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SOLVING WATER ISSUES

CHALLENGES

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

WAY FORWARD

100 Ponds in 50 Days Drive

- In Kochi 100 Ponds in 50 Days have turned out to be a role model for conservation of water.
- After launching the cleaning drive, around 64 ponds in different parts of the district have got a fresh life.
- Women fought drought by restoring Water Bodies in Karnataka

Saving Bangalore Water Bodies

- Both the governments as well as NGO have made efforts to bring back the health of Bangalore lakes.

Paani Panchayat

- At Badauna Guggar village in Lalitpur district in Uttar Pradesh.
- The village has a 'paani panchayat', where collective decisions are taken on conserving and using water.

Kudimaramathu project

- Kudimaramathu is an ancient tamil concept of participatory management
- It indicates the community's role in conserving natural resources

- India is a welfare state, which is envisaged under the constitution of India.
- Therefore, it is a duty of the State to provide basic amenities like water to the public and right to water is also considered as one of the fundamental rights under Article 21 of the constitution of India.
- Article 51 A of the Constitution of India casts duty upon every citizen of India, "to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wild life, and to have compassion for living creatures.

- The biggest strength of democracy is public participation.
- Any programme cannot be successfully implemented without involvement of people, no matter what kind of policy it has or how effective the leadership is.
- Valuing citizen knowledge, interests and values is important especially at local level.
- Locals can bring value to the decision-making process with unique knowledge of region, and awareness of the social dynamics help negate any potential negative effects of any efforts to protect the environment.

SCOPE OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION & AWARENESS

- As of June 25, 2019, nearly 65 percent of the country's reservoirs were running dry.
- It prove that, government along with the public work together to solve this issue.
- A combination of strategies including civic engagement programs will be most effective for water resource protection.
- Recently we have seen increasing citizen participation in environmental policy making and implementation.
- The concept of civic environmentalism where local people are involved in the planning and decision making process provides an increasingly popular alternative approach to environmental governance.
- The National Water Policy, revised in the year 2002 wherein it underscored Water Use Efficiency, Community Participation.

