

Faculty Teachers' Corner

Water is the most precious gift of nature to mankind and other living beings. Life on earth without water cannot be imagined. Water that we use every day is fresh water and constitutes only 3% of the total water on earth. Water is very important for the survival of life on the planet. It makes life possible on earth and life without water is unimaginable. Water is the main resource without which no life can survive. Though 75% of the earth's surface is covered with water, only 2% of it is fresh water that we use.

This means that it is very rare and should not be wasted at all. The truth is that freshwater reserve of the earth is getting depleted every day at a fast rate, due to human activities. Pollution and wastage of water are the most important reasons behind its depletion. We can survive longer without food, than without water. Some plants can't even survive a day without water. It also supports a vast aquatic life. This makes freshwater more valuable and should not be wasted. Water is as essential as air for life on the planet. The misuse of water at several places has made the water-scarce and rare. Unavailability of water could mean life and death situation for humans and other living species. Regions around the world are facing water shortage due to low rainfall and groundwater depletion. In some places, the groundwater is either contaminated or is wasted. Such waste of natural water leads to drought situations. Population growth also has a major role to play in water



depletion.

It is now time to take full action for preserving water and saving it from extinction. We should make people more aware of the value of water and what harm we are doing by wasting it. By indulging in continuous wastage of water, we are preparing a coffin for not only the human race but also for all living forms as well. More population means more demand and hence more wastages. Moreover, as per the reports of the World Health Organization, around 844 million people don't have access to clean drinking water. Every day the world gets closer to a dry end while people like you and me express ignorance. We know that the solution lies in our own hands but are not willing to act swiftly in this regard. It's just that we don't realize how grim a situation is; unless we face it. This fact is alarming enough and makes it very important to save water for ourselves and for our future generations. It's time that we must stop assessing and start acting, if we don't want to be blamed for making the planet dry and of course dead.

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