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# Water quality centre comes up at Vishwakarma varsity

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**Pune:** An innovative water quality centre of excellence was inaugurated at Vishwakarma University on Thursday with an aim to promote research in water treatment, purification and create social awareness about clean drinking water.

The centre has been established with the help of a grant from Wilo Foundation, Germany. Chairman of the board of trustees, Wilo Foundation, Hans Jorg Bullinger, was present as chief guest, Evi Caro-

la Hoch, member of executive board at Wilo Foundation, president of Vishwakarma University, Bharat Agarwal, vice-chancellor Siddharth Jabade were also present.

Jabade said, "According to a report by World Resources Institute, as many as 54% of India faces high to extremely high water stress. Moreover, the quality of water is very bad resulting in health hazards. It is thus imperative to provide drinking water in its cleanest form."

The centre aims to promote world-renowned technolo-

gy of purifying water which can be availed at low cost. "At present, the cost of purifying water is very high. Moreover, during the process, water can lose its drinking quality. At the centre these challenges have been addressed. Students and faculty of Vishwakarma University will be working in collaboration with Wilo on various facets of this technology for society," Jabade said.

Vishwakarma University has also established an innovative water ATM at its Kondhwa campus.