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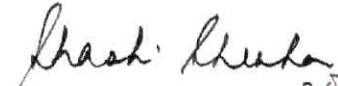
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FOREWORD

Water is a precious natural national resource with almost fixed quantum of availability. With continuous growth in country's population, per capita availability of utilizable water is going down, whereas with ever-rising standard of living of people, all around rapid industrialisation and urbanization, demand of fresh water is going up continuously. The increasing gap between water availability and demand highlights the need for conservation of water.

The National Water Policy (2012) lays stress on conservation of water. It has been stipulated that efficiency of utilisation in all the diverse uses of water should be optimised and an awareness of water as a scarce resource should be fostered.

The training manual prepared by National Institute of Hydrology (NIH) on "Water Conservation Awareness" is well brought out. I hope that this would serve as a useful reference for creating awareness and capacity building on water conservation measures for various stakeholders in the country.


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