

## **World Water Day Seminar**

Water is life all living things need water for their survival, “Save Water Save Life”. This was the message from one day seminar on “World Water Day 2019” held at Centre of Excellence in Water Resources Engineering, University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The theme of Seminar was “Leaving no one behind through better Water Management”.

Director CEWRE Prof. Dr. Noor Muhammad Khan, in his welcome address highlighted the importance of water, different options and needs for water management. He said that Pakistan may be in severe water crises in future if proper planning is not done for water saving in domestic, agriculture, industrial and other sections.

Eminent speakers from different departments such as WAPDA, PCRWR, Pak Met, Punjab irrigation deptt. , Academia and NGOs participated and shared their knowledge regarding need of water management for survival of present and future generations.

In Pakistan, due to increased population the need for food and fiber is increasing very rapidly, more crop production and water is required for survival, on one side water demand is increasing but on the other hand, available surface water is decreasing. Moreover severe wet and dry conditions are occurring frequently due to climate change. To survive under such condition there is need to conserve and manage water more effectively than before.

The experts from WAPDA forcefully emphasis on construction of new dams for water storage, he further explained that 60 MAF more water will be required in 2025 in addition to present water available 160 MAF. So construction of large dams such as diamer-Basha, Mohmand and Dasu are very much necessary.

The seminar was concluded by the chief guest Prof. Dr. Aziz Akbar, Vice Chancellor UET, Lahore. He expressed that the seminar is an excellent effort in creating awareness about importance of water and its management, he further emphasized that such seminars should be conducted more frequently at larger scale. At the end of the seminar the “World Water Day Walk” was arranged from CEWRE to IBM Chowk, more than 70 professional participants in the walk.