



Paridrishya

Photo-story competition



“Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.”

–George Bernard Shaw

Over the last 50–60 years, we humans have forgot or totally ignored the aspect of valuing water. We have polluted various water sources or have exploited them to an extent that many regions are facing huge water deficiency. Water still remains the magic liquid that sustains life on this earth. Without water there is no life. As we celebrate World Water day on March 22, the theme for this year, ‘Valuing water’ could not have been more relevant than ever. There is dire need to change our perception and practice of using water.

‘A picture is worth a thousand words’, is a famous English language adage. On the occasion of World Water Day, EnviSAGE, The Environmental Society of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College organized a photo-story competition ‘परिदृश्य’, on the theme: “Paani re paani tera rang kaisa”. It aimed at tapping the creative potential of young students in highlighting their concern about Water and its precious value, through the medium of pictures. The youth today needs to be all the more aware and responsible towards conserving water, and this photo-story competition was aimed at achieving this objective.

Rules and Regulations

The participants had to capture 3 photographs separately and support their photographs with a write up of 100–300 words either in English or Hindi. Both mobile and camera photography were encouraged to maximize participation for the competition. The entries were judged on the basis of the quality of the pictures and the clarity and impact of their write ups. About 35 entries were received from students across the country.

The top three winners along with their entries have been mentioned below:

1st Prize

ABHAY MAJHI

St. Stephens College, DU



Somewhere halfway through the film Parasite, we see a downpour, the affluent living the moment, while the downtrodden drowning under the much venerated force of nature. The world is constructed in the dichotomy of privileges where even water is distributed with mortified inequalities. Poor survive through the droplets they receive, walking miles (even losing their body water through sweat) to collect a pail of it. Meanwhile the rich look at the resource entitled to them with stifling emotions. Unfortunately the inequality is so large that the universe ignores it. Something as basic as water, something that should be free for all, is treated unfairly by all.

Similar to the inequality of the lack of it, water remains as a bane even when it comes in galores. During rains, when the floods hit, they hit the ghettos. Bungalows and scrapers stand unharmed, for the urban planner gave the higher class a higher ground in the city. A town architect has the power and responsibility to build an equal residential region, paving way for water to be distributed fairly. Unfortunately, it is the prerogative nature of the society, where the rich want to have everything as they desire, even if it means treating water as a commodity– building walls when needed, dismantling the same and flooding the rest when not needed.

2nd Prize

KRITIKA KUSHWAHA

Daulat Ram College, DU

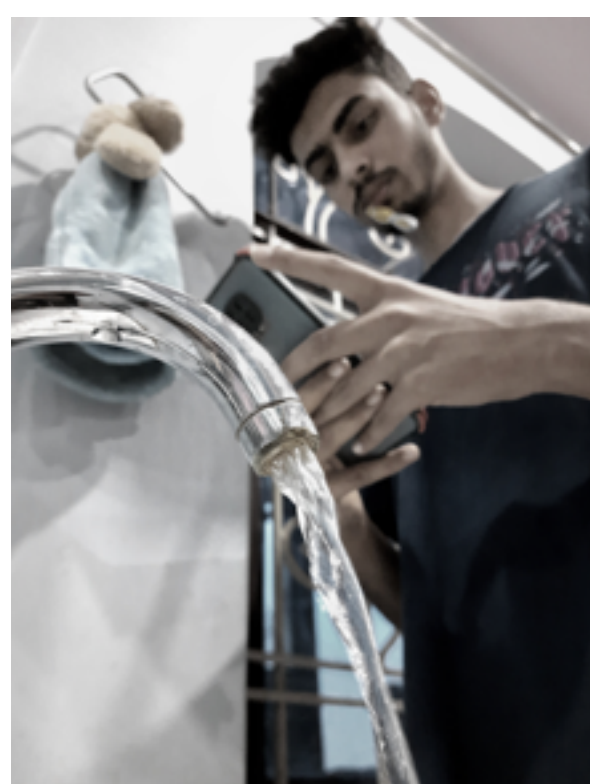


Water is always unequally divided across the different regions . At one place it might be flowing and wasting through your home taps and you use it without any worries . But at some places it's locked away with chains , kept away from people's reach. No matter how much they try it's always to scarce , even for one glass of water they have to walk miles leaving tired footprints behind. The water quenches our thirst but for some people it comes at a hard earned cost of their blood, sweat and tears .

3rd Prize

ARPIT TIWARI

IIT, BHU



It was around 10'0 Clock in the morning. Rohan decided to go on a road trip alone as he was quite frustrated with his regular online classes. When he left home, he forgot to carry his water bottle. After some time, he felt thirsty and looked for a bottle in his bag. But to his surprise, he found that he had forgotten his bottle at home. He looked around for any source of water. But at the place he was at, he couldn't find any source of water after travelling for an hour or so. Not even a single person was there who could provide him with some help. After getting tired due to the scorching heat, he stopped at a place and started to recall how he used to carelessly wastewater in his home. When he was thinking about his past deeds, he saw a farmer coming towards him. He asked him for water, the farmer told him to follow him and guided Rohan to the nearby hand pump. Rohan finally got water and quenched his thirst. That day Rohan realized the real value of water. And then onwards he started using water preciously and judiciously.