

**World Meteorological Day 2020: Managing climate and water in a more coordinated and sustainable manner**

World Meteorological Day is celebrated every year on 23 March. The day showcases the essential contribution of the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services in protecting the safety and wellbeing of the society. The world has been celebrating this day since 1961. Each year, this day is celebrated around different themes, which are chosen to reflect current weather, climate or water-related issues. The theme chosen for World Meteorological Day, 2020 is Climate and Water, which aligns with the theme of the World Water Day 2020 and the slogan for WMD is **"Count Every Drop, Every Drop Counts"**.



The world now faces challenges posed by water stress, floods and droughts and lack of access to clean water supplies. There is an urgent need to improve forecasting, monitoring and management of water supply and to deal with the problem of too much, too little or too polluted water.

Meteorological community is now focusing on managing climate and water in a more coordinated and sustainable manner because they are inextricably linked. Both are at the heart of global goals of sustainable development, climate change and disaster risk reduction.

Director-General of Meteorology, Dr. M. Mohapatra, congratulated all the meteorological, hydrological and allied fraternity on World Meteorological Day on 23 March 2020. He appreciated the efforts by IMD staff to provide necessary meteorological services amid the prevailing scenario because of the threat of COVID-19.

He also promised that the meteorological community would continue to provide essential weather and climate services in future as well.

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