

Villagers discuss water-saving methods

In order to observe World Water Day on March 22, 2018, a water awareness meeting was organized in Nuthankal village, Telangana. Villagers discussed ways of saving water, both at the household and farm level, and took a pledge to that effect.



Despite the heat and complex work schedules, more than fifty-five community members across eight villages took part in the meeting, along with the elected village representatives.

“Water is precious and we have to make all efforts to save it; measures to prevent wastage of water, depleting water tables and contamination of freshwater bodies have to be given priority. The first step in this direction is awareness and this meeting is a step towards awareness generation,” said S. Suresh Reddy, sarpanch, Nuthankal village.

Ms. Pochamani, an Anganwadi teacher, felt that taking a pledge helped cement the commitment to the cause. Sameer, a class eight student, strongly advocated for awareness generation through workshops, which he feels has also helped him gear up toward actively participating in this cause. The awareness rally sensitized about 10,000 villagers across eight villages. Many enthusiastic villagers participated in the rally while others witnessed it with great curiosity and concern.

“Save water, save life” is, indeed, a slogan that makes a lot of sense when water shortage and contamination are burning issues.

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