at NSF Forum - Mumbai Event)

Annual Conference Update

The third annual Exhibition & Conference (AICE24) of the AWWAIndia Association was successfully held in Goa in September 2024. We are excited to announce that the 4th Annual Conference, AICE25, will take place in Indore in December 2025. The exact dates will be announced by the end of the first quarter of 2025.

As AWWAIndia Association continues to grow, we encourage you to join our expanding network. Become a member of AIA by visiting our website at www.awwa-india.org, or simply express your interest by emailing us at info@awwa-india.org

The fourth quarter (October–December 2024) has been a period of learning, collaboration, networking, and community-building for AWWAIndia Association. We are committed to hosting more impactful events such as webinars, seminars, and conferences. Our goal is to continue empowering water utility professionals and contributing to the sustainable management of water resources in India.

We invite you to join us in promoting the membership of AWWAIndia Association and becoming a part of this transformative journey. Together, we can drive meaningful change in the water sector, both in India and globally.

Looking ahead to the New Year, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our members for their ongoing trust and support.

AIA wishes you all a

**HAPPY
NEW Year**

We look forward to collaborating with you in the year ahead!

Let's make 2025 a year to remember!!