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MESSAGE

I am happy to know that eminent dam safety professionals from across the world will be participating in the International Dam Safety Conference - 2022 in Jaipur, Rajasthan from 10-12th October 2022. This Conference will be useful to the dam professionals, academicians, scientists, as well as to industrial sector within the country and around the world in deliberating on the leading global practices and technological advancements in construction, operation and safety of dams.

Dams facilitate social and economic development by providing much needed water to meet the demands of water for agriculture, drinking and industry. India ranks third globally in terms of number of large dams. Majority of dam owners are State Governments. The major challenge for the State Governments is to ensure the safety and efficient operation of these assets.

The enactment of Dam Safety Act 2021 provides for surveillance, inspection, operation and maintenance of dams for prevention of dam failure related disasters and for the institutional mechanism for their safe functioning. As per the provisions of the Act, Government of India has notified constitution of National Committee on Dam Safety (NCDS) to evolve dam safety policies, protocols and procedures and also notified the establishment of the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) to function as a regulating body for ensuring the nationwide implementation of dam safety policies and standards.

Organizing an international event of such a magnitude needs considerable effort and resources. I take this opportunity to compliment CWC, INCOLD and CBIP for organisation of the Conference. I hope that the recommendations emerging from this Conference would prove valuable to dam owners and dam professionals.



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