



Warm New Year greetings as we step into a year of new opportunities and progress!

It gives me immense pleasure to share the continued progress and momentum that our Indian Plumbing Association and the nation are experiencing across multiple fronts.

The year 2025 has been significant for India's economic and infrastructure landscape. India's economy is projected to grow robustly, with real GDP expected to expand around 7.4% in the fiscal year 2025–26, showing strong resilience and momentum compared with earlier years. This growth outlook reflects sustained domestic demand, income, investment activity, and broad-based sectoral performance despite global uncertainties.

Infrastructure and urban development initiatives continue to advance at pace through the efforts of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and the Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS). Major programmes such as the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT 2.0), Jal Jeevan Mission, Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Housing for All), and Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0—extended through FY 2025–26—along with the rapid expansion of urban transport infrastructure, including metro networks, are driving transformative change across cities and towns nationwide.

These developments are creating strong upstream demand across the construction and real estate sectors—spanning EWS, LIG, MIG,

and HIG housing—as well as in water, sanitation, transportation, and allied infrastructure. For the Indian Plumbing Association (IPA), they present extraordinary opportunities to contribute to nation-building, enhance professional relevance, and advance water, energy, waste, and carbon neutrality goals.

Vision 2026 aims to ensure that IPA's growth remains in double digits and that our strategic priorities fully align with the country's development trajectory. We are therefore setting annual growth targets that balance near-term milestones with our long-term Mission and Vision, with the aspiration of making IPA one of the most respected professional associations in the country, anchored by a strong and engaged membership of 25,000+ professionals.

Our strength lies in our ability to convert ambitious goals into tangible impacts—working collaboratively to make Bharat water-positive and water-secure. Let us reaffirm our commitment to this IPA Vision 2026, not only to position IPA as a formidable institution but also to contribute to a greener, cleaner, and more sustainable planet.

I present to you IPA Vision 2026 and urge all members of the IPA, IPA Chapters, the NEC, NEB, and Team IPA HQ to uphold and implement this Vision in its entirety.



PlumbexIndia Exhibition

- To conduct the PlumbexIndia exhibition at Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), Bengaluru, from 16th to the 18th of April, 2026 in an area of 14000 square meter.
- To conduct the IPA Bathroom Challenge in collaboration with IWSH / IAPMO USA at PlumbexIndia 2026.
- To conduct the IPA Water-Based Design Competition Workshop in collaboration with Ethos Empowers, primarily engaging architectural students, during PlumbexIndia 2026.



Summit 2026

- A building industry stalwarts meet, IPA SUMMIT 2026 to be conducted on the 4th February, 2026 at the Hotel Sheraton Grand in Bengaluru. The theme of IPA Summit 2026 is "Regenerative Built Environment: Beyond Sustainability – 2047".



Indian Plumbing Conference

- 32nd Indian Plumbing Conference & Exhibition to be held in Chennai from 17th to the 19th December, 2026 at Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai.



Plumbing Laboratories

- To complete the development work of the world class Centre of International Plumbing Practices (COIPP) at the Goa Engineering College, Farmagudi, Goa. The COIPP is poised to be inaugurated in the mid of 2026.



World Plumbing Day

- To celebrate World Plumbing Day (WPD) on the '11th March' with Blood Donation Drives, I Save Water Campaigns, Regional Language Webinars, Social Media contests, Painting & Drawing Competitions, so as to create awareness on the depleting water condition in our country.



Water Audit Council (WAC)

- To build the Water Audit Team.
- To offer Water Audit Services in the built environment and the industry to bring about an awareness of reduction of fresh water use.
- To target 250 participants to provide IPA water audit certification to them in collaboration with NSDC.



Association Interaction

- To initiate in conducting training sessions on the attributes of good and correct plumbing practices with designers and architects through COA, IIA, IIID and developers & hoteliers through CREDAI, NAREDCO & FHRAI.



IPA Neerathon

- To conduct 'IPA Neerathons' in different cities including Pune, Delhi, Bengaluru, and Chennai to spread awareness on water conservation. IPA Pune Chapter is all set to launch their first IPA Neerathon on 15th February, 2026. Across its last three editions, the IPA Neerathon has drawn over 14,000 participants.



CODES & STANDARD

Editorial Content (IPT)

- To strengthen the Indian Plumbing Today (IPT) magazine by bringing in authors from various horizons of Water, Plumbing & Sanitation adding more content scope for readers, offering a bouquet of relevant and current topics to savour, and improve their knowledge base.

Technical/Upgradation of Codes

To revise the following Codes in 2026:

- Convert 'A Guide to Good Plumbing Practices (AGGPP)' in 'Oriya' language.
- To undertake a revision of the Uniform Solar, Hydronics and Geothermal Code – India in 2026.



Indian Plumbing Professional League (IPPL)

- To conduct the IPPL in IPA chapters physically, and award them with NSDC IPA Co- branded Certification, with best of the Plumbing Gurus, to impart codal based plumbing, culminating into quizzes to a minimum of 1,000 building industry professionals.



Indian Architectural Plumbing League (IAPL)

- To initiate training of Architects registered with Council of Architecture under the IAPL course program. IPA has signed an MoU with COA for the IAPL partnership.



Membership Growth

- To increase membership by 1,500 members in 2026 to 14,000 (current strength 12,500 members).



Advocacy

- It is important that IPA interacts with Government regularly and the Developer & the Hospitality community through CREDAI, NAREDCO & FHRAI and the Design community through IIA, IID and COA to ensure that we move towards low water consumption, water conservation, reclamation of used water, moving towards our goal of circularity in Water & Waste Water along with harvesting Rain Water, creating awareness on the depleting water condition in our country.
- Indian Plumbing Association is in conversation with Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) to conduct a joint conference on AMRUT 2.0, 24X 7 Water Supply and Drink from Tap, and to mandate low-flow fixtures, fittings, and sanitary ware.



'I Save Water' Mission

- To initiate saving of 1,000 Cr liters of water through all 28 chapters of the IPA, IPA Vanita & NAREDCO MAHI in 2026.
- To move towards Net Zero Water and Net Zero Sanitary Waste, achieving neutrality & circularity in built environment.



National Special Projects

- To help in special projects including provision of Toilets in Children's Schools, especially for the girl child.
- To also imbibe water saving initiatives & learnings in Schools through IPA Vanita.



New IPA Chapters

- To add 5 new Chapters in the Calendar Year 2026, making the total strength to 33 Chapters.



Student Chapters

- To add 20 Student Chapters across various Engineering & Architectural Colleges in 2026 to the current strength of 73.
- To ensure we regularly interact with our Student Chapters.



Webinars

- To conduct a minimum of 5 Technical Webinars in the months when there is no event



Improve IPA Chapter Activities



- To improve the IPA chapter activities through better co-ordination between various sister organizations and within the water, sanitation and plumbing fraternity of the Chapter & IPA Headquarters.
- To ensure that each IPA Chapter actively undertakes and implements new activities.



Knowledge Centers by IPA

- To establish IPA Knowledge Centers across India to propagate IPA activities and membership / chapter growth.



IPA VANITA

- To undertake social impact projects in defined areas
- Install Aerators in Hotels, Schools and other projects across PAN India.
- IPA Vanita to launch "My Water, My Story," a national story-writing competition for Classes VI–VIII, aimed at fostering water awareness, responsible practices, and sustainability among young learners.

On the completion of 33 years of service to the Nation, IPA commits to be the Change, as we ensure that IPA stands tall reaching unprecedented heights never reached before.

My NEB and NEC join me in wishing each one of you, health & happiness with the hope that we act as the change agents, in increasing awareness on Plumbing, Water & Sanitation - a crucial service among all building industry stakeholders, and are able to promote correct codal based plumbing practices in the building sector, which is the second largest employer and contributor to the GDP of our country, hence helping in reducing the medical bill of our country.

With my best regards, and best wishes for a resilient and prosperous 2026!

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