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A Brief Report on IWWA Foundation Day 2026 Celebration by Lucknow Centre

The Indian Water Works Association (IWWA), Lucknow Centre, celebrated *IWWA Foundation Day-2026* on 10 October 2026, commemorating the birth anniversary of the great Indian engineer and Founder President of IWWA, **Late Shri B. R. Bhise Ji**. The occasion was marked by paying heartfelt tributes to this distinguished visionary whose contributions laid the foundation for the Association's enduring commitment to the water sector.

The celebration was held in the Conference Room at the Headquarters of C&DS, U.P. Jal Nigam, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow. The programme was presided over by **Er. P. K. Sinha**, former Chief Engineer (Level-I), U.P. Jal Nigam, and Past President of IWWA.

The programme commenced with **Er. A. K. Gupta**, Hon. Secretary, IWWA Lucknow Centre, extending a warm welcome to the dignitaries and inviting Er. P. K. Sinha to preside over the proceedings. He also invited **Er. Sanjay Kumar Singh**, Chairman, IWWA Lucknow Centre, to take his seat alongside the Chairperson.



In his opening remarks, Er. A. K. Gupta highlighted the significance of Foundation Day as an occasion to remember the visionary leadership and pioneering contributions of Late Shri B. R. Bhise Ji, while reaffirming IWWA's enduring mission to advance knowledge, innovation, and professional excellence in the water sector. He emphasized the Association's continued commitment to promoting the **sustainable management of water resources, efficient water supply and wastewater management, and the conservation of this invaluable resource for present and future generations.**

The programme continued with the **welcome address by Er. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Chairman, IWWA Lucknow Centre**, who warmly welcomed the dignitaries and participants. In his address, he provided an overview of the Indian Water Works Association and highlighted the significance of Foundation Day as an occasion to reaffirm the Association's vision, values, and commitment to the water sector.

Recalling the life and contributions of **Late Shri B. R. Bhise Ji**, Er. Singh shared inspiring anecdotes that reflected his vision, dedication, and pioneering spirit. He emphasized that Shri Bhise Ji would always be remembered with profound respect and admiration for his visionary initiative in conceiving, establishing, and nurturing the Indian Water Works Association into a distinguished professional body dedicated to the advancement of water supply and allied sectors. He also emphasized the need to launch a concerted membership drive to expand the Association's membership base and strengthen its reach and engagement within the professional community.



Following the welcome address, a solemn tribute was paid to **Late Shri B. R. Bhise Ji, Founder President of IWWA**. Er. P. K. Sinha, Past President of IWWA, and Er. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Chairman, IWWA Lucknow Centre, jointly garlanded his portrait as a mark of reverence and gratitude. The tribute was followed by other participants offering flowers at the portrait, paying their heartfelt homage to the illustrious founder whose vision and legacy continue to inspire generations of water professionals.



Thereafter, **Er. Anil Kumar Gupta, Hon. Secretary, IWWA Lucknow Centre and former Hon. Director (Technical), IWWA**, elaborated on the life, professional accomplishments, and enduring contributions of the Association's Founder President. He highlighted the significant water supply projects executed under his leadership, reflecting his technical expertise, foresight, and unwavering dedication to public service. Er. Gupta also recalled his scholarly contribution in authoring and publishing a textbook on *Water Supply*, which exemplified his commitment to advancing technical knowledge and professional learning. He further noted that, following his retirement from service, Shri Bhise Ji laid the foundation of the Indian Water Works Association in **1968**, creating a professional platform for knowledge sharing, technical excellence, and collective efforts towards the development of the water sector. His remarkable journey stands as an enduring source of inspiration for water professionals.



The other participants, including **Er. R. S. Yadava, former Executive Engineer, UPJN; Er. D. N. Yadava, former Superintending Engineer, UPJN; and Er. (Dr.) A. K. Gupta, Director (Land), STC, U.P.**, also shared their views on the occasion. Er. R. S. Yadava emphasized the need to strengthen IWWA Lucknow Centre through concerted efforts to expand its membership. Er. D. N. Yadava highlighted the growing concern over river pollution and suggested appropriate measures for its prevention and control. Er. (Dr.) A. K. Gupta emphasized that **strong moral values, impeccable character, and professional integrity among engineers are fundamental to nation-building**. Illustrating his views with practical, everyday examples, he underscored the importance of honesty, accountability, and ethical conduct in the discharge of professional responsibilities and in serving society at large.



In his presidential address, **Er. P. K. Sinha, Past President, IWWA**, paid a heartfelt tribute to the vision and enduring legacy of Late Shri B. R. Bhise Ji. He observed that the construction of the IWWA Headquarters building in Mumbai was among the Founder President's most remarkable achievements, reflecting his exceptional vision, determination, and passion. Emphasizing the challenges involved in establishing the

Association, he called upon IWWA members to work collectively towards further strengthening the organization and advancing its objectives. He particularly stressed the need to strengthen IWWA Lucknow Centre by promoting student membership through closer engagement with engineering colleges and academic institutions. He concluded that carrying forward the pioneering initiative of the Founder President with renewed commitment and dedication would be the most befitting tribute to his enduring legacy.



At the conclusion of the programme, **Er. Jitesh Nigam, Vice-Chairman, IWWA Lucknow Centre**, proposed the vote of thanks, expressing sincere gratitude to the Chairperson, distinguished dignitaries, and all participants for their gracious presence, valuable contributions, and active participation in making the celebration meaningful and memorable.



The programme concluded on a note of mutual goodwill and renewed commitment to the ideals and vision of Late Shri B. R. Bhise Ji. The celebration served as a reminder of the collective responsibility of IWWA members to strengthen the Association, promote professional excellence, and contribute meaningfully towards sustainable water management. It was resolved in spirit that the most fitting tribute to the Founder President would be to carry forward his legacy with dedication, integrity, and a shared commitment to the advancement of the water sector.



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