

## Report on 'World Water Day-2018'



*Chief Guest lighting the lamp*

World Water Day was organised by UP State Centre of IEI on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 at UP State Centre. Er A. K. Ojha, Former Engineer-in-Chief and HOD UP Irrigation Department was the Chief Guest. Main Speaker on this occasion was Prof. Jamal Nusrat, Former Superintending Engineer of Irrigation Department, who, while speaking on the theme 'Nature for Water' elaborated in details about the role of Nature in solving water related problems. He told the gathering that today the Science has made computer , which works as a book, album, bank, wallet and have so many other features but alternative of water has not been discovered , neither it is possible. We all know the importance of water & there is no shortage as such but it is poor management due to which water is getting scarce.

Effective implementation of, ground water recharging, roof top harvesting & other measures for increasing ground water level, is not being done.

Moreover there is lack of awareness among people due to which wastage of water is being done. Former Chairman UP State Centre & Council Member Er V B Singh who was the convener of the event intimated that in Israel average 10 centimetre rain fall occurs in a year but with its effective use, sufficient food grains are produced there , even they

are exporting to other Countries, in India in spite of more than 50-60 c.m. of rain fall , we are not able to properly use this water in agriculture & other fields, because of lack of effective water management.

Chief Guest Er A. K. Ojha told the gathering that about two billion people in the World do not have excess to potable water, due to use of contaminated water about 22 lack people die every year. Whatever, we use or draw, we should return back to the nature, it should be our responsibility. In big cities like Mumbai & Chennai 25%-45% water is wasted in leakages & in Mumbai alone 50 lack litre of water is used daily in Car/Vehicle washing only.

This is time to take effective steps for ground water management otherwise within next 10 years acute water problems will crop up in the whole Country.

At the beginning of programme, Prof Bharat Raj Singh, Chairman, UP State Centre welcomed the guests, participants and told the gathering about the importance of World Water Day. The programme was concluded with vote of thanks by Er R. K. Trivedi, Hony. Secretary.