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Patna, March 22. On the occasion of World Water Day, to highlight challenges around Groundwater Resources, a special lecture was organized by the the Centre for Studies on Environment and Climate (CSEC) at the Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI). The lectures were delivered by Professor Ashok Kumar Ghosh, Chairman at Bihar State Pollution Control Board (BSPCB) and Mr. Ranjan Panda, Convenor at Water Initiatives Odisha (WIO).

Mr. Ranjan Panda enlightened the audience on the need of traditional knowledge in water harvesting, as each region needs a region specific strategy. Several level of intervention are required at the moment, an integration of traditional and the modern system.

Thereafter, Professor Ashok Kumar Ghosh pointed out the increasing level of water contamination along with water stress across India. He also stated how common people often misinterpret the quality of groundwater by its appearance, without any knowledge about the dissolved contaminants.

Dr. Prabhat P Ghosh, Member-Secretary from ADRI delivered the welcome address. He focused on the existing water resources of India, with specific reference to Bihar.

Mr. Vivek Tejaswi, other participants were— Ms. Debarupa Ghosh and Ms. Ghazal Hashmi from CSEC, ADRI. The faculties and students from Patna Women's College were also present in the programme.

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