

Editorial

Recently "World Water Day" was celebrated around the world for focussing on sustainable development of water resources. Now focus is not just on developing resources but managing sustainably as per UN sustainability goal. After all water is the key link involving food and energy (WEF - Water, Energy and Food). World Economic Forum (also with acronym WEF) looks into issues of global water primarily from the point of international trade in real and virtual water. Since food is now globally traded, all nations have to share the problems and issues associated with water around the world. For example, in water starved Africa, China has set up large agricultural farms for export to China and not for use in those countries where they are being cultivated. Likewise are coffee and soya in Brazil for export only and cattle rearing in Argentina for export of beef. Hence the entire global population is involved in water mismanagement.

Cape Town in South Africa is severely water stressed calling for rationing; soon it is estimated that over 200 cities around the world such as Beijing, Shanghai and Bengaluru will join the scene in an adverse way.

Instead of just one waterless day in a week, may be major metros around the world may have to have only one water day in a week as an urgent action plan to face the water crisis. Are we ready? Perhaps, not!

The present issue of the *Journal* includes select articles from a conference proceedings.

Happy reading.



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