



World Water Day (WWD) 2026



ROW/SOA Training Workshop, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Summary Report





Training Workshop on Water, Waste Management & Climate Change



27th & 28th April, 2026

Venue: Centre for Environment & Climate (CEC), ITER

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(DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)
BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA

This workshop by the **ROW) Foundation (USA)** in collaboration with the **SOA**, deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, included a comprehensive training in water, waste management, and climate change areas. The participants included graduate students, who were mostly PhDs and Masters level students in Environmental Science, Physics, Chemistry, Biomaterials, and other related fields.



Participants at the workshop with the training faculty members

The classroom (in-person) training workshop on **Day 1** was followed by a site visit and field training on water testing and evaluation of water bodies to impacted rivers near Bhubaneswar on **Day 2, April 26th, Saturday**. Interactions between the participants, faculty members and the experts from US, and India provided a great learning environment. The Agenda included the following items:

Day 1 (April 25, 2025, Friday) (9:30 AM – 5:30 PM)

- 1. Introduction & Scope (0.5 hr.)**
 - a. Opening Remarks (VC/Dean SOA)
 - b. Introduction (TBA)
 - c. Overview of the training (Subijoy Dutta, P.E.) – Brief Summary
- 2. Improved Water Management Using Low Impact Designs**
 - a. Prof. William E. Roper, President, ROW Foundation (Virtual from Washington, DC Area)
- 3. Climate Change (2.0 hrs.)**
 - a. Climate Change and Early Warning System (Dr. S.C. Sahu)
 - b. Global impacts of Climate Change – Building resilience, involving communities and monitoring Himalayan Glaciers (Subijoy Dutta, P.E.)
 - c. Q&A

Break - 10 minutes
- 4. Water and Wastewater – Proper use and treatment for a healthy living (1 hr.)**
 - a. Prof. Bala Prasad, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam
 - b. Q&A
- 5. Lunch (1 – 2 PM)**

6. Comprehensive Waste Management for a Healthy Living

- a. MSW - Options for treating/Disposal of MSW (Subijoy (Dutta, P.E.)
- b. Q&A

7. Biodiversity and Natural Resources (30 minutes)

- a. **Biodiversity and conservation of Natural resources - Prof. Sharat Kumar Palita**
- b. **Wellness with Hydrogen plus water (15 minutes) – Mrs. Dimple Sahoo**

8. Community Engagement for a Comprehensive Waste Management (30 min.)

- a. Engaging with Communities – Awareness Program – Award winning village – Gokul, U.P following UN World Water Day (2025) – case study (Subijoy Dutta, P.E.)
- b. Q&A

9. Wrap-up, Evaluation and Feedback (1 hr.)

Wrap-up

Evaluation of Participants (multiple choice Qs)

Short Feedback from the participants

Awarding Certificates to Successful Participants from 2025

10. Valediction

Day 2 (April 26, 2025, Saturday)

Visits to River Sites – Daya River and other streams nearby (10:00 AM – 2:00 PM)

Finalize Activities and visits to Rivers, and locations with local coordinators + SOA .

Activities: -

Water Testing and evaluating health of the water bodies, visiting with local people to listen to their concerns, comments, and willingness to help; Conduct field tests – **pH, Conductivity, TDS, Turbidity, and Dissolved Oxygen** levels of the water bodies around Bhubaneswar.

Pictures from the classroom (in-person) training workshop



A scenic landscape featuring blue-toned mountains and a sky filled with soft, white clouds. The mountains are silhouetted against the lighter sky, creating a sense of depth. The clouds are scattered across the sky, adding texture and atmosphere. In the center of the image, the text "DAY 2" is displayed in a bold, black, serif font, enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

DAY 2



Pictures from the site visit.





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