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People the world over have known the "importance of water" from ancient times!

Rahim, an Indian poet from the 16th century had said:

Rahiman Paani Rakhiye, Bin Paani Sab soon Paani Gaye naa oobre, Moti, Manas, Choor

"Rahim, learn to preserve water, without water nothing survives, Sans water neither pearls grow nor mankind survive nor grain germinates!"

Water!

Water, like religion and ideology, has the power to move millions of people. Since the birth of human civilization, people moved to settle close to it. People move when there is too little of it. People move when there is too much of it. People write, sing and dance about it. People fight over it. And all people, everywhere and everyday need it.





Water: the Elixir of Life



WATER

The most common chemical compound on earth.....



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Water Water Everywhere!



75% of the earth is covered with water



95% of earth's water is in the oceans



Only 3 % can be used for drinking

66% of the human body weight is Water





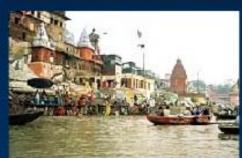






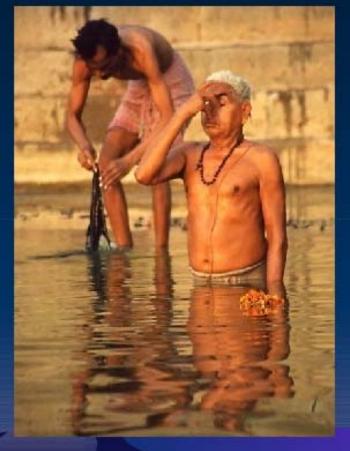
Water is sacred!

















Water Abuse













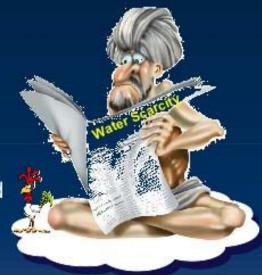


Decreasing Availability

Despite the seeming abundance of water on earth...

 40% (2.4 billion) of the world's population live in water-scarce areas.

- World will begin to run out of fresh water in 2050 when the world population will be still millions
- There will be 3 billion people in 48 water-stressed countries







Rotary Initiatives for Water

Water has been on the Agenda of Rotary International right from 2003 – 2004 onwards and is now the six major focus area in years to come.











The Delhi Declaration

Realizing the scarcity value of the precious water resources, the importance of its conservation and preservation and the urgent need for action in this regard; and

Having deliberated the various related issues at the Rotary International Presidential Celebration on "Water Management" organized during December 9-10, 2003 in partnership with the Ministry of Water Resources;

We, the Rotarians, resolve to dedicate ourselves towards this worthy cause by taking up activities related to:

- a) creating awareness among people;
- b) educating the school children and stakeholders at various levels;
- c) disseminating the knowledge about water conservation techniques including the traditional methods;
- d) encouraging community participation in integrated and sustainable water management;
- e) developing and taking up model projects for sustainable water management;
- f) propagating the role of National Perspective Plan for interlinking of rivers in development of water scare areas

Through interaction with experts and the Stakeholders

With technical support from the Ministry of Water Resources

By seeking financial assistance for achieving this vital goal from the Government, Public and Private sector and other supporting organizations and agencies and

By establishing a Rotary Water Conservation Trust and under the auspices of this Trust, Rotary Conservation Society will be registered as per the Societies Registration Act, 1860 for implementation of above programme





Road Map Drawn Up for India

- Creating Awareness
- Educating school children
- Disseminating knowledge
- Encouraging community participation
- Developing and taking up model projects





Project Undertaken

Rotary India Water Conservation Trust has already undertaken projects in water deficient States of Western India – Rajasthan and Gujarat





Rotary's Role

- 100 Check Dams (Rain Water Harvesting
 Structures) in Rajasthan, Maharashtra & Gujarat
- Bundelkhand, Aurangabad (Drip irrigation)
- Benefitted more than 600,000 people in the











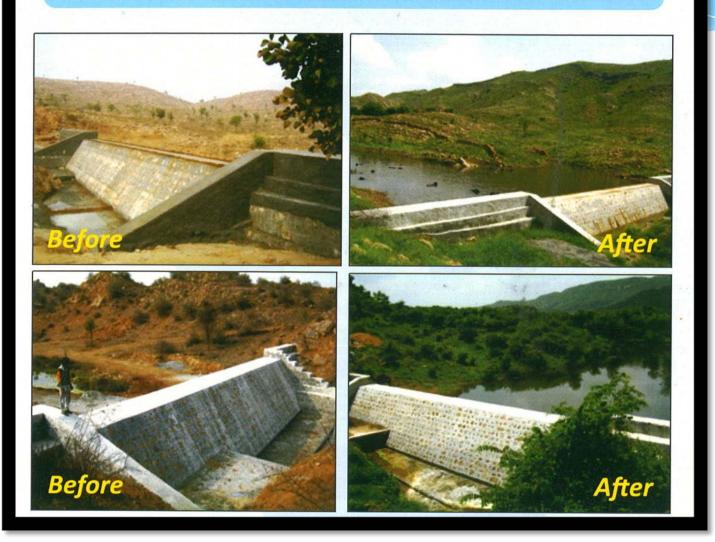








WATER CONSERVATION







Check Dams- Impact on Rural Life in Alwar and Sikar districts of Rajasthan



Satinder Ragobur with Chandni Luthra

Asian Education
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New Delhi - April 2018

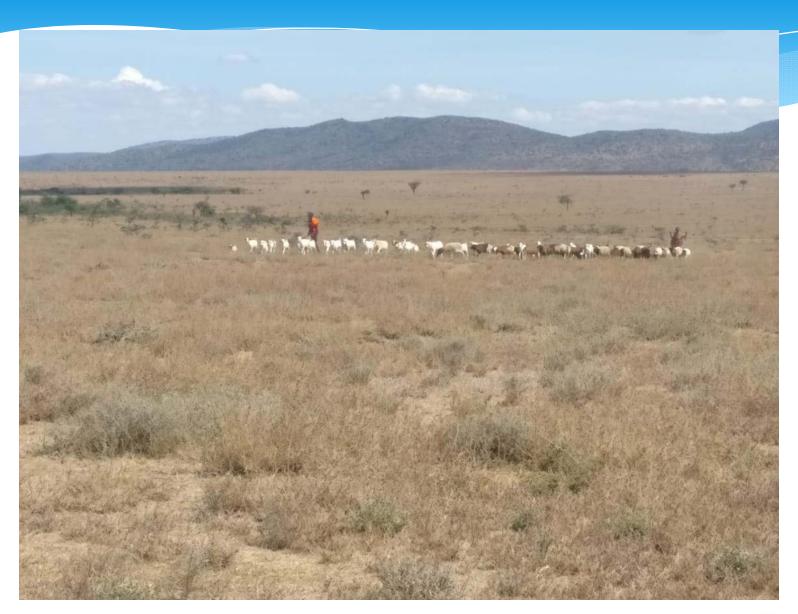






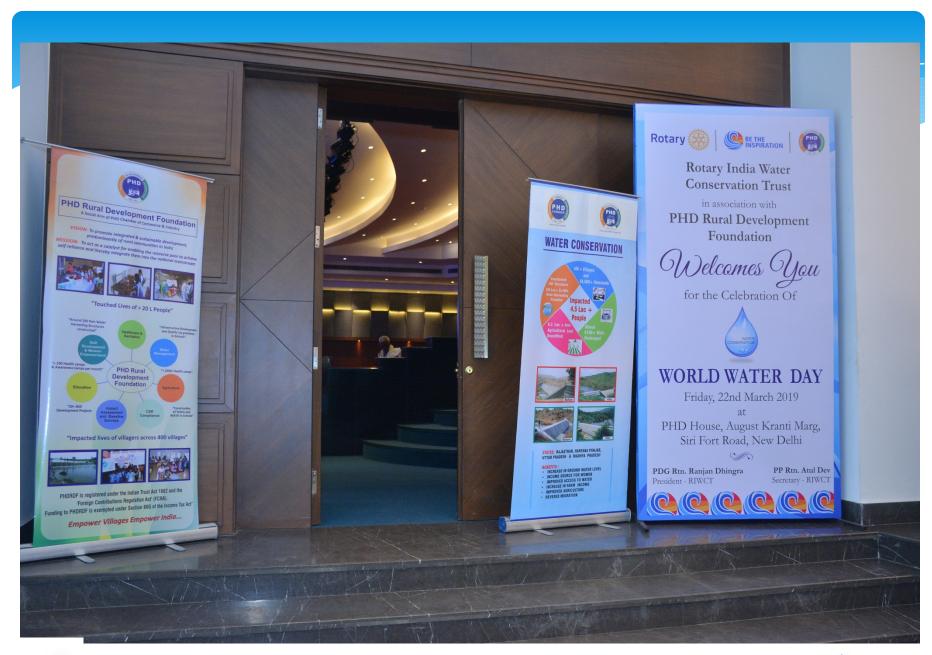


















Time to Think







Let's Join Hands to SAVE ...

...Our Mother Earth

...Our future generations

...Our PRESENT







Circular Water Measures

Reduce Re-use Retention





Circular Water Measures REPUCE

- Reduce fresh water demand in agriculture
- Reduce fresh water demand in industry
- Reduce fresh water consumption by households
- Reduce water pollution





Circular Water Measures RE-USE

- Re-use and water purification
 - grey water re-use
 - black water treatment and re-use
 - ecological water purification through natural processes





Circular Water Measures KETENTION

- Upstream investment in natural infrastructure.
 Like wetlands & forests
- Water storage projects like above groundwater reservoirs & rainwater harvesting
- Underground aquifer storage & recovery activities
- Increase water retention of the soil so that agriculture needs less water for irrigation





The Road Ahead

It is time to go back and start using our traditional practice of **rainwater harvesting** — catching water where it falls. Presently, India captures only eight per cent of its annual rainfall, among the lowest in the world.

Another aspect is the **treatment and reuse of wastewater**.

About 80 per cent of the water that reaches households, leaves as waste and pollutes our waterbodies and environment.





A Simple Appeal.....

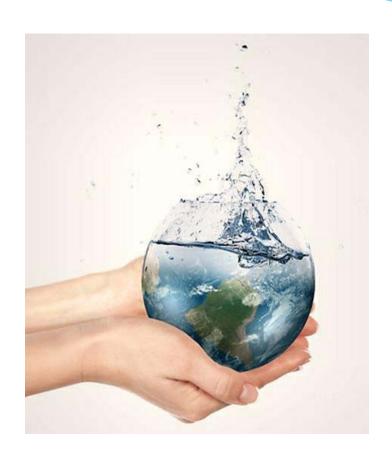


- Make water everybody's business
- Prevent the source of water famine by adopting Simple Techniques of Water Harvesting
- Ask not what the others can do for you, but ask what you can do for all





"YES!



We can really make a difference to the community by adopting Water Management in terms of providing safe potable water, in terms of improving ground water storage in the aquifer; in terms of reducing the Water Table Depletion"





Next Rotary International Presidential Conference in December 2019 in New Delhi



Thank You



