#### NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HYDROLOGY, ROORKEE

# Minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of NIH Working Group (16-17 March, 2023)

The 53<sup>rd</sup> meeting of NIH working group was held during 16-17 March, 2023 at Roorkee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Sudhir Kumar, Director (NIH). A list of participants of the meeting is given in Annexure-I.

#### ITEM NO. 53.1: OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman, WG, welcomed the WG members and the Scientists of NIH. He informed that the objective of this meeting is to review the progress of 2022-23 and to formulate the work program of 2023-24. Before initiating proceedings of the WG meeting, the Chairman requested the WG members to give their general observations, suggestions and remarks on the scientific activities of the Institute. These are summarized below:

S.N.	Member	Suggestion(s)
1.	Prof. A.P. Dimri	<ul> <li>To explore applicability of Geomatics &amp; GNSS in various studies</li> </ul>
		Try to prepare basin level atlas
		Suggestion for supervision of doctorate and Master Level Courses by
		Scientists and initiation of 2 week master student's program in the domain of
	D DI'I IZ	hydrology and water resources
2.	Dr. Bhishm Kumar	Develop a database and share it in the public domain     Dynamic issues related to water should be samplesized while designing any
		<ul> <li>Burning issues related to water should be emphasized while designing any research proposal</li> </ul>
		R&D dissemination for Society
3.	Dr. Manoj P.	Research should be executed in the interest of society and suggestion to
3.	Samuel	develop Models/Mobile Apps for common people.
	Bunider	<ul> <li>Need of Commercial Wing for Business development related to water sector</li> </ul>
		R&D activities
		<ul> <li>Suggested collaboration of new NIH-RC, Jodhpur with CAZRI (Jodhpur) in</li> </ul>
		R&D and other activities
		<ul> <li>Suggestion for data base and data sharing</li> </ul>
4.	Prof. Ramakar Jha	<ul> <li>While doing research, drone technology may be used in inaccessible areas</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Make efforts to patent the software developed by the Institute</li> </ul>
		■ Re-employment of retired scientists in NIH to utilize their rich
		experience/knowledge for Institute's R&D activities
5.	Dr. Vijay Kumar	Suggested for collaborative work with MOES in the area of
		Cryosphere/Glacier Studies as well as to increase collaboration with Intl.
		organizations.
6.	Sh. Sudhindra	<ul> <li>Creation and management of data base for further collaborative studies</li> <li>Suggestion for public centric R&amp;D, develop public relations and translation of</li> </ul>
0.	Mohan Sharma	benefits to society and states
	Wionan Sharma	<ul> <li>Works for enhancing drinking water security as per mandate of the Ministry</li> </ul>
7.	Dr. (Mrs.) Sadhana	<ul> <li>Very enriching experience in NIH</li> </ul>
, ,	Malhotra	<ul> <li>Dissemination of R&amp;D Output/Press release of NIH Studies</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>To assess impact of training programs</li> </ul>
8.	Prof. K.K. Singh	<ul> <li>Data repository and sharing</li> </ul>
0.	1 Ioi. K.K. Singii	<ul> <li>Separate Cell for Software Development in NIH</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Engagement of retired scientists</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Research for the common man</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Suggestion for B. Tech/M. Tech. Internship Programs</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Need to rename WRS Division</li> </ul>
9.	Prof. AK Saraf	<ul> <li>Appreciation for new NIH centre at Jodhpur</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Re-employment of NIH Scientists</li> </ul>
10.	Dr. Prashant Rai	■ Suggested more collaboration with CGWB in studies and to work in
		agricultural areas

After brief introduction about NIH activities, the Chairman asked the Member-Secretary to take up the agenda of this meeting.

#### ITEM No. 53.2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 52<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF WORKING GROUP

The 52<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working group was held during 12-13 April, 2022. The minutes of the meeting were circulated to all the members and invitees vide letter No. **RMOD/WG/NIH-10 dated 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022**. The members confirmed the minutes of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting.

# ITEM No. 53.3: ACTION TAKEN ON THE DECISIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PREVIOUS WORKING GROUP MEETING

Er. Omkar Singh, Scientist G & Head (RMOD)/Member Secretary (WG) gave a brief account of the actions taken on the recommendations/ decisions of the 52<sup>nd</sup> working group meeting.

# ITEM Nos. 53.4 & 53.5: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE STATUS AND PROGRESS OF THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR YEAR 2022-23 AND FINALIZATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR YEAR 2023-24

The Member-Secretary requested the respective Divisional Heads to present the progress of studies carried out during 2022-23 and also to present the proposed studies for F.Y. 2023-24. Accordingly, the progress of various studies and sponsored projects, and proposal for new studies and projects during 2023-24, were presented by all Scientific Divisions during the two-day deliberations of the Working Group. The Division wise minutes of each study/project presented during the meeting are given below:

#### ENVIRONMENTAL HYDROLOGY DIVISION

The overview of the technical activities of Environmental Hydrology Division (EHD) was presented by Dr. R.P. Pandey, Scientist 'G' & Head. The Working Group was appraised about the scientific manpower, status of completed and ongoing studies, consultancy projects, publications, and technology transfer activities. Subsequently, the scientists of the Division were invited to present the completed studies, progress of ongoing internal studies and proposed new studies. The Comments/suggestions of Working Group members are summarized below.

#### **Progress of Work Program for 2022-23**

S. N.	Title of Project/Study	Recommendations/Comments
	Internal Studies (Or	ngoing)
1.	Characterisation of Groundwater Dynamics in Krishna-Godavari Delta interims using groundwater levels, Hydrochemistry, Isotopes and Emerging Contaminants	groundwater department in the study. Dr.
2.	Understanding Arsenic mobilization in groundwater of Haridwar and formulating remediation measures	Dr. Bhishm Kumar (Ex. Scientist, NIH) suggested to correlate the Arsenic (As) in the GW with other relevant parameters. Dr. Sudhir Kumar, Director (NIH) suggested to collect and analyze sediments samples for trace metals particularly, Arsenic in Solani river.
3	Simulation of Non-Point Source Pollution Processes in Song River	There were no specific comments/suggestions.
	Sponsored Projects (	
1.	Water Efficient Irrigation by Using SCADA System for Medium Irrigation Project (MIP) Shahnehar	PI has reported that further extension would be required from NHP to complete field observations.

2.	Anaerobic co-digestion of wastewater treatment plant	Dr. Bhishm Kumar (Ex. Scientist, NIH) and
	sludge and organic fraction of municipal solid waste:	other working group members suggested to
	Effect of thermal-chemical pretreatment on process	look after the economic benefits of the work.
	performance and microbial community development	
	Sponsored /Collaborative Pro	ojects (Ongoing)
1.	SARASWATI 2.0 - Identifying best available	PI reported that the study is in progress.
	technologies for decentralized wastewater treatment	
	and resources recovery for India	
2.	Isotopic and geochemical approach to study	PI reported that this study is in progress in
	vulnerable confined and unconfined drinking water	collaboration with other institutions
	aquifers in Varanasi and surrounding area, India	
3.	Comprehensive characterization of variably processed	Co-PI reported that this study is in progress
	sewage sludge in Ganga basin to classify its suitability	with IIT Roorkee
	for safe disposal	
	Internal Studies (	New)
1.	Hydrological Studies for the Conservation of	The queries raised by Prof. A. K. Saraf and
	Rewalsar Lake, H.P.	Prof. Ramakar Jha related to
		methodology/data availability were replied by
		the PI. The WG agreed the objectives and
		scope of the study.
2.	Comprehensive evaluation of disinfection units of	
	STPs in Ganga basin: Formation & Control of	taken up in this study. The WG agreed the
	emerging oxidation precursors.	objectives and scope of the study.

# **Recommended Work Programme for the Year 2023-24**

S. N.	Title of Project/Study	Study Team	Duration	Funding (Rs. Lakh)		
	Internal Studies (Ongoing)					
1.	Characterisation of Groundwater Dynamics in Krishna-Godavari Delta interims using groundwater levels, Hydrochemistry, Isotopes and Emerging Contaminants	Dr. M. K. Sharma, Sc. F (PI) Dr. Suhas Khobragade, Sc. 'G'	2 Years (04/22-03-24)	NIH		
2.		Dr. Rajesh Singh, Sc. D (PI); Dr. R. P. Pandey, Sc. G; Dr. Sumant Kumar, Sc. D; Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Sc. D; Dr. M. K. Sharma, Sc. F; Dr. V. K. Tyagi, Sc, D; Dr. Kalzang Chhoden, Sc. C	` ,	NIH		
3.	Simulation of Non-Point Source Pollution Processes in Song River	L	4 Years (11/19-10/23)	NIH		
		Internal Studies (New)				
4.	Conservation of Rewalsar Lake (H.P.)	Dr. Kalzang Chhoden, Sc. C, (PI); Dr. Rajesh Singh, Sc. D; Dr. R. P. Pandey, Sc. G; Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Sc. D; Dr. Vinay Kumar Tyagi, Sc. D; Er. Omkar Singh, Sc. G; Dr. Shuhas Khobragade, Sc. G; Dr. D.S. Malik, Professor, GKU, Haridwar		NIH		
5.	disinfection units of STPs in	Dr. Vinay Kumar Tyagi, Sc. D (PI); Dr. Rajesh Singh, Sc. D; Dr. Mukesh K. Sharma, Sc. F	3 Years (04/23-03/26)	NIH		

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	5 5	Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Sc. D; Er. J.		
	oxidation precursors	P. Patra, Sc. D; Dr. Kalzang		
		Chhoden, Sc. C; Dr. R.P.Pandey,		
		Sc. G		
		Sponsored Projects (Ongoing)		
1.	Water Efficient Irrigation by	Dr. R. P. Pandey, (PI)	3 Years (12/17-05/23).	NHP
		Er. J. P. Patra,	Further extension is	(75.00)
	Medium Irrigation Project (MIP)	Dr. Rajesh Singh	needed to complete	
	Shahnehar	Sh. N. K. Bhatnagar	field based tasks	
2.	Anaerobic Co-digestion of	Dr. Vinay Kumar Tyagi, Sc, 'D'	5 Years (2018-2023)	DBT
	Thermochemically Pretreated	(PI)		(106.00)
	Organic Fraction of Municipal			
	Solid Waste and Sewage Sludge:			
	Effect on Process Performance			
	and Microbial Community			
	Development			
	Co	ollaborative Projects (Ongoing)		
1.	Isotopic and geochemical	Dr. Rajesh Singh (PI)	3 Years (07/21-06/24)	BHU
	approach to study vulnerable	Dr. R.P. Pandey		
	confined and unconfined drinking	BHU, Varanasi (Lead)		
	water aquifers in Varanasi and	Other Collaborators: BARC,		
	_	Mumbai, ICER, Hungary		
2.	Comprehensive characterization	Dr. Vinay Kumar Tyagi, Sc, 'D'	02 Years (01/22-12/23)	CPCB-
	of variably processed sewage	(Co-PI)		NMCG
	sludge in Ganga basin to classify	Dr. A.A.Kazmi (PI, IITR)		
	its suitability for safe disposal			
3.		Dr. Vinay Kumar Tyagi, Sc, 'D'	4 Years (03/20-02/24)	DST
	best available technologies for			
		Dr. A.A.Kazmi (PI, IITR)		
	treatment and resources recovery			
	for India			

#### **GROUNDWATER HYDROLOGY DIVISION**

Dr. M. K. Goel, Sc. "G" and Head, Groundwater Hydrology Division (GHD) made a brief presentation about the present manpower of the division and attached Soil-Water laboratory, thrust areas of the division, work program and major achievements during the year 2022-23 and the proposed work program for 2023-24. It was informed that in addition to progress in various studies and sponsored projects, three software have been developed during the year and three new internal studies have been planned. Subsequently, detailed discussion on various studies were made by the respective Scientists (PIs) of various studies. The discussion on these studies is summarized below:

S. No.	Title of Project/Study	Recommendations/Comments			
	Internal Studies (Completed)				
1.	Integrated GEE-MODFLOW based Groundwater	Director desired to make a			
NIH/GWH/N	Recharge Assessment System for Hindon River	presentation for the CGWB and			
IH/20-22	System	DoWR, RD & GR officials.			
	Internal Studies (Ongoing)				
1. NIH/GWH/N IH/22-25	Studying arsenic genesis and developing alternate water supply management strategies in Ganga basin	No specific comments were made by the WG Members.			
2. NIH/GWH/N IH/22-24	Conjunctive Management of Water Resources in IGNP Command	Dr. Dimri suggested to analyze the water-logged area before and after the introduction of IGNP. PI agreed to the suggestion.			

3. NIH/GWH/N IH/22-24	Studying Groundwater Dynamics using Machine Learning and Numerical Modelling	No specific comments were received from the members.				
	Sponsored Projects (Completed)					
1. NIH/GWH/PD S/17-21	Assessment of Impacts of Groundwater Salinity on Regional Groundwater Resources, Current and Future Situation in Mewat, Haryana-Possible Remedy and Resilience Building Measures	Not Presented				
S/17-21	Ganges Aquifer Management in the Context of Monsoon Runoff Conservation for Sustainable River Ecosystem Services - A Pilot Study	Not Presented				
3. NIH/GWH/AP N/22	Capacity Development Program on Site Suitability Mapping for MAR under Varying Climatic Conditions using Remote Sensing and Machine Learning based Hydrological Modelling Tools	PI presented the <i>PraJal</i> portal developed in the study. No specific comments were made by the WG Members.				
	Sponsored Projects (Ongoing)					
1. NIH/GWH/B GS/17-20	Groundwater Fluctuations and Conductivity Monitoring in Punjab -Groundwater resilience and adaptation to future changes in climate and water resource demands	Dr. S. M. Sharma advised to look the ownership of the installed piezometers in this project. PI noted.				
2. NIH/GWH/C EHM/18-22	Integrated Management of Water Resources for Quantity and Quality in Upper Yamuna Basin up to Delhi	Not Presented				
3. NIH/GWH/D ST/19-23	Enhancing Food and Water Security in Arid Region through Improved Understanding of Quantity, Quality and Management of Blue, Green and Grey Water	No specific comments were received from the members.				
4. NIH/GWH/C CRBF/20-23	Expansion of Indo-German Competence Centre for Riverbank Filtration	The members appreciated for the efforts and no specific comments were offered.				
5. NIH/GWH/D ST/21-24	Partitioning Evapotranspiration into Evaporation and Transpiration fluxes using Stable Isotopes of Oxygen and Hydrogen	Prof. Dimri and Dr. M. Samuel suggested to validate the results. PI replied for the queries.				
	Internal Studies (New)					
1. NIH/GWH/ 22-24	Hydrogeological and Isotopic investigation of groundwater in Himalayan Watershed of Kashmir, India	Dr. Bhishm Kumar supported the study & expressed need of isotope-based studies for Jammu & Kashmir. The WG agreed the proposal.				
2. NIH/GWH/ 23-24	Development of Archive of Soil Hydraulic Characteristics	Dr. Bhishm Kumar and other members felt the need of such type of studies to disseminate outcomes for wider application/use/replication for other labs. The WG agreed the proposal.				
3. NIH/GWH/ 23-25	Enhancement and application of NIH_WISDOM	There were no specific comments and WG agreed the proposal.				

Finally, on the advice of the Director, Dr. M. K. Goel made a brief presentation about the NIH\_ReSyP software developed at NIH for comprehensive reservoir-related analysis and its applications for the Upper Krishna basin. Dr. M. Samuel asked whether variable downstream channel capacity is being considered in the flood simulation module. It was informed that based on the observations from recent flooding in Kerala, variable downstream channel capacity option has been included. Dr. Bhishm Kumar suggested for its application and testing with some reservoir analysis for foreign reservoirs. He shared the contact details of Dr. Nachiappan who is working in Australia on reservoir-related aspects and may be helpful for such applications. The members appreciated for the efforts. The final proposed work program for the year 2023 – 24 is given below:

#### RECOMMENDED WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 2023-24

C		PROGRAMME FOR THE YE		
S. No.	Title of Project/Study	Project Team	Duration	Funding
		al Studies (Ongoing)		
1. NIH/GWH/N IH/22-25	Studying arsenic genesis and developing alternate water supply management strategies in Ganga basin	Surjeet Singh, Rajesh Singh,	3 years (04/22 – 03/25)	NIH
2. NIH/GWH/N IH/22-24	Conjunctive Management of Water Resources in IGNP Command	Nitesh Patidar (PI),		NIH
3. NIH/GWH/N IH/22-24	Studying Groundwater Dynamics using Machine Learning and Numerical Modelling		2 years (04/22 – 03/24)	NIH
	Sponsore	ed Projects (Ongoing)		
1. NIH/GWH/B GS/17-20	Groundwater Fluctuations and Conductivity Monitoring in Punjab -Groundwater resilience and adaptation to future changes in climate and water resource demands (title modified by funding agency)	M. S. Rao;  BGS-UK: Dr. Dan Lapworth, Dr. Alan MacDonald, Dr.	ext. till Nov. 2024)	BGS: UK
2. NIH/GWH/C EHM/18-22	Integrated Management of Water Resources for Quantity and Quality in Upper Yamuna Basin up to Delhi	Sanjay K. Jain, A. Sarkar,	4 years (04/18-01/24)	NHP
3. NIH/GWH/D ST/19-23	1	Anupma Sharma (PI) Gopal Krishan, Nitesh Patidar, P. K. Mishra ( <b>Lead:</b> CAZRI Jodhpur,	(03/19 - 01/24)	DST
4. NIH/GWH/C CRBF/20-23	Expansion of the Indo-German Competence Centre for Riverbank Filtration – CCRBF	Gopal Krishan (PI & Co-		Federal M/o Edu. & Res., Germany
5. NIH/GWH/D ST-SERB/21- 24	into Evaporation and Transpiration fluxes using Stable Isotopes of Oxygen and Hydrogen		3 years (04/21 – 03/24)	DST-SERB
		nal Studies (New)		
1. NIH/GWH/ 22-24	Hydrogeological and Isotopic investigation of groundwater in Himalayan Watershed of Kashmir, India	M. S. Rao; SKUAST-Srinagar Rohitashv Kumar	1.5 years (09/22 – 03/24)	NIH
2. NIH/GWH/ 23-24	Development of Archive of Soil Hydraulic Characteristics	Patidar; M. K. Goel; Anju Chaudhary; Anupma Sharma	(04/23- 03/24),	NIH
3 NIH/GWH/ 23-25	Enhancement and application of NIH_WISDOM	Nitesh Patidar (PI), D. S. Bisht, M. K. Goel, T. Thomas, Sunil Gurrapu, Anupma Sharma, Surjeet Singh	(10/23 - 09/25)	NIH

#### **HYDROLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION**

Dr. Suhas Khobragade, Scientist-G and Head of the H. I. Division presented the brief details of the Division including the scientific staff strength and infrastructure. He briefly introduced about the scientific work of the Division and the various studies being carried by the Division, along with details about the publications by the Division and analytical work carried out at the Nuclear Hydrology Laboratory. The progress of each individual study for the year 2022-23 and the proposal for the new studies was presented by the respective P.I. of the study. Since Sh Hukam Singh, Sc. 'B' got retired the presentation of his completed study was made on his behalf by Dr. M. Someshwar Rao, Sc-F. Studies already presented under NHP were not presented. The comments/actions suggested by the working group for various studies are given below:

SN	Title of Project/Study	Recommendations/Comments
	Internal Studies (Complete	
1.	Assessment of dissolved radon concentration in	No specific comments/suggestions
	groundwater of Uttarakhand	received
	Internal Studies (Ongoing	g)
1.	Assessment of the Possible Impact of Climate Change on	Not presented
	Evapotranspiration for Different Climatic Regions Of India	
2.	Ascertaining the efficacy of use of State of the art	No specific comments/suggestions
	technologies for spring mapping and sustainability of	received
	springs through suitable interventions	
	Sponsored Projects (Comple	
1.	Dating very old ground waters of deeper aquifers in Ganga Plains, India	Not presented
2.	Chemical & Isotopic Characterization of Deep Aquifer Groundwater of Middle Ganga Basin	Not presented
3.	Integrated Study on groundwater dynamics in the coastal aquifers of West Bengal for sustainable groundwater management	Not presented
4.	Development of a comprehensive plan for conservation and sustainable management of Bhimtal and Naukuchiatal lakes, Uttarakhand	Not presented
5.	Groundwater Rejuvenation As Climate changE Resilience for marginalized and gender sensitive GangeS (GRACERS)	Not presented
6.	Web-GIS Based Spring Inventory for Vulnerability Assessment and Hydro-Geological Investigation of Selected Springs for Sustaining Local Water Demand in Ravi Catchment of Himachal Pradesh	Not presented
7.	Web-enabled Inventory of Natural Water Springs of Tawi River Catchment of Jammu and Kashmir State of India for Vulnerability Analysis and Developing Adaptive Measures for Sustaining Tawi River	Video Presentation
	Sponsored Projects (Ongoi	ng)
1.	Leachate transport modelling for Gazipur landfill site for suggesting ameliorative measures	Not presented
2.	Changing the fate of the Hindon river by evaluating the impact of agriculture on the water balance: Developing a template for a cleaner Ganga river	No specific comments/suggestions received
	Internal Studies (New)	
1.	Developing a Stable Isotopic Analysis System for analyzing the dissolved Nitrates in water	No specific comments/suggestions received
2.	Geo-Hydro-Chemical and Isotopic Aspects of Occurrence of Springs: A case study from the major settlement areas of Bhagirathi basin, Uttarakhand, India	No specific comments/suggestions received

3.	Feasibility of Open Sources Data for the Estimation of	Dr. Praveen Thakur suggested to modify	
	Runoff and Water Storage Capacity for Rainwater	the title from feasibility to application	
	Harvesting Strategies	since it is not a feasibility study. Sh.	
		Sudhindra Mohan Sharma suggested to	
		change the objectives as present objective	
		are more like work elements	
4.	Sedimentation and Water Quality Studies of Phulahar Lake,	No specific comments/suggestions	
	Pilibhit (U.P.)	received	

Head (HID) also informed about the technology transfer activities organized by the Division during 2022-23.

Table: Details of training Courses/Workshops organised by the Division during 2022-23

S. N.	Topic	Duration	Coordinator	Venue	Partici pants
1.	Scientific Data Collection and Processing Techniques for Springshed Management and Rejuvenation	19-22.12.2022	Dr. S. M. Pingale & Dr. S. S. Rawat	IRI, Roorkee	24
2.	Springshed Management	13-15.12.2022	Dr. S. S. Rawat	DoLR, Kohima, Nagaland	47
3.	Scientific Data Collection and Techniques for Springshed Management and Rejuvenation	06-09.09.2022	Dr. S. S. Rawat	NEHARI, Guwahati	28
4.	Tools and Techniques for Springshed Management	03.09.2022	Dr. S. S. Rawat	Govt. Degree College, Udhampur (J&K)	80
5.	Groundwater contaminant transport monitoring & modelling	23 to 27.05.2022		Online Under NHP – PDS - 19	40
6.	Stakeholder Meeting Under DST-NWO Hindon Project	15th Feburary,2023	Ms. Anjali,	c-Ganga office, New Delhi.	10

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S. N.	Title of Project/Study	Study Team	Duration	Funding
	Inter	nal Studies (Ongoing)		
1.	Assessment of the Possible Impact of Climate Change on Evapotranspiration for Different Climatic Regions Of India	Vishal Singh, Sudhir Kumar	3 years (04/22-03/25)	NIH
2.	Ascertaining the efficacy of use of State of the art technologies for spring mapping and sustainability of springs through suitable interventions	Sudhir Kumar, Santosh M.	3 years (04/22-03/25)	NIH
	Inte	ernal Studies (New)		
1.	Developing a Stable Isotopic Analysis System for analyzing the dissolved Nitrates in water		1 and ½ years (04/23-09/24)	NIH

S. N.	Title of Project/Study	Study Team	Duration	Funding
2	Geo-Hydro-Chemical and Isotopic Aspects of Occurrence of Springs: A case study from the major settlement areas of Bhagirathi basin, Uttarakhand, India	D. Khobragade; M K Sharma; M S Rao; S.M. Pingale; P. K.	3 years (04/23- 03/26)	NIH
3	Feasibility of Open Sources Data for the Estimation of Runoff and Water Storage Capacity for Rainwater Harvesting Strategies	Soban Singh Rawat,	2 Years (04/23- 03/25)	NIH
4	Sedimentation and Water Quality Studies of Phulahar Lake, Pilibhit (U.P.)		2 Years (04/23- 03/25)	NIH
	Sponso	ored Projects (Ongoing)		
1.	Leachate transport modelling for Gazipur landfill site for suggesting ameliorative measures		3½ years (11/19 – 06/23)	NHP- PDS
2.	Changing the fate of the Hindon river by evaluating the impact of agriculture on the water balance: Developing a template for a cleaner Ganga river	Coordinator), M. K. Sharma, (PI), Suhas Khobragade,	5 Years (04/22 – 03/27)	DST

#### **SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY DIVISION**

Dr. A.K. Lohani, Sc G & Head, Surface Water Hydrology Division presented the various activities of the division. The number of research papers published in various journals, lectures delivered in various training courses and number of M.Tech./Ph.D. students guided/under guidance during the period were also reported. The concerned PI of the study presented the progress of his/her completed and new internal studies during the working group meeting. Sponsored studies are not presented. The record of discussions for the respective study is given below:

#### Work Program for the Year 2022-23

S. N.	Title of Project/Study	Status and Recommendations/
		Suggestions
	Internal Studies (Co	mpleted)
1.	Probabilistic dam break flood wave simulation and	Completed.
	flood risk assessment for preparation of EAP for	No specific action suggested.
	Mahi Bajaj Sagar dam in Rajasthan	
2.	Uncertainty in rating curves and discharge	Completed. There were no specific comments
	estimation	from the members on the study.
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3.	Application of unified-extreme-value (UEV)	Completed. No specific action was suggested.
	distribution for flood frequency: selected rivers of	
	U.S.A	
4.	Application of unified-extreme-value (UEV)	Completed. No specific action was suggested.
	distribution for flood frequency: Comparison of	
	results using GEV distribution	
	Sponsored Projects (C	Completed)

1.	Dam break studies of Kandaleru and Pulichintala dams in Andhra Pradesh (NHP)	Completed. The study was reported.				
	Internal Studies (Ongoing)					
1.	Development of Cloud Data Based Integrated	No specific action was suggested.				
	Framework to Forecast Flood for Efficient					
	Operation of Reservoirs					
2.	Flood Forecasting under Changing Climate	No specific action was suggested.				
	Conditions - Role of Machine Learning and					
	Conceptual/Physical based Model	NY C				
3.	Hydrological Study to conserve the water resources	No specific action was suggested.				
4	of Bikaner, Rajasthan	No succific action was succeeded				
4.	Review of design flood and dam break analysis of Khadakhai Dam in Odisha	No specific action was suggested.				
5.	Investigation on occurrences of seasonal extremes	The study was not presented.				
] 3.	across Northwest Himalaya in relation to global	The study was not presented.				
	atmospheric thermal and circulation changes					
6.	Investigating gap areas, current trends and future	PI requested for provision of a resource person				
	directions of research in Climate Change Impact on	for the study as well as extension of the study				
	Hydrology and water Resources in India through	by six months (up to April 30, 2024) and WG				
	Scientometrics	approved the extension. No other specific				
		comments were received.				
7.	Investigation of hydrodynamic approach of flood	No specific action was suggested.				
	inundation mapping along with assessment of					
	changes in river planforms using a cloud-based					
	Google Earth Engine (GEE) computing platform in					
	data-scarce Western Himalayan River basin	(O				
1	Sponsored Projects (					
1.	Operational coastal flood management through short-to-medium range (real-time) flood	The study was not presented.				
	short-to-medium range (real-time) flood vulnerability mapping in the Brahmani-Baitarani					
	River Basin integrating human and climate induced					
	impacts					
	Internal studies	(New)				
1.	Estimation of confidence intervals of index flow	PI presented the objectives and scope of the				
	duration curves	proposed study. There were no specific				
		suggestions/comments from the members.				
2.	Hydraulic force-inversion equation for exact	PI presented the objectives and scope of the				
	modeling of hydraulic jumps in rectangular channels	proposed study. No specific action was				
		suggested.				
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S. N.	Title of Project/Study Study Team		Duration	Funding
	Internal	studies (Ongoing)		
1.	Development of Cloud Data Based Integrated Framework to Forecast Flood for Efficient Operation of Reservoirs	A. K. Lohani; R. K. Jaiswal J.P. Patra; P. C. Nayak Vishal Singh	2 Years (April 2022 – March 2024)	NIH
2.	Flood Forecasting under Changing Climate Conditions - Role of Machine Learning and Conceptual/Physical based Model	P. C. Nayak; A. K. Lohani; J. P. Patra; Sunil Gurrapu; T. Thomas; Om Prakash; Jatin Malhotra	3 Year (July 2022 to June 2025)	NIH

3.	Hydrological Study to conserve the water resources of Bikaner, Rajasthan	L. N. Thakural; M. K. Sharma; R. K. Jaiswal; J. P. Patra; P. K. Mishra; Nitesh Patidar; N. K. Bhatnagar; Jatin Malhotra; Anil Kumar Chhangani	2 Year (July 2022 to June 2024)	NIH
4.	Review of design flood and dam break analysis of Khadakhai Dam in Odisha	J.P.Patra; A. K. Lohani; Pankaj Mani; P. C. Nayak; Sanjay Kumar	3 Year (April 2022 to March 2025)	NIH
5.	Investigation on occurrences of seasonal extremes across Northwest Himalaya in relation to global atmospheric thermal and circulation changes	Ashwini Ranade; P.K. Mishra Sunil Gurrapu	3 years (April 2022 to March 2025)	NIH
6.	Investigating gap areas, current trends and future directions of research in Climate Change Impact on Hydrology and water Resources in India through Scientometrics	Archana Sarkar; Jyoti Patil Rohit Sambare; Charu Pandey	2 Year (May 2022 to April 2024, after extn.)	NIH
7.	Investigation of hydrodynamic approach of flood inundation mapping along with assessment of changes in river planforms using a cloud-based Google Earth Engine (GEE) computing platform in data-scarce Western Himalayan River basin	R. V. Kale; A. K. Lohani J. P. Patra; D. Khurana	03 Years (September 2021-October 2024)	NIH
	Sponsored	Projects (Ongoing)		
1.	Operational coastal flood management through short-to-medium range (real-time) flood vulnerability mapping in the Brahmani-Baitarani River Basin integrating human and climate induced impacts	B. Sahoo, (PI, IIT-Kgp) R. V. Kale, (Co-PI)	03 years (July, 2020 – June, 2023)	STARS (MHRD, GoI)
		studies (proposed)		
1.	Estimation of confidence intervals of index flow duration curves	Sanjay Kumar, Sunil Gurrapu; L. N. Thakural; J. P Patra	02 Years (April 2023 to March 2025)	NIH
2.	Hydraulic force-inversion equation for exact modeling of hydraulic jumps in rectangular channels	Sushil K. Singh	One Year (April 2023 to March 2024)	NIH

## WATER RESOURCES SYSTEMS DIVISION

Dr. Sanjay K Jain (SKJ), Sc. G and Head, presented an overview of the division – scientific strength, the ongoing studies, sponsored & consultancy studies, technical publications and training courses organized. Dr. Jain informed that a Centre for Cryosphere and Climate Change has been established in the Division. Thereafter, PIs of the respective studies presented the progress and the details is given below:

SN	Title of Project/Study	Recommendations/ Suggestions			
	Internal Studies (Completed)				
1.	Seasonal characterization of Gangotri Glacier melt runoff and simulation of stream flow variation under different climate scenarios				
2.	Impacts of glacier and climate change on runoff for selected basins of Himalayan region	No specific comments were received.			
	Sponsored Projects (Completed)				

1.	Assessment of seasonal variations in Hydrology and Cryosphere of upper Ganga Basin	Not Presented				
Internal Studies (Ongoing)						
1.	Monitoring and Hydrological Modelling of Henvel watershed in Lesser Himalaya	No specific comments were received.				
2.	Spatio-temporal Water Availability under Changing Climate and Land use Scenarios in Wainganga River Basin	No specific comments were received.				
3.	Climate change scenarios for Andhra Pradesh and its impact on streamflow and groundwater levels in Pennar River basin	Dr. Ramakar Jha suggested to consider different climatic zones of India for selection of GCMs. Dr. Sanjay K Jain suggested to further discuss with Prof. Dimri in this matter.				
	Sponsored/Collaborative Projects (Ongo	oing)				
1.	Snow and glacier contribution and impact of climate change in Teesta river basin in Eastern Himalaya	Not presented.				
2.	Development of Water Accounts for the different sub-basins of Brahmaputra and Barak River Basins in the state of Meghalaya Using Water Accounting Plus (WA+) Framework	Not presented.				
3.	Development of Water Accounts for the different sub-basins in the state of Nagaland Using Water Accounting Plus (WA+) Framework	Not presented.				
4.	Long term hydrological assessment for the development of water security plan into three sub-basins namely Barak, Minor rivers draining into Bangladesh and Minor rivers draining into Myanmar sub-basins in the state of Mizoram	Not presented.				
5.	Monitoring and Assessment of Mountain Ecosystem and Services in North-West Himalaya (Phase-II): Monitoring and Modeling of Hydrological Processes in Glaciated and Non-Glaciated Watersheds of North-West Himalaya	No specific comments were received in this collaborative study with IIRS.				
6.	Hydrological Assessment of Ungauged Basins (Aghanashini, Dasanakatte, Sita Nadi, Madisala Hole, Swarna Nadi and Gurupur River Basins) of the West Flowing Rivers in the Western Ghat Region of Karnataka	Not presented.				
	Internal Studies (New)					
1.	Monitoring and Modelling of Gangotri watershed (Bhojwasa) under different Climate Scenarios	Dr. A. P. Dimri suggested to undertake the Mass Balance of Glacier.				
2.	Glacier recurrence survey, Instrumentation and Modeling to study the Batal Glacier in part of Western Himalaya, India	Dr. Dimri suggested to see the other sites in the nearby area before finalisation of the site.				

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SN	Title of Project/Study	Study Team	Duration	Funding (Rs. Lakhs)
	Interna	l Studies (Ongoing)		
1.	Monitoring and hydrological modeling	M K Nema; Sanjay K Jain;	3 years	NIH
	of Henval watershed in Lesser Himalaya	P K Mishra;	(08/20-07/23)	(10.22)
2.	Spatio-temporal Water Availability	M K Nema;	2 years	NIH
	under Changing Climate and Landuse	P K Mishra;	(04/22-03/24)	(9.72)
	Scenarios in Wainganga River Basin	Rahul Jaiswal		
3.	Climate change scenarios for Andhra	Sunil Gurrapu; Nitesh	2 years	NIH
	Pradesh and its impact on streamflow	Patidar; YRS Rao;	(04/22-03/24)	
	and groundwater levels in Pennar River	R Venkata Raman;		
	basin	TVNAR Kumar		
		borative Projects (Ongoing		
1.	Snow and glacier contribution and	Sanjay K. Jain	3 years	NMHS-
	impact of climate change in Teesta river	P K Singh; M. Arora;	(11/19-11/22)	MoEF
	basin in Eastern Himalaya	A K Lohani; Vishal Singh	Extended up	(143)
	Development - CW-1-1-1 A C d	D I/ Cin al-	to 09/23	NILID
2.	Development of Water Accounts for the	P K Singh;	2 years	NHP
	different sub-basins of Brahmaputra and Barak River Basins in the state of	P K Mishra;	(08/20-07/22)	(14.50)
	Meghalaya Using Water Accounting		Extended up to 06/23	
	Plus (WA+) Framework.		10 00/23	
3.	Development of Water Accounts for the	P K Mishra;	2 years	NHP
3.	different sub-basins in the state of	P K Singh;	(04/21-06/23)	(9.00)
	Nagaland Using Water Accounting Plus	Vishal Singh;	(04/21-00/23)	(5.00)
	(WA+) Framework.	P K Agarwal		
4.	Long term hydrological assessment for	Vishal Singh; M K Nema;	3 years	NHP
	the development of water security plan	P K Singh;	(04/21-03/24)	(25.00)
	into three sub-basins namely Barak,	Vanlalpekhlua Sailo	,	,
	Minor rivers draining into Bangladesh	(SDO from Mizoram);		
	and Minor rivers draining into Myanmar	Lalruatkima (JE from		
	sub-basins in the state of Mizoram	Mizoram)		
5.	Monitoring and Assessment of Mountain	M K Nema; Sanjay K Jain;	3 years	IIRS
	Ecosystem and Services in North-West		(04/22-03/25)	(30.91)
	Himalaya (Phase-II): Monitoring and	Thakur (IIRS)		
	Modeling of Hydrological Processes in			
	Glaciated and Non-Glaciated			
	Watersheds of North-West Himalaya	DIV. 0' 1 17' 1 1 0' 1	2	MILE
6.	Hydrological Assessment of Ungauged	P K Singh; Vishal Singh;	3 years	NHP
	Basins (Aghanashini, Dasanakatte, Sita	Sanjay K Jain; Abhilash	(04/22-03/25)	(54.0)
	Nadi, Madisala Hole, Swarna Nadi and	R.		
	Gurupur River Basins) of the West Flowing Rivers in the Western Ghat			
	Region of Karnataka			
		ternal Studies (New)		<u> </u>
1.	Monitoring and Modelling of Gangotri	P K Mishra; Vishal Singh;	3 years	NIH
1.	(Bhojwasa) watershed under different	Sunil Gurrapu; Manohar	(04/23-03/26)	(57.0)
	Climate Scenarios	Arora; Sanjay K Jain;	(0.1.25 05.20)	(57.0)
		Jatin Malhotra		
2.	Glacier recurrence survey,	Vishal Singh; P K Mishra;	5 years	NIH
۷.	Glacier recurrence survey, Instrumentation and Modeling to study	Sunil Gurrapu; Sanjay K	5 years (04/23-03/28)	(71.0)
	the Batal Glacier in part of Western	Jain; Manohar Arora;	(04/43-03/40)	(71.0)
	Himalaya, India	Jatin Malhotra		
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#### DETAILS OF TRAINING/ WORKSHOP DURING APRIL, 2022 - MARCH, 2023

SN	Title of Training Course/Workshop	Coordinators	Duration	Venue
1.	Twelve-day Training programme on	Smt. D. Chalisgaonkar,	April 15-25,	NIH,
	"Water Resources Planning and	Scientist G	2022	Roorkee
	Management" sponsored by META	Er. P. K. Agarwal		
	Nashik for the engineers of the Water	Scientist B		
	Resource Department (WRD) of the			
	Government of Maharashtra			
2.	Five-day Training on "National	Dr. A. K. Lohani	August 01-05,	NIH,
	Hydrology Model" under the National	Scientist G	2022	Roorkee
	Hydrology Project (NHP)	Dr. S. K. Jain		
		Scientist G		
3.	Five-day online Training on	Dr. M. K. Nema	August 22-26,	NIH,
	"Hydrological Modeling using Soil and	Scientist D	2022	Roorkee
	Water Assessment Tool (SWAT): Theory	Dr. Vishal Singh		
	and Hands-on" sponsored by National	Scientist D		
	Hydrology Project (NHP).			
4.	Five-day Training Course on "Application	Dr. P. K. Mishra	28 Nov. – 02	Kohima,
	of Water Accounting Plus (WA+) Tool for	Scientist D	Dec., 2022	Nagaland
	Water Resources Management" under	Dr. P. K. Singh		
	National Hydrology Project.	Scientist D		
5.	One-week Training Program on "Climate	Dr. Sunil Gurrapu	December 12-	NIH,
	Change and Hydrological Impact	Scientist C	17, 2022	Roorkee
	Assessment"	Dr. L N Thakural		
		Scientist D		
6.	Five-day Training Program on "Flood	Dr. Vishal Singh	March $20 - 24$ ,	NIH,
	prone area mapping and modelling" for the	Scientist D	2023	Roorkee
	Irrigation and Water Resources Dept.,			
	Govt. of Mizoram			

#### RESEARCH MANAGEMENT AND OUTREACH DIVISION (RMOD)

Er. Omkar Singh, Sc. G & Head, requested Dr. A. R. Senthil Kumar, Sc G to present the overview of the Division's activities and progress of studies during 2022-23. Dr. A. R. Senthil kumar presented tables showing the studies and outreach activities proposed for the F.Y. 2023-24. He also presented the progress of the studies/project along with the input of Er. Omkar Singh as given below:

SN	Title of Project/Study	Recommendations/Suggestions
	Internal (Ongoing	
1.	Integrated assessment of water resources for sustainable use in Upper Dhasan basin in Bundelkhand Region, Central India	WG was informed a need for extension up to June 2023 as conveyed by the PI.
2	Establishing hydrological regime and ecohydrological functions of Jhilmil Jheel Wetland, Haridwar District	The study was not presented due to long leave of PI on medical ground.
3	Hydrology-based scenario planning for water productivity and optimization of income from farming practices in Mewat Region, Haryana	
4.	Development of Water Security Plan for Healthcare Facilities: A Pilot Study for Swami Rama Himalayan University (SRHU-HIHT), Jolly Grant, Dehradun	Proposed to drop the study due to non-availability of requisite data/resource.
	Sponsored (Ongoin	g)
1.	Innovation Centre for Eco-Prudent Wastewater Solutions (IC-EcoWS)-DST sponsored	Sponsored project was reported in WG meeting.

#### RECOMMENDED WORK PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2023-24 (RMOD)

S.N.	. Title of Project/Study Study Team			Funding (Rs. Lakh)
	Internal	Study (Ongoing)		(KS. Lakii)
1.	Integrated assessment of water resources for sustainable use in Upper Dhasan basin in Bundelkhand region	ı — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	Sep 2020- Jun 2023	NIH
2.	Establishing hydrologic regime and ecohydrological functions of Jhilmil Jheel wetland (Haridwar District, Uttarakhand)	Rohit Sambare (PI) V C Goyal (Co-PI), Suhas Khobragade, N R Allaka; Gajendra Singh-USAC, Dehradun; WI-SA, New Delhi; HESCO, Dehradun	Sep 2020- Aug 2023	NIH
3.	Hydrology-based scenario planning for water productivity and optimization of income from farming practices in Mewat region, Haryana  A R Senthil Kumar (PI), Omkar Singh (Co-PI) Rajesh Agarwal, N R Allaka Scientist from KVK/Agri Univ.		Sep 2020- Jun 2023	NIH
	Sponsored	Projects (Ongoing)		
1.	Innovation Centre for Eco-Prudent Wastewater Solutions (IC-EcoWS)	Omkar Singh (PI), Rajesh Singh (Co-PI), V.C. Goyal (Ex- PI), Jyoti P. Patil, Rohit Sambare, Rajesh Agarwal, NR Allaka and Project Staff-HQ (IC-EcoWS) <b>Partners:</b> NIH, MNIT-Jaipur, IIT-Bombay, IRMA-Anand	Apr 2019-Mar 2024	DST-GoI (510)

#### Proposed Training/Webinar/Outreach Activities of RMOD (2023-24)

S.N	Activity	Tentative	Place	Target	Team
		Month		Participants	
1.	5-days training on "Life Cycle	May/	Roorkee	R&D	J P Patil/AR
	Approach for Rejuvenation of	June 2023		Institutes/	Senthil Kumar,
	Ponds and Lakes using Nature-			Univ./Govt.	Omkar Singh, Rohit
	Based Solutions" sponsored by			Organizations	Sambhare, Rajesh
	NWM			_	Agarwal, NR Allaka
2.	Stakeholders workshop for	May/June	Bhopal	CWC, CGWB,	J P Patil, T Thomas, P
	Upper Dhasan Basin water	2023		State Govt.	K Mishra, Rohit
	resources assessment			Dept., etc.	Sambhare
3.	Five-day training program on	Jul/Aug	Roorkee	Irrigation/PHE	A. R. Senthil kumar,
	"Hydrology of water bodies and	2023		/SWC	Jyoti Patil, Rohit
	their development under climatic			departments	Sambare, Santosh M
	uncertainty"				Pingale, N R Allaka

#### **Other Outreach Activities:**

S.N.	Activity							
1.	Preparation of short videos on R&D findings of selected NIH studies							
2.	Coordination & Organizing activities under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav-Phase 2.0							
3.	Any other Outreach activity (exhibition) as assigned							
4.	Outreach activity on "Water	Oct/Nov/	Schools	Team: A. R. Senthil kumar, Omkar				
	Conservation & Water	Dec. 23	(2 nos.)	Singh, Rajesh Agarwal, N R Allaka				
	Security" in Schools							

Sh. Omkar Singh thanked the members for their valuable contributions during deliberations in the Working Group meeting. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

## **ANNEXURE-I**

List of Working Group Members who attended the 53<sup>rd</sup> WG meeting

1.	Dr. Sudhir Kumar, Director, NIH	Chairman
2.	Dr. Vijay Kumar, Ministry of Earth Sciences, New Delhi	Member
3.	Dr. Prashant Rai, CGWB, Dehradun	Member
4.	Dr. Praveen Thakur, IIRS, Dehradun	Member
5.	Prof. A.K. Saraf, IIT, Roorkee	Member
6.	Dr. Manoj P. Samuel, CWRDM, Kozhikode	Member
7.	Dr. Bhishm Kumar, IAEA (Retd.), Roorkee	Member
8.	Prof. Ramakar Jha, NIT, Patna	Member
9.	Prof. A.P. Dimri, Indian Institute of Geomagnetism, Mumbai	Member
10.	Dr. (Mrs.) Sadhana Malhotra, Mindspace, Dehradun	Member
11.	Sh. Sudhindra Mohan Sharma, Ex-Nodal Officer, MoDWS, Indore	Member
12.	Prof. K.K. Singh, NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
13.	Dr. Sanjay K. Jain, Sc. G & Head WRS Division, NIH	Member
14.	Dr. M.K. Goel, Sc. G & Head GWH Division, NIH	Member
15.	Dr. A.K. Lohani, Sc. G & Head SWH Division, NIH	Member
16.	Dr. R.P. Pandey, Sc. G & Head EH Division, NIH	Member
17.	Dr. Suhas Khobragade, Sc. G & Head HI Division, NIH	Member
18.	Er. Omkar Singh, Sc. G & Head, RMO Division, NIH	Member- Secretary

#### **Scientists from NIH**

	EH Division		SWH Division
1.	Dr. M.K. Sharma, Sc. F	16.	Dr. S.K. Singh, Sc.F
2.	Dr. Rajesh Singh, Sc. D	17.	Dr. P.C. Nayak, Sc. F
3.	Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Sc. D	18.	Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Sc. F
4.	Dr. Vinay K. Tyagi, Sc. D	19.	Dr. Archana Sarkar, Sc. F
5.	Dr. Kalzang Chhoden, Sc. C	20.	Dr. L.N. Thakural, Sc. D
	GWH Division	21.	Dr. J.P. Patra, Sc. D
6.	Dr. Anupma Sharma, Sc. G	22.	Dr. R.V. Kale, Sc. D
7.	Dr. Surjeet Singh, Sc. F	23.	Sh. N.K. Bhatnagar, Sc. B
8.	Dr. Gopal Krishan, Sc. D	24.	Sh. Om Prakash, Sc. B
9.	Dr. Nitesh Patidar, Sc. C		WRS Division
10.	Ms. Nidhi Kalyani, Sc. B		
	HI Division	25.	Dr. Manohar Arora, Sc. F
11.	Dr. M.S. Rao, Sc. F	26.	Dr. P.K. Singh, Sc. D
12.	Dr. Soban S. Rawat, Sc. E	27.	Dr. Manish Nema, Sc. D
13.	Dr. Santosh M. Pingale, Sc. D	28.	Dr. P.K. Mishra, Sc. D
14.	Smt. Anjali, Sc. C	29.	Dr. Sunil Gurrapu, Sc. D
	RMO Division	30.	Dr. Vishal Singh, Sc. D
15.	Dr. A.R. Senthil Kumar, Sc. G		

In addition, Technical Staff have also participated during presentations of their respective Divisions.

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