

PRESS NOTE

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“A New Dawn of Water Sustainability”: SRM University-AP Welcome International Researchers at the 1st Water Elixir Meet 2025

SRM University-AP hosted the 1st Water Elixir Meet (WE Meet 2025), a three-day international conference bringing together global minds to address one of the world’s most pressing challenges: water sustainability and security. The conference, organised under the aegis of The Department of Environmental Science and Engineering, was inaugurated by Prof. Rajasekhar Balasubramanian, Provost’s Chair Professor Group Head (Hydraulics, Hydrology and Climate Resilience), Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, National University of Singapore.

“The available water quantity is decreasing, and the water quality is declining. There is a dire need to look into these parameters holistically and not separately. The We Meet 2025 is an ideal platform where scientists, researchers, policymakers, and industry leaders converge to address and manage global water resources efficiently and strategically,” stated Prof. Rajasekhar in his inaugural address.

WE Meet 2025 brought together more than 150 research abstracts and an esteemed lineup of global speakers, sharing groundbreaking insights into water resources, hydrogeology, and environmental sustainability. Prof. Kwang Ho-Choo from Kyunpook National University, South Korea, Prof. Shiao-Shing Chen from National Taipei University of Technology, Taiwan, Prof. Fulvia Chiampo from Politecnico di Torino, Italy, were some of the notable international speakers who delivered keynote sessions at the conference.

Prof. Manoj K Arora, Vice Chancellor of SRM University-AP, remarked beyond academic and research possibilities, WE Meet 2025 aimed at fostering global partnerships, innovative solutions, and cultural exchange. He stated, “WE Meet 2025 is a timely conference organised to address critical issues such as water resource management and water conservation. At SRM University-AP, we have introduced the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research, where researchers work on innovative solutions to urgent issues of water sustainability.” Dr Rangabhashiyam Selvasembian, Head of the Department of Environmental Science and Engineering, also opined that this groundbreaking gathering fosters dialogue for impact. He said, “The conference is a testament to the power of creative action in securing a sustainable tomorrow.”

By showcasing cutting-edge technologies and driving policy advancements, WE Meet 2025 at SRM University-AP serves as a catalyst for real-world change. The conference also saw the participation of Registrar Dr R Premkunar, Dean – School of Engineering and Sciences, Prof. C V Tomy, Dean–Research, Prof. Ranjit Thapa, faculty, scholars and students of the varsity.

As the world grapples with increasing water challenges, this landmark international conference paves the way for a transformative journey to secure the future of water.