TCRP has been speaking advocating issues of immense water crisis in India and consequently conducted a first Water Workshop-2019 on 11th September 2019 at New Delhi. The workshop was focused on how one can be a part of this water solution regime in his/her own society/city/location with a defined roadmap and implementation strategy. APSWDP was represented by 04 enthusiastic members namely Dr. Sumit Arora, Mr. Amit Joshi, Mr. Karamveer Singh and Mr. Navneet Trivedi on the nomination by host and our partner The Climate Reality Project-India (TCRP).

Col. Shashikant Dalvi (Retd.), National Coordinator for Water Conservation took the main session and shared the work done in various parts of India on efficient water management. He shared various success stories from northern and southern India ranging from school, colleges to housing complexes and entire villages where his work has been augmented by Climate Reality India and able to bring in positive transformation.

The important take away from the workshop for the participants was a roadmap to work for solution to the water crisis, which included:-

1. To find out what are the Rain Water Harvesting policies for the state, any district/city/village, initiatives taken up by Govt, pvt. Organizations and to collect its details/documents.
2. To collect the information on water sources, rainwater pattern/data for the last 10 years as well as the current situation of water table of your city, district and state.

3. To find out how the water is coming from local authority/supply – bore wells, canal supply etc and what is the price that domestic households and/or the industry is charged at.

4. To make a visit to big vendors/dealers of agriculture grade, superior quality (Supreme/Alster/Finolax/Jain Irrigation) shop and collect rates for RWH pipes, filters and other services he can partner with in the RWH domain.

5. On similar lines, CSR opportunity may also be explored with other likeminded individuals, institutes, schools, colleges, stadiums where a lot of scope is there for such rain water collection.

6. To visit local ITI, polytechnic, diploma institute and figure out if they are already providing training to plumbers on RWH pits and mechanism. Collate information.

7. To explore experienced plumber via local sanitary stores who has experience of more than 7/8 and seek a collaboration for RWH opportunity; in case he has experience good, else to train him on this aspect.

8. In case of living in a high rise/society/builder apartment etc, to inquire about current state of RWH pits; are they working, try making a check therein.

9. Any particular water management issue/solution that has been observed worth trying/sharing; do collect video or more information for it.

The session ended with climate leaders sharing their journey of climate positive acts after being trained by Al Gore himself in recent past.

APSWDP has committed to provide extended wider support to TCRP-INDIA in taking up issues of water conservation, judicious use of water and water harvesting methods in future with the existing network. APSWDP members present have also made commitment to work with grass root NGOs, rural networks and youth including plumbing associations in the cities.