



**Public Lecture**  
**On**  
**Traditional Water systems of Delhi**

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2010**

**Time: 6:30**

**India International Center, Delhi**

With the water level risen above the danger level, water clogging and mismanagement of water and its resources in the Capital, it became imperative to discuss the issue with the Delhi denizens with inputs and information on it from experts. Acknowledging the responsibility, Traditional Water systems of Delhi was chosen to be the topic of discussion as part of the Environment and Health Public Lecture Series scheduled on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2010 at India International Centre, New Delhi.

Sh. Sohail Hashmi, an expert on traditional water bodies of Delhi and Mr A. K Bajaj, Chairman Central Water Commission were the eminent speakers for the discussion moderated by Ravi Aggarwal, Director Toxics Link. While Sohail threw light on the historical side of the water situation in the city making people aware through the use of maps and locations that reviving traditional water bodies of the city would help in a large way dealing with the water situation in the country, Mr Bajaj, talked more from 'ground realities' perspective stating the facts and stats about the present water situation in the city.

With rainfall above normal and commonwealth activities under construction, the speakers faced many questions on the situation and the issue from the audience. In all, with wide participation and plethora of questions from audience, the event was successful in bringing out some information on the subject.

## Environment and Health Public Lecture Series

### Traditional Water Systems of Delhi - New challenges

“A little water is a sea to an ant.” An eco system is made up of many small parts, which could be erroneously thought of as insignificant. Within the intersection of mega scale urban planning and the impacts of climate the almost lost traditional water systems of Delhi need to be revisited urgently. The imminent challenge is to explore these water systems in the context of new urbanizations, and evolve meaningful ways in which they can coexist, for ecological security.

According to the GIS Development report, the number of people living in urban areas in India has gone up from 79 million in 1961 to more than 285 million today. This will further increase to over 400 million by the year 2011. Existing ecological systems, such as that of water, need to be integrated into new systems to reinforce each other. Such systems are not only water carriers but also imprints of histories, traditions, and cultures.

To reflect on this seeming dichotomy are two experts in their respective areas.

**Toxics Link and India International Centre cordially invite you to a lecture on *Traditional Water Systems of Delhi – New challenges*.**

#### Speakers:

- ◆ **Sh. Sohail Hashmi**, Expert on Traditional Water Systems of Delhi
- ◆ **A.K Bajaj**, Chairman, Central Water Commission
- ◆ Chaired and Moderated by **Ravi Agarwal**, Director, Toxics Link

**Venue :** Conference Room I, India International Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

(In collaboration with India International Centre)

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