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The end of free water

by Charles Fishman
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The global water crisis is an illusion. It is a distracting illusion that often gets in the way of solving the real water problems that plague 40 percent of the people in the world. Journalists and activists talk more and more about this “crisis” as if the water problems of Delhi and Bangkok, of Atlanta and Las Vegas and Mexico City, were all part of a sweeping set of interrelated issues, like the global recession. With water, that’s a mistake, and not just one of semantics.

Water problems are different. Almost all of them are local or regional. They are the result of poor water management or poor water understanding, environmental issues or soaring economic growth, right where the problems are happening. And the solutions are local and regional as well. We can solve our own water problems, almost anywhere we live. No one else can solve them, nor is anyone else likely to. When you realize that, it changes your sense of urgency, and your sense of how much power you have over them.

I found an illustration of this in a neighborhood of Delhi, India, called Rangpuri Pahadi, home to 600 families – about 3,500 people amid Delhi’s sprawl of 21 million. A few years ago, they reached the limit of their patience with the way

they got their water. The people in Rangpuri Pahadi were fed up. Although they were living in the heart of a thriving, modern metropolis near Indira Gandhi International Airport, they had no water service. Every day, several members of each family had to stand in line, surrounded by buckets and water containers, at a public spigot. That spigot was dry 22 or 23 hours a day. The water was turned on for an hour or two, at unreliable times. You had to be in line waiting for that water, whether it came at four in the morning or one in the afternoon. If that was inconvenient – preventing children from going to school, preventing adults from holding jobs – too bad. If you weren’t in line, you and your family got no water that day.

It is noble to imagine getting clean, reliable water to people everywhere for free. But one of the corrosive effects of water that’s cheap everywhere in the world – besides it being so easily wasted – is that it quickly loses its value. And water that is free, of course, never is.

The folks in Rangpuri Pahadi know that better than those of us with a “sophisticated” view of water.

DISTRICT 3291 UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Nababarsher Baithak- ADDA at Town Hall on 15th April, 6.30 pm onwards. Cultural Programme followed by Dinner. Registration charge per head Rs. 300/-.
2. April 21 : Talent Search & Antakshari at Rotary Sadan from 3 – 7 pm.
3. April 25 : District Leadership Seminar at Rotary Sadan from 6.30 pm.
4. April 27 : Combat Aids Committee Program at Bidhan Sishu Udyan – 5 pm

We meet every Friday, 7.30pm. at ‘ HARMONY ’, 20A, Kali Mohon Banerjee Lane, Kolkata 700025

Crimes against nature

by Paul Engleman

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There are many causes of water pollution – general environmental conditions like



overpopulation, individual incidents like oil spills, specific pathogens in sewage or fertilizer. And there are different categories: point source pollution, such as from a pipe at an industrial plant, and nonpoint source pollution, in which contaminants reach

waterways through runoff, soil saturation, groundwater, and rainfall. Because water problems are so local, with so many reasons behind them, there is no single solution. Here are 12 common causes of pollution to consider.

POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS, OIL SPILLS, NUTRIENT POLLUTION, RADIOACTIVE WASTE GARBAGE, AGRICULTURAL RUNOFF, MERCURY CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS, SEWAGE, OIL USAGE AND RUNOFF, INDUSTRIAL POLLUTANTS, MINING OPERATIONS

Thought of the Day

“Do not go where the path may lead,
instead

go where there is no path and leave a trail.”

-R.W. Emerson

Club Programme

13th April 2012:

1pm. :Award of 'Mrinal Smriti Yearly Scholarship' to the students of Ballygaunge Vidyalaya and Silpa Sikhaytan.

7.30 pm. :District Governor's official club visit at ILSS

Minutes of the Meeting

Meeting no 1046

Dated 30.03.2012

President called meeting no. 1046 to order. National Anthem led by Rtn. Sanjay Dasgupta.

President welcomed AG Rtn. Dipankar Ghosh to our meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

Discussions:

- President announced and discussed about the preparations for ensuing District Governor's Official club visit.
- President requested Rtn. Gautam Ray to enlighten the members of the club about their visit the Girl's school in Usthi. Rtn. Gautam Ray informed that on their surprise visit to the school only 50 students were found. No relevant document of the school could be acquired. Under the circumstances the members discussed and decided to divert the attention to the requirements of the school run by our RCC, Janakalyan Samity, Usthi, or Our Interact School for 'Helping Grant Project'.

Officiating Secretary Rtn. Gautam Ray announced the receipt of bulletins from neighboring clubs.

Having no other business, President terminated the meeting.

Members Present: 11.

Sunshine Collected : Rs. 220/-

Four Way Test

Is it the TRUTH ?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and better
FRIENDSHIP?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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