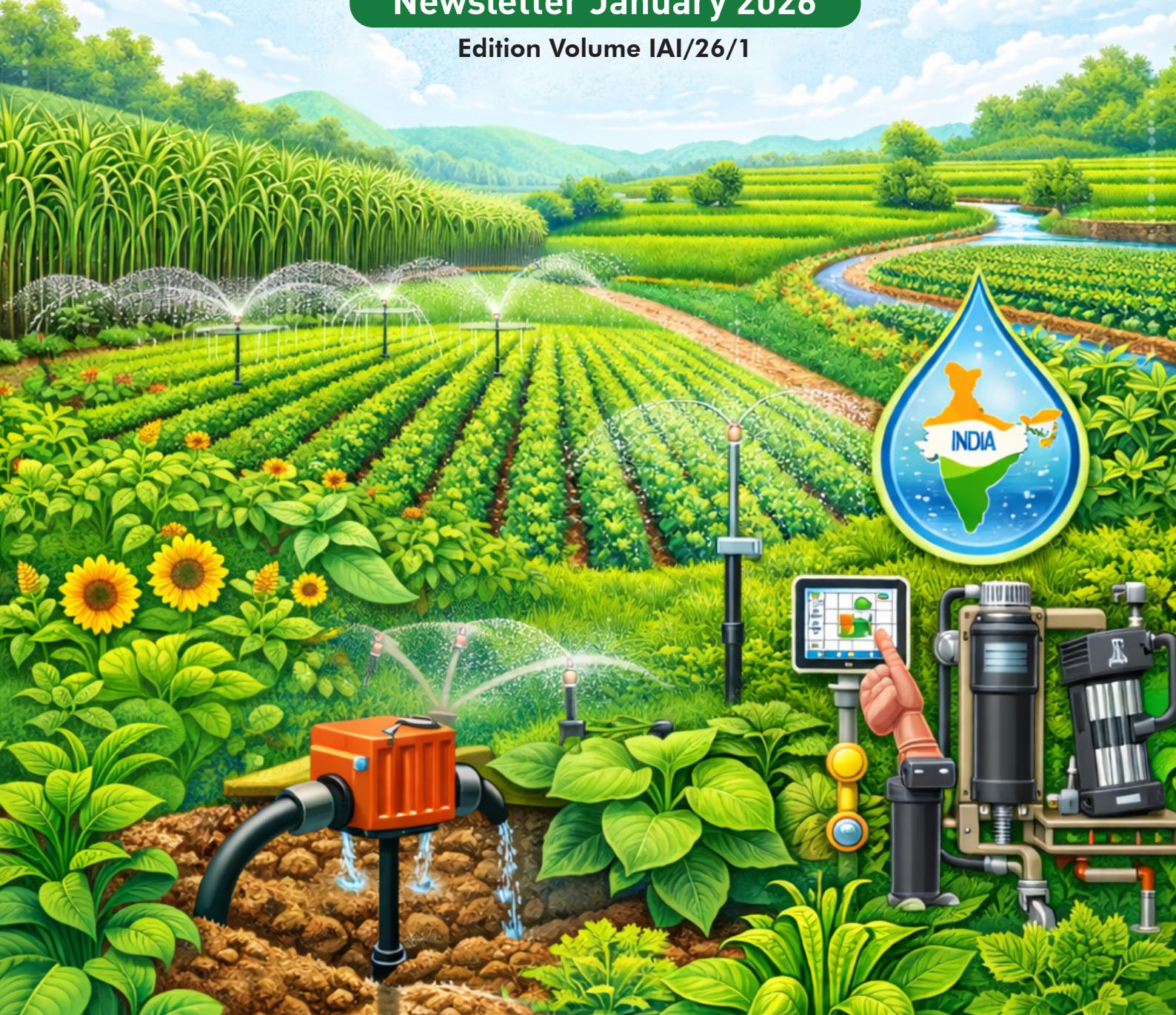




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Irrigation Association of India (IAI) held its MP State Chapter Meeting in Indore, Madhya Pradesh



The Irrigation Association of India (IAI) held a meeting of its Madhya Pradesh Chapter on 12 January 2026 in Indore. The meeting, chaired by Shri Saurabh Sangla, President IAI, along with Shri Omnath Verma (Chairman), Shri Ratnesh Kaurav (Vice-Chairman), Shri Narendra Dhandre (Past Chairman, MP Chapter) and Rajesh Kumar (Director, IAI), was attended by CEOs, micro-irrigation company representatives and senior state government officials.

Shri Saurabh Sangla highlighted IAI's initiatives and urged members and industry to support the state nodal agency—the Department of Horticulture & Food Processing, Government of Madhya Pradesh—for timely and effective implementation of the RKVY-PDMC Scheme.

Key issues discussed included:

- Adoption of innovative drip and sprinkler irrigation technologies
- Training on operation and maintenance (O&M)
- Operationalization of MPFSTS for scheme monitoring
- Introduction of single-window DBT fund transfer mechanisms
- Strengthening IAI's MP Chapter and enhance MI awareness in the state

IAI submitted representation to GOI to expedite the 2nd Mother Sanction release

The Irrigation Association of India (IAI) submitted a detailed representation to the Government of India (GoI) seeking expeditious release of the pending second Mother Sanction under the scheme. Following sustained follow-up and constructive engagement, IAI's efforts yielded positive results, and the Government of India subsequently released the second Mother Sanctions to the states of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana and Odisha.

IAI Driving Practical Reforms for Timely Fund Flow with GOI

The Irrigation Association of India (IAI) submitted a detailed representation to the Government of India seeking amendment to the RKVY guidelines, specifically to delink or provide alternative mechanisms to the existing 75 percent threshold criterion for release of subsequent instalments. The Government of India has taken cognizance of the issue and is deliberating on the proposal. IAI has been assured that, from the next financial year, revised guidelines or an alternative resolution is proposed to be introduced.

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Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) conducted a webinar on “Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) and convergence under PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (DDKY)”



The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) conducted a webinar on “Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) and convergence under PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)”. Ms. Asha Sota, Director, DA&FW, highlighted opportunities for converging PDMC with PMDDKY to enhance crop productivity and farmers’ income through micro-irrigation technologies in 100 identified low-productivity districts. The session was attended by DA&FW officials and State and Central Nodal Officers.

(Source: <https://shorturl.at/j5rx4>)

Advanced technologies to transform Telangana’s farm sector, boost farmers’ income

Shri A. Revanath Reddy, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Telangana, presented “Telangana Rising 2047”, the state’s vision document, at a global summit in Hyderabad. The vision outlines an ambitious roadmap for growth, with a strong focus on agriculture through adoption of precision irrigation, nano-fertilisers and IoT-based crop monitoring.

The state also aims to significantly boost oilseed production—from 5.39 lakh MT to 14.86 lakh MT—while doubling productivity to 1,076.89 kg/acre, and expand oil palm cultivation from 2.43 lakh acres to 11.83 lakh acres to build a globally competitive and sustainable ecosystem.

(Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/advanced-technologies-to-transform-telanganas-farm-sector-to-boost-farmers-income/article70326103166/>)



International Commission on Irrigation & Drainage (ICID-ClID) hosts a webinar on “Application of Remote Sensing in Crop Water Management and Water Resource Monitoring”



The International Commission on Irrigation & Drainage hosted a webinar on “Application of Remote Sensing in Crop Water Management and Water Resource Monitoring” on 20 January 2026. Dr. Harsh Shah, Founder & CEO of Agro Cast Analytics Pvt. Ltd., highlighted the use of satellite-derived indices such as NDVI, NDMI and EVI for monitoring crop growth, soil moisture and crop health, enabling crop water estimation across growth stages. He also emphasized AI- and satellite-driven digital platforms that provide farmers with near real-time insights for crop monitoring and yield estimation.

(Source: <https://hosturl.info/m2MVOi>)

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PRAGATI enabled Governance Boosts India's Irrigation Capacity: Jal Shakti Ministry



Water is central to India's agriculture, food security and rural livelihoods. With climate variability and rising demand intensifying pressure on water resources, strengthening irrigation infrastructure has become a national priority. To fast-track delayed irrigation and river-development projects, the Ministry of Jal Shakti has brought 93 major water resource projects, valued at about ₹2.86 lakh crore, under the PRAGATI portal. This platform enables direct monitoring and timely decision-making at the Prime Minister's level, helping resolve long-pending bottlenecks and accelerate project implementation.

(Source:<https://www.sarkaritel.com/pragati-enabled-governance-boosts-indias-irrigation-capacity-jal-shakti-ministry/>)

Government of Rajasthan (GoR) under Shri Bhajanlal Sharma Hon. Chief Minister of Rajasthan announces an outlay of ₹1,717 crore for modernisation of the states Ganga Canal System



Shri Bhajanlal Sharma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan, announced ₹1,717 crore worth of projects for rehabilitation and modernisation of the Ganga Canal system at its centenary celebrations in Sri Ganganagar. Key initiatives include reconstruction of the Ferozepur Feeder (₹647 crore), restoration of the Bikaner Canal (₹300 crore), and ₹695 crore for automation of 3.14

lakh hectares of command area to enable scientific water distribution and real-time monitoring, strengthening water management across the canal system.

(Source: <https://egov.eletsonline.com/2025/12/rajasthan-government-announces-₹1717-crore-for-ganga-canal-modernisation>

Govt. promoting smart, tech-driven agriculture to boost farmers' income says Andhra Pradesh Minister Atchannaidu

Shri K. Atchannaidu, Hon'ble Agriculture Minister of Andhra Pradesh, inaugurated an automated micro-irrigation facility at the Integrated Water Resources Management and Farmer Training Centre in Vijayawada.

The facility showcases smart, sensor-based irrigation and fertigation technologies for precision and sustainable farming.

Micro-irrigation is particularly suited for horticulture and other high-value crops. Farmers in Andhra Pradesh are eligible for assistance up to ₹40,000 per hectare under PMKSY, with implementation restricted to state-empanelled



companies, along with fixed pricing, mandatory inspections and APMIP branding.

(Source:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/govt-promoting-smart-tech-driven-agriculture-to-boost-farmers-income-says-andhra-pradesh-minister-atchannaidu/article70478445.ece>)

Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi IAS, Secretary, DA&FW, GoI participated in a High Level panel discussion at Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA) 2026 Berlin, Germany



Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi, IAS, Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), GoI, participated in a high-level panel at the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA) 2026 in Berlin. He highlighted India's water challenges and the Government of India's focus on sustainable water management through micro-irrigation and efficient on-farm water use to enhance agricultural productivity and resilience.

(Source:https://www.linkedin.com/posts/agrigoi_gffa2026-watersecurity-sustainablewatermanagement-activity-7417615101509251072_BtV)

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‘Neeriddre Nale’ initiative to boost groundwater awareness across 15 districts



The Government of Karnataka is rolling out Neeriddre Nale (“Water is Future”), an ambitious groundwater conservation initiative covering 252 severely over-exploited gram panchayats across 27 taluks and 15 districts. Launched by

Chief Minister Shri Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister Shri D. K. Shivakumar and Shri N. S. Boseraju, Minister for Minor Irrigation, the programme focuses on groundwater literacy, revival of traditional water sources and community-led sustainable water management to build a water-secure Karnataka.

Source: <https://www.thehansindia.com/karnataka/neeriddre-nale-initiative-to-boost-groundwater-awareness-across-15-districts-101307>

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

World Economic Forum (WEF) Declares 2026 'Year of Water' Amid Climate Extremes



The World Economic Forum (WEF) has declared 2026 the 'Year of Water' spotlighting water security and ocean health at its 'Blue Davos' meeting. The initiative aims to elevate water from a niche issue to a cornerstone of economic stability and climate resilience. Under the 'Year for Water', the WEF aims to prioritize freshwater protection through fit-for-purpose finance, basin-level partnerships, and innovation. For ocean systems, the focus of WEF will be on fostering an unprecedented convergence of technology, capital, policy, and market demand within the burgeoning 'blue economy'. The culmination of these efforts will be the third UN Water Conference in the UAE in December 2026.

(Source: <https://www.weforum.org/stories/2026/01/what-is-blue-davos-everything-you-need-to-know/>)

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Asian Development Bank (ADB) Supports Pilot Modern Pipe Distribution Network for Agriculture (PDN) in Sri Lanka



Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$3 million grant to help address water shortages in the Northwestern and Uva provinces of Sri Lanka. The project involves the construction of modern pipe distribution networks (PDN) aimed at improving access to irrigation in 877 ha of farmland. In addition to the construction of modern piped distribution networks (PDN), Asian Development Bank will also provide essential technical and institutional support. Wider adoption of modern and more efficient water distribution technologies such as Piped Distribution Networks (PDN) will be rolled out in the country in the second stage of the Mahaweli Water Security Investment Program.

(Source:<https://himalayadiary.com/adb-supports-pilot-of-modern-pipe-distribution-network-systems-for-agriculture-in-sri-lanka/>)



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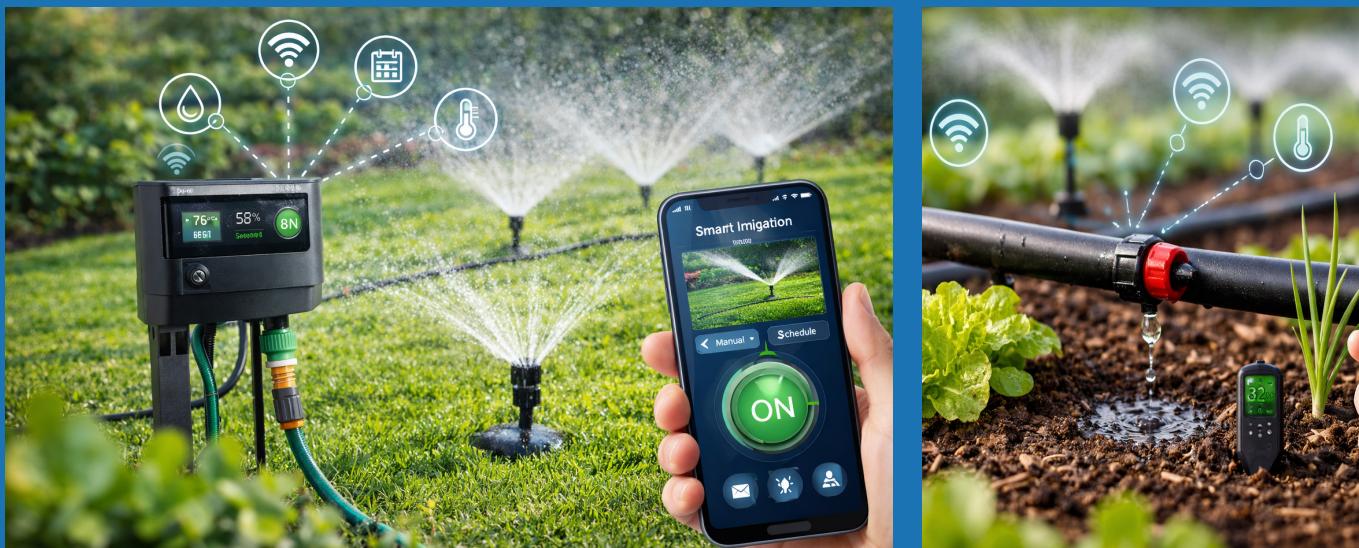
About Irrigation Association of India

Irrigation Association of India (IAI) is an apex industry body established in 1999, representing Micro Irrigation System (MIS) manufacturing companies in India. It is a not-for-profit organization and is working towards the successful implementation of Micro Irrigation in India for the benefit of farmers.

IAI has a registered office at Pune, Maharashtra, India and corporate office at New Delhi. IAI is closely working with the central Government of India and the State Governments. The association has a strong presence in states through IAI State Chapters at Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Jharkhand, West Bengal, and North Eastern Region.

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