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### World Water Day, 2015

Dehra Dun, 22 March, 2015. The World Water Day (WWD), 2015 was celebrated at Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation (Formerly CSWCRT and I). Dr N.K. Sharma inaugurated the Day long events of exhibition, technical interaction, show-casing of Institute's Movie on natural resource management for bringing in understanding of sources, status, conservation needs, quality parameters and assessment techniques etc. pertaining to various water resources. In his message Dr P.K. Mishra, (Director, IISWC) asked for sustainable development of water as a commodity and the medium of ecosystem support. Dr N.K. Sharma highlighted the



needs and means of conserving water resources and various concerns of personal responsibilities of individuals as citizens in light of increasing pollution and reducing per caput water availability. Dr P.K. Mishra (Director, IISWC) informed that water is a precious resource available in defined quantum that needs to be used in most appropriate manner in every use.

Dr Lakhan Singh (Head, HRD&SS) explained the conservation needs of water citing couple of examples of water scarce scenarios that he experienced. The scientist pointed out the associated intricacies of water resource conservation while introducing the importance of the World Water Day and the need for water recycling and judicious use of the scarce resource. At the end, the participants were sensitized on the nationally on-going *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan* to maintain cleanliness of the premises for the benefit of environment and health. Integrated watershed management, water harvesting for sustainable agriculture production and environmental improvement, integrated uses of water resources through suitable integrated farming technologies for ensuring improved water productivity and rural livelihoods were highlighted during the event.