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MoU Signing Ceremony between IISWBM and Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerji National Institute of Water and Sanitation (SPM-NIWAS) held on Tuesday, 13th January 2026

1. Opening Remarks – IISWBM Representative

- The meeting commenced with a welcome address emphasizing the shared vision of both institutions towards building a **cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable future**.
- The importance of institutional collaboration in addressing **water security, sanitation, and environmental challenges** was highlighted.

2. Address by Prof. (Dr.) Abhijit Chakraborty, President, BoG, IISWBM

- Dr. Chakraborty emphasized the need to **appoint nodal officers from both institutions** to ensure effective coordination.
- He highlighted the importance of translating policy and institutional knowledge to the **grassroots level**, including:
 - Urban areas
 - Semi-urban areas
 - Rural communities
- The collaboration was described as a means to **percolate technical knowledge and sustainable practices** to lower levels of society.

3. Address by Prof. (Dr.) K. M. Agrawal, Director, IISWBM

- Dr. Agarwal spoke on the importance of **joining hands for a noble cause**, particularly in the domain of water and sanitation.
- Key points highlighted:
 - Water is an essential component of **daily human activities**.
 - Ensuring **water security** both in terms of **quality and quantity** is a pressing concern.
 - The institute's expertise in **environment, water management, and allied domains** will add significant value to joint initiatives.
- He also mentioned that **advanced treatment technologies** developed by NISWAS can support sustainable water solutions.

4. Address by Mr. Priyatu Mandal, IAS, JS cum Director and Head, SPM-NIWAS

- Mr. Mandal highlighted that both IISWBM and NISWAS possess **complementary expertise**, which can be effectively leveraged.
- Key focus areas discussed:
 - IISWBM's strength in **policy, management, and business aspects**
 - NISWAS's strength in **technical and field-level water solutions**
- He emphasized the need to address:
 - Drinking water availability in rural areas
 - Sanitation challenges
- It was clarified that the collaboration would extend beyond rural areas to include:
 - Government sector
 - Government institutions and departments
- The partnership will function **as per government needs and requirements**.
- Collaboration with other **national and international institutions** was also encouraged.
- All activities will fall within the broader **WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene)** framework.
- Financial and operational aspects, including **direct coordination with vendors and expenditure management**, were briefly discussed.

5. Institutional Role & Environmental Perspective

- NISWAS emphasized its role in contributing to the **environmental component of development projects**, particularly in water-related interventions.
- The collaboration aims to integrate:
 - Environmental assessment
 - Water treatment solutions
 - Community-level implementation

6. Closing Remarks – Dr. Surajit Chakraborty, Assistant Professor and Coordinator, Department of Environment Management, IISWBM

- Mr. Dey concluded the meeting by reiterating the long-term value of the MoU.
- He expressed confidence that the partnership would lead to:
 - Practical solutions
 - Policy-relevant outcomes
 - Capacity building and societal impact
- He thanked all participants for their valuable inputs and support.

7. Key Outcomes of the Meeting

- Mutual agreement to sign the MoU between IISWBM and SPM NISWAS.
- Identification of water security, sanitation, and environmental sustainability as key collaboration areas.
- Decision to nominate nodal officers from both institutions.
- Alignment of activities under the WASH framework with a focus on community impact.





