## World Water Day 22 March 2024

IIT Jodhpur celebrated World Water Day (March 22nd, 2024) by hosting an insightful seminar on Conservation of Traditional Water Bodies through Hydrogeo Tourism.

World Water Day, held on 22 March every year since 1993, is an annual United Nations Observance focusing on the importance of freshwater.

The theme of World Water Day 2024 was 'Water for Peace'. In this context, a seminar was organized in hybrid mode to reflect on the importance of water conservation and traditional water conservation practices in the arid region of Rajasthan.

This seminar led by Dr. Shiv Singh Rathore talked about "Conservation of traditional water bodies through Hydrogeo Tourism". He explored how combining elements of hydrology and geology through tourism can raise awareness and promote sustainable practices for protecting our precious water resources.



## About the speaker: Dr. Shiv Singh Rathore

Dr. Rathore is an Adjunct Prof. of Practice at CETSD, IIT Jodhpur, formerly he has served as a chairman of Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC). A geologist by training, Dr. Rathore holds expertise in Hydro Geotourism, Geoheritage, Geopark and ground water resources. He completed his M.Sc. in Geology (Gold-medalist) and Ph.D. from Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur. His Ph.D. research was on "Hydro Geotourism and the burning problem of rising ground water level of Jodhpur city, Rajasthan, India". Recently, Dr. Rathore has been awarded Post Doctoral (D.Sc.) by Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan on International Important Issues of Geoheritage, Geopark and Hydro Geotourism and its scope in India. For his Erudite Research Work, he has been awarded with Marwar Ratan.

The details of the seminar (in hybrid mode) were as follows:

Title of the talk: Conservation of traditional water bodies through Hydrogeo Tourism

Speaker: Dr. Shiv Singh Rathore

Moderator: Dr. Kirti Sankhala

Date and time: 22-03-2024; 12 p.m. IST

Venue: Meeting Room, CETSD, E-14 Berm or join via Google Meet

Video call link: <a href="https://meet.google.com/cmy-mdbg-koc">https://meet.google.com/cmy-mdbg-koc</a>