



### **About the Event:**

A detailed report on WMF Sponsored - One day Seminar on “Change in Lifestyle to become ‘aatmaNEERbhar’ –Self-Reliant in Water”

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Venue:** Auditorium – I

**Participants:** 195

**Coordinators:** (1) Ms. Swarupa Jagtap (2) Mr. Pratik Dhimmar (3) Mr. Ashish Choudhari

**Organized by:** Civil Engineering Department (KSET & KSDS) in association with Institute of Engineers, Gujarat Local Center, Ahmedabad, and Vadodara Local Centre, Vadodara and Water Management Forum, Ahmedabad

**Introduction:** A Seminar-cum-Exhibition on “Change in Lifestyle to Become AatmaNEERbhar – Self-Reliant in Water” was successfully organized on **11 March 2026** to highlight the growing importance of **water conservation and sustainable water management**. The event aimed to create awareness about the urgent need to adopt responsible water-use practices and promote innovative solutions for long-term water sustainability.

The program brought together **experts, academicians, and students**, providing a valuable platform for meaningful interaction and knowledge exchange. The seminar featured **expert lectures and informative sessions** focusing on important themes such as **AatmaNEERbhar – Self-Reliance in Water** and **Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) Technology**, emphasizing practical strategies for efficient water utilization and wastewater management.

The event served as an important initiative to **sensitize participants towards sustainable water practices**, encourage responsible lifestyle changes, and inspire collective efforts toward achieving **water self-reliance and environmental sustainability**.

### **Objective:**

WMF Sponsored - One day Seminar was organized at KPGU with the following objectives:

- To **create awareness** about water conservation and the responsible use of water resources in daily life.



- To **promote the concept of “AatmaNEERbhar” (Self-Reliance in Water)** among students, individuals, and communities.
- To **educate students and engineers** about innovative techniques and practices for water conservation, recycling, and reuse.
- To **provide a platform for experts and academicians** to share their knowledge, experiences, and research related to sustainable water management.
- To **encourage lifestyle changes** that help reduce water wastage and promote efficient water utilization.
- To **showcase practical solutions and technologies** related to water conservation through exhibitions and demonstrations.
- To **motivate students to actively contribute** towards sustainable development and effective water resource management.
- To **strengthen collaboration between academic institutions and organizations** working in the field of water conservation and sustainability.

### **Details of the event:**

The **Seminar-cum-Exhibition on “Change in Lifestyle to Become AatmaNEERbhar – Self-Reliant in Water”** was organized on **11 March 2026 at KPGU, Vadodara**, with the aim of spreading awareness about **water conservation and sustainable water management**.

The program began with a **warm welcome of the dignitaries and participants**. This was followed by the **lighting of the ceremonial lamp**, symbolizing the removal of darkness and the beginning of knowledge, in the presence of distinguished guests and faculty members.

After the lamp lighting ceremony, the **welcome address was delivered by Dr. Lalit S. Thakur**, who highlighted the growing importance of **water conservation** and emphasized the concept of becoming **AatmaNEERbhar (Self-Reliant in Water)** through responsible lifestyle practices.

**Mr. K. M. Thakkar, Chairman, Institution of Engineers (India), Vadodara Local Centre**, provided an overview of the activities and initiatives undertaken by the **Institution of Engineers (India)**. He highlighted the organization’s role in promoting **professional development, technical knowledge, and engineering excellence** among students and professionals.

**Mr. Vijay Solanki, Deputy Director of the Water Management Forum, Ahmedabad**, shared the **objectives and significance of the seminar** with the students. He emphasized the importance of adopting **sustainable lifestyle practices** and spreading awareness about **responsible water management**.



**Dr. A. B. Chaudhari, Honourable Provost**, addressed the gathering and shared his **valuable words of wisdom** with the students. He encouraged them to adopt **responsible lifestyle practices** and actively contribute towards **sustainable water management and conservation efforts**.

The **first technical session** of the event was delivered by **Mr. Setu Shah**, who conducted an insightful session on **“AatmaNEERbhar – Self-Reliant in Water.”** During his session, he focused on **practical initiatives that can be adopted at the household level to conserve water**. He also explained the **difference between water reuse and water recycling** and demonstrated the **amount of water wasted in everyday activities**, creating strong awareness among the participants.

**Dr. Seema Nihalani** delivered an informative session on **“Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD).”** She explained the concept and highlighted its importance in **minimizing wastewater discharge and promoting sustainable water management practices**. She also informed the students and dignitaries about the **various initiatives taken by the government to encourage industries to adopt ZLD technology**, including **subsidies of up to 70% towards the cost of implementing such technologies**.

### **Valedictory Session & Certificate Distribution**

The seminar concluded with a **valedictory session**, during which the **key learnings and highlights of the day were summarized**. A **Vote of Thanks** was delivered by **Ms. Komal Dave**, expressing sincere gratitude to the **Chief Guest, guest speakers, organizers, faculty members, and participants** for their valuable contributions in making the event a success.

During the session, **certificates were distributed to all participants**, recognizing their **active participation and successful completion of the seminar**. The event concluded on a **positive and inspiring note**, reinforcing the importance of **water conservation and sustainable engineering practices**.

An **exhibition related to water conservation and sustainable practices** was also organized as part of the event. Various **informative posters and displays** highlighting innovative water conservation methods and sustainable water management practices were presented. Students and participants **actively explored the exhibition**, gaining insights into **practical solutions and technologies for efficient water management**.



### Outcome or Benefits of the Event:

The seminar successfully created **awareness among students about the importance of water conservation and sustainable water management**. Through expert sessions on topics such as “AatmaNEERbhar – Self-Reliant in Water” and “Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD)”, the participants gained **valuable insights into innovative and practical solutions for efficient water use and wastewater management**.

The program encouraged students to **adopt responsible lifestyle practices that promote water conservation in daily life**. It also motivated them to **actively contribute towards the vision of AatmaNEERbhar (self-reliance in water)** by implementing sustainable water practices at the individual and community levels.

Overall, the seminar helped students understand the **critical role of engineers, professionals, and individuals in ensuring the sustainable and efficient use of water resources**, thereby contributing to long-term environmental sustainability.

### Suggestion/ Feedback:

The seminar was highly informative and well organized, providing valuable insights into sustainable water management and responsible lifestyle practices. Students appreciated the expert sessions and the opportunity to learn about innovative concepts such as smart irrigation systems and zero liquid discharge. For future programs, more interactive sessions, demonstrations, and extended discussion time could further enhance student participation and understanding.

### Photographs of the events:





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