

People's Peace and Water Summit

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This year's World Water Day theme is Water and Peace. The villagers of nine river basins spread across Dholpur and Karauli districts (Rajasthan, India) invite you to celebrate World Water Day with them. The People's Peace and Water Summit is organised by the villagers of Dholpur and Karauli (Rajasthan) with Peoples of the World Commission on Drought and Flood (PWCDF) and the NGO Tarun Bharat Sangh and Jal Biradari. It aims to be a testament to the remarkable journey of a region that once grappled with violence induced by water stress and has now embraced peace through decentralized water retention and natural agriculture. The community's commitment to harmonizing with nature has led to extraordinary changes, primarily by harnessing the seasonal monsoons to rehydrate the earth. Thousands of wells have been recharged and several rivers have been revived.

Key Highlights of the Summit

- Revival of Rivers: Experience first-hand projects that have revitalized the flow of the Chambal River. Discover the simple, natural strategies employed by local people to rehydrate their landscape, and the health of their water resources.
- Water Access for Millions: Witness how these initiatives have positively impacted millions of lives by bringing essential water resources back to communities. Explore the methods employed to heal landscapes and provide water access for all life.
- From Violence to Peace: Experience the peaceful and prosperous results of a region that used to be destitute and violent. Due to water stress and scarcity people had no way to provide for their families. Some migrated, others resorted to violence to survive. Years later these same people turned over their arms and asked for forgiveness, as they were now peaceful farmers.

Participants will need to take care of their own travel till the nearest town and will be hosted by the villagers.

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Tarun Bharat Sangh - short film Water Bandits