



Rejuvenation of River Arkavathi

"O earth! What of thee I dig out, Let that quickly grow over,
Let me not hit thy vitals or thy heart."

(Atharva Veda)

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River Arkavathi was once the lifeline of Doddaballapur (40 km near Bangalore) and took care of the needs of at least one-third of Bangalore's population. But increased pollution levels and groundwater over-exploitation has effectively shrunk this river. The only way to address this problem is through collective action. Every citizen has the ownership as well as responsibility towards this precious resource.

Svaraj is working with volunteers in the region to rejuvenate and stop further depletion of this vital resource, through awareness generation and community mobilization.

The Arkavathi – Kumudhawathi River Rejuvenation Committee - a federation for various initiatives in the Arkavathi sub-basin has organized a series of meetings with the local governance body and people are coming forward to extend their support.



You too can get involved in the following ways:

- Participate in Festivals, get-together, major meetings as part of river rejuvenation held regularly in villages, Doddaballapur town and Bangalore city
- Participate in weekend trekking to Nandi Panchagiri, stay in village, join shramadhan
- Join as a volunteer in fund rising, documentation, as a photographer, as cultural team member

Tasks ahead for which we need your financial support: (details attached)

- Greening the Catchments – as income generating activity in common lands
- Roof top water harvesting – for low income houses which are less than 500-800 sq ft
- Vermi composting for small and marginal farmers
- Honorarium for water activists
- Construction of farm pond to help farmers and ground water recharge
- Repair of Percolation ponds.
- Seed money to start income generation activities (Oil extraction, Nursery, Areca nut plate making, vermin compost units etc)
- Repair of Water Sanctums
- Repair of tanks and its feeder channels

It is a community initiative. You too have a stake in it. We request you to come forward with your support and strengthen our hands in rejuvenating river Arkavathi so that she may regain her earlier glory.

The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problems.

-Mahatma Gandhi

You can donate towards any of the following planned activities

Your Contribution (Rs)	Purpose	Unit cost (Rs)	Design	Beneficiary contribution in Rs /Remarks	Svaraj Target in Sept.06 to Dec 07 in 18 micro watersheds and Doddaballapur town		
					Donor source	Government Departments and Self	Total
500	Greening the Catchments	500 for 100 Saplings	-	Saplings are grown in a nursery as part of income generating activity for women. Greening activities will be done by the community in common lands as the activity of water resource management committee	30,000 Samplings (10,000/- Saplings ready to plant by August 06)	-	30,000 Saplings
1,000	Roof Top water harvesting	1,500	Pipes to collect Roof water, Filter and a drum of capacity 300 liters	500 - This is for houses of the low income group, house with less than 500 Sq.feet.	100	100	200
2,000	Roof Top water harvesting	3,000	Pipes to collect Roof water, Filter and a storage tank of 2000 liters capacity	1000 This will be for low income group , for houses with less than 800 sq.feet	100	200 (including economically rich doing themselves)	300
2,000	Wormy compost	3,000	Pit of 7''x6''x2.5''	1000 Svaraj will support marginal and small farmers	100	100	200
4,000	Water activists Honorarium	4,000	One working for Arkavathi Jala Chethana Samithi in Doddaballapur town, One working for Panchagiri Protection committee, in Nandi Hills area	-	2 Persons	-	2 persons
5,000	Construction of Farm pond	8,000	26''x26''x10''	3,000 Pond will be in private land, helps the farmer and ground water recharge.	25	25	50
10,000	Repair of Percolation ponds	15,000	50''x50''x10''	5,000 by Community Organisation as Shramadan	10	10	20
10,000	Seed Money to start income generating programme for women of landless family – each group 2-4 women	30,000	Oil extraction, Nursery Areca nut plate making wormy Compost units	20,000 beneficiary investment	2	2	4
25,000	Repair of Water Sanctums	40,000	-	15,000 by Community Organisation as Shramadan	5	-	5
50,000 and above	Repair of tanks and its feeder channels	15,00,000 for a tank of about 75 acres	-	Shramadhan	4 (Smaller tanks)	10 (work under progress)	14 All (38) tanks by 2009

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Yes, I want to be a part of Arkavathi Rejuvenation Campaign

Name (Mrs/Mr/Ms/Dr) Address.....

Tel.No : Email:

Amount Rs: Master/Visa Card No:.....Expiry date.....

Cheque /draft No:.....Date.....Bank.....