

NGO pitches for water conservation

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Gurgaon: [Women](#) from areas near Sohna met members of two NGOs to learn ways to conserve water, at a time when the city is reeling under a severe water crisis.

In the 'mahasabha' at KIIT College, Maruti Kunj Sohna Road, about 350 women from 44 villages around Sohna block gathered to learn about water conservation in a seminar by Navjyoti India Foundation, Sehgal Foundation and KIIT group of colleges.

Talking about the need to involve people at grass-roots levels in the conservation efforts, Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry [Kiran Bedi](#) , who is also the founder of Navjyoti Foundation, said, "The womenfolk in every community usually collect and store water. Therefore it is only logical that the women should take a step forward in saving water". She stressed the fact that depleting water tables have forced women to walk long distances in search of water, and if they take part in water conservation it will be beneficial for everybody.

The initiative aims at creating a self-help group at a larger level and creating awareness among the women about how to conserve water and recharge the water table. This initiative, which has been going on for two months, has inducted female members of panchayats of different villages in their programme as 'Water Police', which ensures no one in their designated area wastes water.

The interaction at the seminar made it possible for the women to put forward their views, queries and stories so that the others women present there could learn from their experience.

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