

Chair
Dr. Nupur Bahadur

Vice Chair
Prof. Thanikal V. Joseph

Secretary
Dr. Lokesh Kumar

Treasurer
Dr. Hansa Jeswani

Regional Coordinators
Dr. Sudipti Arora
Dr. Shray Pathak
Dr. Ajai Singh
Dr. Pankaj Kumar Sampat
Er. Satish Panchal
Dr. Praveena Gangadharan
Mr P. Ganesh Kumar
Dr. Biswajit R Chowdhury

Communications Coordinators
Ms. Shubhanjali Kori
Dr. Sovik Das

International Coordinators
Dr. Nirakar Pradhan
Mr Siddharth Desai

YWP Coordinators
Dr. Danish D R
Dr. Radhika Boargaonkar

University Coordinators
Dr. S. Kanmani
Dr. Gopala K. Darbha

Industry and Utilities Coordinators
Dr. Uday G. Kelkar
Dr. Pradhyumna C S

Specialist Group (SG) Coordinators
Dr. A. Gangagni Rao
Dr. Gurudas Nulkar

Sponsorship Coordinators
Mr B Vignesh Kumar

IWA-India Governing Members Committee Meeting

Combined MoMs held on
Saturday, 5th July 2025 & Wednesday, 16th July 2025

Agenda of meetings:

1. Discussion on IWA Governing member fees.
2. Decision on new members and other requests for reorganization
3. Discussion on non-active members and their replacement.
4. Status of membership.
5. New proposals for events and outreach
6. Explore sponsorship opportunities for WDCE, through industry coordinators, by reaching out to prominent corporate players.
7. Initiating the conversation with the ministry for a possibility of India pavilion, like Toronto in WDCE.
8. Conversation with DG NMCG about setting up the SG on rivers that would be announced during the WDCE.
9. Any other with the permission of Chair.

Please note the revised Letter Head with the New Members

Minutes of Meeting:

1. It is always felt and especially now as activities are increasing, the GMC decides to have a **complete support from IWA India Office in terms of a dedicated Coordinator**, who will be coordinating with the Chair and the Secretary in organising meetings, arranging online meeting links, MoM preparation & circulation within stipulated time etc and also needed for any discussions on IWA India matters and all dealings of the GMC. For which **Ms. Gopika Beena** is appointed from IWA-India Office.
2. On the basis of a consensus, it is decided that **GMC Monthly meetings** will be held on **2nd Friday of every month from 3.30-4.30 pm** extended up to 5 pm and not on 2nd Saturdays, as decided earlier.
3. GMC discussed on various options to generate **Corpus Fund** for the expenses to be incurred in running a successful GMC including funds for the GMC Member Fees of 500 USD, representation of the Chair or a nominated member from GMC to travel and vote in the IWA Committees, for organizing IWA-India events, annual meets/ retreats, publications etc. For which it is decided that the

Chair in association with the Treasurer, Industry Coordinators and Sponsorship Coordinators will work on a strategy and for immediate requirements will write to a few potential sponsors.

4. GMC appoints following members in the Committee in the new role and some of the existing members with their roles changed upon their request. *Brief about new members is given at the end:*

(1) Dr Hansa Jeswani, Treasurer [New Member]

(2) Communication Coordinators

a. Ms. Subhanjali Kori

b. **Dr. Souvik Das [New Member]**

(3) University coordinators

a. **Dr S. Kanmani** [Reorganized, earlier in Communication Committee]

b. **Dr Gopala Krishna Darbha** [Reorganized, earlier in Sponsorship Committee]

(4) Northeast coordinators

a. **Dr. Biswajit Roy Chowdhury [New Member]**

b. *To be inducted*

(5) Sponsorship Coordinator

a. *One more member to be inducted*

5. IWA-India GMC Congratulate all the newly selected members and warmly welcome them in the Committee and look forward to their active participation in their respective roles and assigned responsibilities.

6. IWA-India Office to provide the GMC, some of the names of IWA members from Northeast, so that the 2nd member in the NE Committee could be selected.

7. Following Committees and their Members are required to give the **plan of action** with regard to the membership enhancement and activities, to the Chair in **one week by Monday, 28th July 2025**, which will be discussed separately with each Committee and finally presented in the next GMC Monthly meeting.

a. All Regional Coordinators (N/S/E/W)

b. University Coordinators

c. Industry Coordinators

d. Special Group coordinators on Special Group on Launch of Rivers commencing in IWA India / NMCG/IWA

e. Sponsorship Coordinators

8. Dr Manish Kumar, IWA Member from UPES Dehradun, requested for IWA-India logo support for an upcoming International Conference, for which GMC accepted the request.

9. The Chair to speak to following members, who have been inactive for a long time and if their replacement required or if they have to be moved to any other Committee so that they could contribute in a better way
 - a. Prof. C N Murthi (University Coordinators) [No communication established, so until further development, his membership in GMC is put on hold]
 - b. Dr Gopala Krishna Darbha (Sponsorship Coordinator) [Action Taken by the Chair and after speaking with him, his position reorganized]
10. To explore sponsorship opportunities for WDCE, industry coordinators are expected to reach out to prominent corporate players and discuss with the Chair and Dr Prasanna on the opportunities.
11. To initiate the conversation with the ministry for a possibility of India pavilion at the upcoming World Development Congress, Dr Prasanna to provide the GMC a concept note and the rates, which could be discussed with MoJS, GoI.
12. Separate discussion required with DG NMCG about setting up the SG on Rivers that could be announced during the WDCE. This event and the new SG in IWA will be coordinated by the Specialist Group (SG) of IWA-India GMC.
13. The next GMC Meeting to be held on 2nd Friday of Aug 2025 and to be organized by **Ms. Gopika Beena and the Secretary** with well-prepared agenda in advance.

Meeting ended with a note of thanks by the Chair and all members.

Brief description of newly inducted members in the GMC:

1. Dr. Hansa Jeswani

Prof & Head of Civil Engineering Department, Sardar Patel College of Engineering, Mumbai

Research interests: research in water and wastewater engineering, solid waste management, alternate farming using aquaponics and hydroponics, carbon di oxide sequestration using algae, use of metals for disinfection, low-cost housing, environmental pollution control and monitoring, Impact measurement and assessment.

2. Dr. Biswajit Roy Chowdhury, Ph.D.

Faculty, Dept. of Geography, Vidyasagar College, Kolkata

Research interests: Rivers, GIS mapping, Hydrological modelling,

3. Dr Sovik Das

Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi

Research interests: Bioelectrochemistry; Electrochemistry; Emerging contaminants; Microbial fuel cell; Resource recovery; Wastewater treatment
