

PHWI Delegation from NED University, Pakistan Visited IWM

IWM hosted a delegation from the Panjwani-Hisaar Water Institute (PHWI), NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi, Pakistan, from 7 to 11 June 2026. The delegation was led by Ms. Simi Sadaf Kamal, Advisor; accompanied by Mr. Haris Akram Bhatti, Assistant Professor (Operations); and Ms. Kausar Hasmi, Manager (Planning & Development) from the PHWI, NED University, Karachi, Pakistan. The delegation was warmly received by Md. Amirul Islam, Executive Director of IWM, who extended a cordial welcome with floral greetings on behalf of the Institute.

The visit constituted a continuation of the institutional dialogue initiated at the 7th Karachi International Water Conference and was undertaken with the principal objective of strengthening trans-boundary academic and technical collaboration in the fields of water security, sustainable water resources management, and climate-resilient water research. It further sought to operationalise a proposed multi-year joint research programme among PHWI, the Institute of Water and Flood Management (IWFM) of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), and IWM, with generous travel support extended by OIC-COMSTech, the Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.



The PHWI delegation during their official visit to the IWM Bhaban, Dhaka,

Over the course of the visit, the two institutions engaged in a series of substantive technical sessions at IWM, during which the Institute's specialized divisions presented their professional capacities, showcasing major ongoing and completed projects across the spectrum of hydraulic and hydrological modelling, water resources planning, and environmental management. These deliberations afforded the visiting delegation a comprehensive appreciation of IWM's extensive field experience, state-of-the-art modelling facilities, and cutting-edge technologies in water and climate resilience. Moreover, the discussions facilitated a meaningful exchange of perspectives on shared research priorities spanning the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna (GBM) and Indus basins.

As a landmark outcome of these deliberations, PHWI and IWM signed a Memorandum of Intent (MOI), thereby formalizing their mutual commitment to institutional cooperation, capacity development, and joint research undertakings. The signing of the MOI represents a significant milestone in advancing regional and international cooperation in water science and reflects the shared resolve of both institutions to pursue evidence-based, actionable research for the benefit of the wider region.



The PHWI delegation at the Padma Multipurpose Bridge with IWM professionals

In addition, the delegation undertook a field visit to the Padma Multipurpose Bridge, the largest water infrastructure of Bangladesh, accompanied by Mr. Abeer Quddus, Survey & Data (SDT) Division and Mr. Imran Khan, Associate Specialist, River Morphology and Engineering (RME) Division professionals from IWM's. The excursion offered the delegation first-hand insight into IWM's pivotal contributions to nationally significant infrastructure through advanced surveying, river morphology, and engineering studies.

The visit concluded on a note of considerable optimism, with both sides expressing strong enthusiasm for forging a long-term partnership anchored in joint innovation, knowledge exchange, and technical cooperation. It is envisaged that this collaboration will contribute substantially to sustainable and climate-resilient development, not only in Bangladesh and Pakistan, but across the region and beyond.
