

Dr A Ramesh Kumar, Scientist-F co-chaired a session on “Water and Human Health” as part of the India International Water Week 2026, in Delhi organized by Ministry of Jal Sakthi on 25 September 2026. During the panel discussion, Dr Kumar spoke on the current water quality monitoring undertaken by CPCB, CWC and CGWB have limited scope, and we need to build our capacity to monitor emerging contaminants including Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), high production volume industrial chemicals such as flame retardants, per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) etc. He emphasized that data quality is very important for risk assessment and making policy decisions. Dr Kumar gave an overview of POPs research at CSIR-NEERI and various capacity-building programs in the area of environmental monitoring and assessment including water quality monitoring.





