

“My City - My Duty: Mission Uyyakondan” - An Overview

In the face of an acute Water crisis and shrinking public space in the city, the Citizens of Thiruchirappalli saw an opportunity in restoring the 1000-year-old Chola – made **Uyyakondan channel** (69km) which carries water from the River Cauvery and traverses a distance of about 9km through the City, but now steadily losing its sheen.

The “**Citizens for Uyyakondan (CFU)**”, came together (in December 2017) as a common platform for any individual/organization interested in restoring the Uyyakondan canal. The Restoration Activity was planned to be taken up as a 3 pronged approach of **Awareness** / **Bank Restoration** / and **Cleansing Water**.

The group has so far constantly worked on this approach for 150 consecutive weeks (as on 22-11-2020).

As a part of Awareness:

1. The weekly cleanup activity by the Citizens for Uyyakondan (CFU), scheduled between 6 am & 8.30 am on Sunday's was inaugurated by the City Corp Commissioner on 7th January 2018 and has sustained since then.
2. Over 50 institutions / clubs / camps / meetings were addressed generating awareness and interest among the youth.
3. Pamphlets with details on the history of the canal and its present state distributed to public. Judicious use of water and Solid Waste Management (SWM) were also integrated, which is fundamental in retaining the health of our water bodies.



DID YOU KNOW?



The Uyyakondan canal was built by Raja Raja Cholan during the period of c. 900-1270 AD. It starts at Petaivaithalai and ends by Valavanthankottai tank. It receives water from the river Cauvery and surplus of Koraiar river water.

700 ft³ Capacity
69 km Length
32742 acres Irrigated

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"My City My Duty"
Mission Uyyakondan



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REGULAR ACTIVITY
 Every Sunday 6 am to 8 am

Be the change you want to see.
 - Mahatma Gandhi



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Water Crisis in India

- 600 million Indians face extreme water stress.
- 75% households without drinking water.
- 2,00,000 deaths annually due to water contamination.
- ~81% water in reservoirs of Tamil Nadu and we face acute water shortage
- 21 cities will run out of ground water by 2020, affecting 100 million people.
- 40% of population will have no water supply by 2030.


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BIO

எரி - எரிபுற குப்பைத் தொட்டியில் இடு

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4. Periodic Street Plays and Silambaatam are organised by participating students to get public awareness on Mission Uyyakondan.

Plays to pep up Uyyakondan renovation

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Trichy: Citizens for Uyyakondan forum organised street plays and silambam in Trichy on Sunday in an effort to bring about a behavioural change among the public on solid-waste management. The move is also aimed at encouraging people to take part in the on-going Uyyakondan canal renovation.

National Service Scheme (NSS) students of Bishop Heber College and students from SriSivananda Balalaya School staged separate street plays while martial artists from Tamizhan Silambam Pasurai performed silambam.

All performances focused on raising awareness on



MAKING A POINT: Students performing to encourage public participation in the ongoing Uyyakondan canal renovation

ill-effects of plastic and the rich history of Uyyakondan canal. The public has begun the canal renovation drive in January under a collective

banner 'citizens for Uyyakondan', with support from the city corporation.

The drive is carried out from 6.30 am to 9.30 am on

Sundays and will complete 35th edition this week. So far, a 2.1 km stretch from Kuzhumi Amman temple to MG Ramachandran statue has been cleaned up. Apart from the clean-up process, tree plantation initiatives were also held.

This week and the next, the drive will be held at residential area of Azhwar Thoppu. "Since the drive over the course of next few weeks would be organised at congested areas, we wanted to come up with quirky programmes to engage general public to take part in the renovation of Uyyakondan. That's why we conducted street plays and silambam," a member from Citizens for Uyyakondan told TOI.



5. On 30-6-2018, Puthiya Thalaimurai TV Channel had compiled a 19-minute video of our activity under the program : "Nammal Mudiyum".
This is the link to the program, available online:

<https://youtu.be/kDDuRKY-cd8>

6. A mass signature Campaign was organized on October 2nd 2018. Sanitary workers working in the residential areas adjoining the canal were honored / incentivized in the presence of the Corporation officials.



7. On 10-10-2018, an interactive ppt presentation was done for some of the 'influential' local residents and the office bearers of all the local mosques of Alwarthope in Trichy, on the banks of the Uyyakondan, which is densely populated with the urban poor. The meet resulted in gaining the support of the local residents and also



influenced them to participate in our weekly activity along with their children.

8. The 'Save Uyyakondan' mobile App (android) was launched on 15-11-2018 in the presence of the City Corp. Commissioner, as a promotion activity.

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Trichy's Uyyakondan canal revival drive: Mobile app launched

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TRICHY: A mobile application was launched on Thursday to encourage public participation in the ongoing civic efforts to revive the Uyyakondan canal -- a Chola-era distributary canal of the Cauvery river -- here. Coimbatore-based startup Climate Smart Technologies developed an Android mobile application for a civic group involved in creating awareness and conducting cleanliness drives to revive the water body facing rampant pollution.

The Citizens for Uyyakondan, a group comprising people from various walks of life, has been taking up public campaigns since January 2017 to beautify the canal.

The startup developed the app called 'Save Uyyakondan' at free of cost for the group.

9. The local urban poor living on the banks of the Channel were provided with bins of different colours and introduced to waste segregation, in the presence of the City Corporation officials.



10. Since July 2019, the CFU along with the Shakthi Rotary Club organizes a Medical "Wellness" Camp once every month as a means to address the community's health issues which is also related to the present state of the Uyyakondan canal.



11. A **Special Postal Cover Release** commemorating the **50th week** of “My City – My Duty”: Mission – Uyyakondan” was released by the Post Master General on 23-12-2018, and first cover, received by a 96-year-old second world war veteran, who was also a resident of Alwarthope.



12. On the 8-11-2019, the CFU (through its executive arm, the Bridge Foundation) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of environmental Sciences, Bishop Heber College , Trichy, in order to strengthen its endeavor to find a solution to the present situation of the canal. In this regard we are also in contact with the Department of Environmental Sciences and Dept of Social Work of University of Louisville, Kentucky, USA, whose faculty, Dr.Russell Barnett and Dr.Karen Kayser visited us on 12-12-2019 and evinced keen interest in collaborating.



Bishop Heber College signs MoU to help restore Uyyakondan canal

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Trichy: Bishop Heber College (BHC) has joined hands with the Citizens for Uyyakondan group to help in the ongoing restoration works on the centuries-old Uyyakondan canal running through the city. The memorandum was signed by D Paul Dhayabaran, BHC principal, and K Narasimha Rao, founder-managing trustee, Bridge Foundation (Citizens for Uyyakondan) at the college premises on Friday.

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further pollution in the 8.7km stretch of the canal which runs through the city. The 1,000-year-old Uyyakondan canal caters to more than 32,000 acres of farmland. “My City-My Duty: Mission Uyyakondan” was launched to undertake the restoration with the support of the Trichy Corporation and river conservation departments.

As per the MoU, BHC and Bridge Foundation will share expertise and conduct joint seminars and conferences. Apart from the research papers, the

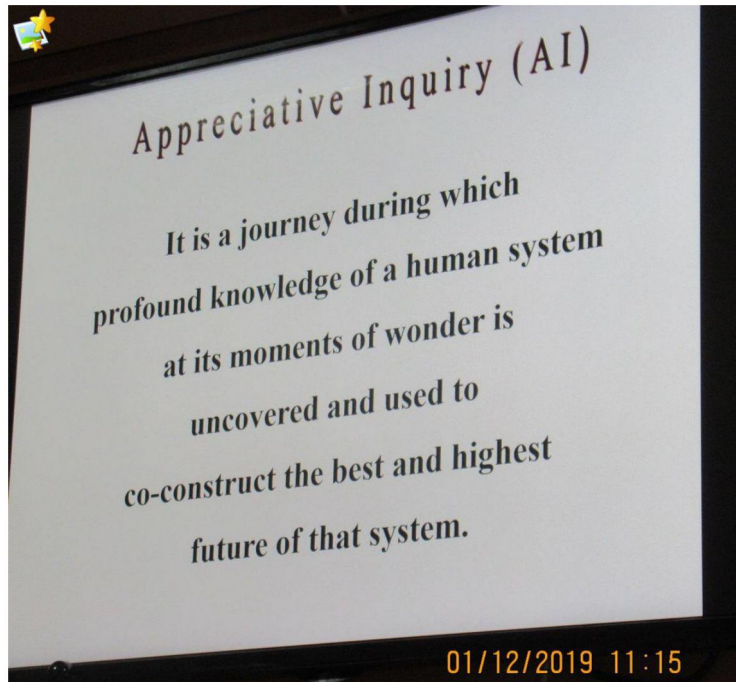
parties shall also write briefing papers and contribute papers in journals related to environment and health.

As part of canal bank restoration, two segments along the cleaned banks of Uyyakondan were restored as jogging tracks and children's play area.

“Some of the students from the college are already volunteering to the cause of Uyyakondan restoration. The MoU will facilitate some of the student to take up projects on Uyyakondan as part of the academic activity,” C Ravichandran, associate professor, BHC environmental sciences department, said.

“We have decided to test water quality every month at various points which will help us in the process of restoring the canal,” he said.

13. The Department of Remote Sensing of Bharadhidasan University, has assured to provide support and valuable inputs to facilitate the effective restoration of the Uyyakondan canal.
14. On the 1st December 2019, a Professor from Bharadhidasan Institute of Management conducted a workshop on “Appreciative Inquiry” for the members of CFU ,to give a positive approach to ‘Mission Uyyakondan’,



Mission Uyyakondan completes 100 weeks

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CITIZENS for Uyyakondan, a citizens group, celebrated the 100th week of its cleaning drive by organising a rally from collectorate to Uzhavar Sandai ground. Corporation Commissioner S Sivasubramanian flagged off the rally which saw participation of more than 1,500 school and college students, corporates, clubs, communities and volunteer groups.

The cleanup drive started

on December 2017 with five persons cleaning around 200 metres of the canal every week.

They say that the only solution was setting up a sewage treatment plant (STP). Member of the citizens group Manoj Dharmar said, "We are ready to place an STP. We just need No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the PWD department." Because of the efforts taken by the group, Uyyakondan was included in the river-front development project under the Smart City Project.

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16. On 15-12-2019, some of the CFU volunteered as co-coordinators in specific activities enlisted as promoting awareness among students, Rain water harvesting, STP work, weekly cleanup organization, interaction with Govt dept, and so on.
17. On 12-1-2020, Uyyakondan Trail 1.0 was undertaken by the CFU, from Trichy City limits upto Koothaappar lake, Thiruverumbur.



18. On 26-1-2020, on the occasion of Republic Day, the CFU conducted a Drawing Competition for students from 4th to 6th standards (Topic: Reasons for Water Pollution) and 7th to 9th standards (Topic: Beauty of a canal in a City). 273 children participated. Awards were given for the best three of each class.



19. On 9-2-2020, Mrs. Anu Hassan, Actress and activist, participated in the CFU - weekly cleanup, and assured of her continued patronage to "Mission Uyyakondan", Trichy also being her hometown.



20. On 23-2-2020, Uyyakondan Trail 2.0 was undertaken by the CFU completed the trail upto the Vazhavandhaan Kottai tank where it terminates.



21. On 2-3-2020, a photography competition on "Trichy's Pride: Uyyakondan Canal", was launched by the CFU for College Students with awards worth Rs.10,000/- and planned for display on the World Water Day (22nd March 2020).



22. On 22-3-2020, the die-hard spirit of CFU was displayed - not disheartened by the cancellation of the Seminar planned on the occasion of the 'World Water Day', also NOT violating the 'Janatha curfew' called upon by the PM, a handful of CFU, with all due precautions, completed the weekly cleanup and returned home pre-7am - thus maintaining the uninterrupted streak of 115 weeks!



Indian Music Composer Mr.Karthik Raja and Environmentalist, Mr.SundarRajan extended their patronage on the occasion of World Water Day:

Citizens for Uyyakondan_India Composer Mr Karthick Raja About CFU_World Water Day_March 22 2020. <https://youtu.be/PgBWYLLWQFg>



Citizens for Uyyakondan_Mr Sundar Rajan about CFU_World water Day March 22 2020 <https://youtu.be/t-WbGhIH6mg>



23. Taking cue from the effort on the 115th week, on 29-3-2020, the 116th week of Mission Uyyakondan, with the lockdown (COVID-19) in full force, a petition on change.org was initiated.



All of the aforementioned activity has been documented and updated periodically on the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Citizensforuyyakondan/> and also on other City-based social media sites.

Under the COVID-imposed lockdown, every weekend was utilized for some online activity - initiatives like :

24. Write-up titled "Me as a CFU" on each CFU's experience of 100+ weeks of 'Mission Uyyakondan' - how it has taught/transformed/inspired. Many CFUs had participated which would be compiled and launched at a meet later!
25. Launch of a petition "Save Uyyakondan : 1000 year pride of Trichy" on Change.org - first in English (and then in Tamil) in order to create more awareness on need to expedite this restoration. This evoked great support online.

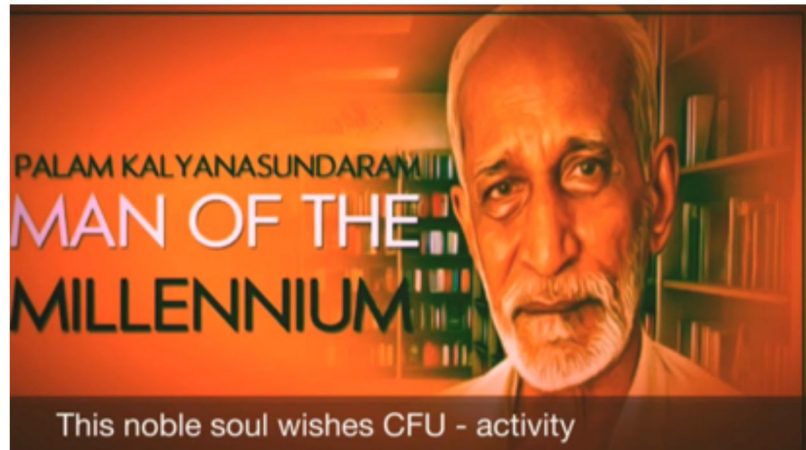
Link : https://www.change.org/p/trichy-corporation-save-uyyakondan-1000-years-pride-of-trichy?recruiter=false&utm_source=share_petition&utm_campaign=psf_combo_share_initial&utm_medium=whatsapp&recruited_by_id=f35b0d80-71ed-11ea-9dde-dfe9e6d1dc98

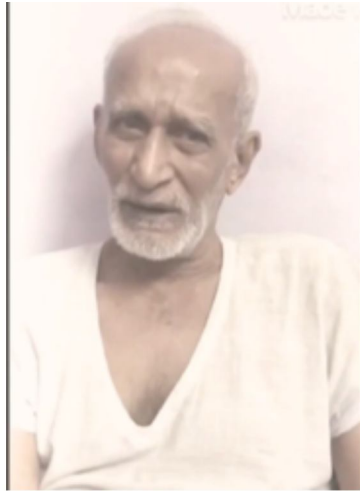
26. A summary of all the activity so far was compiled and uploaded on Google Drive which was annexed to the petition launched online and would be updated periodically.

This is the link to the "Overview or Mission Uyyakondan" :

(https://drive.google.com/open?id=1QKK2klmYEcfjC37Ex_XLgmPfcs2MEHmm)

27. Wishes of the Noble person, Thiru Paalam Kalyanasundaram Ayyah was compiled as a video and uploaded : (Link: <https://youtu.be/-pJS5DSX404>)





28. The Seminar planned for on World Water Day (March 22nd, 2020) was consumed By the COVID-crisis. Therefore, we attempted to cover most of the talks through a series of Webinars over the next few weeks depending on the speakers' convenience. We believe that such knowledge sharing would go a long way in overcoming the Im-pending water crisis confronting us. In this regard, please find attached the Invites which show the topics deliberated upon:

You are cordially invited to this first webinar on
“Neer Yindri Amayaadhu Ulagu-1”
 (Water - The Elixir of life)

Organised by
Trichy City Corporation & Citizens For Uyyakondan (CFU)

May 17, 2020
 Sunday

Time
 10AM - 11.30AM

PROGRAM

10.05 to 10.10am
 Introductory remarks: Dr. K.Narasimha Rao (CFU)

10.10 to 10.15am
 Setting the tone: Mr.Justin Mohan IFS, Secretary National Biodiversity Authority & former Director Ground Water Dept., Kerala

10.15 to 10.40am
 Biodiversity for Water Conservation: Dr. J. Soundrapandy, Scientist, National Biodiversity Authority

10.40 to 11.05am
 Ground Water Conservation - A Kerala Experience: Dr. G. Bindhu, Senior Hydrogeologist, Ground Water Dept, Govt of Kerala

11.05 to 11.15am
 Water - Way Forward in Trichy: Mr.Siva Subramanlyan, BSc., BL, Commissioner, Trichy City Corporation

11.15 to 11.30am
 Interaction and Take Home Message: Mr.Justin Mohan IFS / Ar.Vijay Kumar B.Arch

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 Email: cfutrichy@gmail.com Whatsapp: +91 9901965430
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Biodiversity & Water Conservation / Ground Water Conservation

You are cordially invited to this second webinar on
"Neer Yindri Amayaadhu Ulagu"-2
 (Water - The Elixir of life)

Organised by
Trichy City Corporation & Citizens For Uyyakondan (CFU)

June 7, 2020
 Sunday

Time
 9.30AM - 11.30AM

PROGRAM

09.30 to 09.40am
 Introductory remarks & Setting the tone : Dr. K.Narasimha Rao (CFU)

09.40 to 09.55am
 "The land of 10,000 lakes" - A Minnesotan experience : Dr. S.Subramanian,
 Planning Commission Member, City of Arden Hills, Minnesota

09.55 to 10.00am
 Interaction on the First Presentation and Further Moderation :
 Ar.S.Vijay Kumar (CFU)

10.05 to 10.20am
 Sewage Today : Ex.Rajagopal, JE, PWD, Environment Wing, Trichy, Nandendhal
 Vaazhi Cauvery Project

10.25 to 10.40am
 Sewage Management & Water Bodies : Mr.Andrews Jacob, Regional
 Manager, CDD-INDIA, Bengaluru

10.45 to 11.00am
 Innovations in Sewage Treatment & Restoration of Water Bodies :
 Ex. Ruthna Kumar, Director, Confident Engineering India Pvt Ltd, Coimbatore

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Sewage Management

You are cordially invited to this third webinar on
"Neer Yindri Amayaadhu Ulagu"-3
 (Water - The Elixir of life)

Organised by
Citizens For Uyyakondan (CFU)

July 19, 2020
 Sunday

Time
 10.00AM - 11.15AM

PROGRAM

10.00 to 10.05am
 Welcoming and Introductory Remarks: Dr. K.Narasimha Rao(CFU)

10.10 to 10.45am
 Water Resources Today and Way Forward:
 Ex. K.Manuraj, Former Chief Engineer, PWD

10.45 to 11.10am
 Discussion Coordination: Ar. Vijay Kumar(CFU)

11.10 to 11.15am
 Conclusion and Take Home Message : Ex. Manoj Kumar(CFU)

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Water Resources and Way Forward

You are cordially invited to this fourth webinar on
"Neer Yindri Amayaadhu Ulagu"-4
 (Water - The Elixir of life)

Organised by
Rotary & Citizens For Uyyakondan(CFU)

July 26, 2020
 Sunday

Time
 10.00AM - 11.45AM

PROGRAM

10.00 to 10.05am
 Welcoming and Introductory Remarks: Mr. R.Ranjana(CFU)

10.10 to 10.50am
 Rain Water Harvesting: House, Community & City level implementation
 Ex. J.Venkateshram, ME(Etween), MSc(REV), AME, FIV
 Chartered Engineer, Harini Constructions, Madurai

10.55 to 11.40am
 Panel Discussion:
 Moderators: Ar. Vijay Kumar(CFU) & Dr. K.Narasimha Rao (CFU).
 Panelists:
 Mr.Siva Subramanian, Commissioner, RCC
 Ex.S.Amudhavalli, City Engineer, RCC
 Rtn.A.L.Chokkalingam, Governor - RID-3000
 Ex.K.Manuraj, Former Chief Engineer, PWD
 Ex.Rajagopal, JE, PWD, Environment Wing, Nandendhal Vaazhi Cauvery Project, Trichy
 Dr.C.Ravi Chandran, Prof., Dept of Environmental Sciences,
 Bishop Heber College, Trichy
 Mr.J.Justin Mohan, Former Director Ground Water Dept. Govt of Kerala &
 Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority, Govt of India

11.40 to 11.45am
 Conclusion and Take Home Message : Ex. Manoj Kumar(CFU)

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Rain Water Harvesting

The Content of the aforementioned Webinars were compiled into separate Concise Documents. All of these and the upcoming webinars would be compiled as a single Document which would possibly facilitate a Policy Document.

As a part of Bank Restoration:

1. A major stretch cleaned of wild growth and garbage was taken up by the Trichy City



Corporation , under the smart city mission and is being developed into a public space"



2. One segment of the Banks of Uyyakondan was cleaned by the CFU and a Jogging Track (soft) with fencing, tree plantation was created by the CFU . (As a gesture of support the power supply to light up the area is being provided by the Trichy City Corporation) One area along the bank ,used as a dump yard was cleaned and converted as a Children's Play area using used tyres - as swings, see-saw, adventure climbing and Seating.
3. Further areas were fenced to prevent garbage from being dumped in the



Uyyakondan.

As a part of Cleansing Water:

1. A model STP was set up, which treated sewage water from an apartment in the vicinity and the treated water was used to water the trees planted along the bank,



using an automated drip irrigation system.

2. The CFU has launched the cleaning the feeder canals / storm water drains ,that empty into the Uyyakondan Canal, to ensure that its acts as an effective rain water supply canal that would least ensure that it would dilute the incoming sewage flows through the canal.

The City Corporation and the River Conservation Dept (Custodians of the Channel) are supportive of this Mission Uyyakondan, by way of:

- a) Permitting the aforementioned restoration activity,
- b) Providing vehicle to help clear the weekly cleanup - garbage,
- c) Allowing donor-organizations to display their name at the points of their respective funding.

You are cordially invited to this fifth webinar on
"Neer Yindri Amayaadhu Ulagu"-5
 (Water - The Elixir of life)

Organised by
ROTARY & CITIZENS FOR UYYAKONDAN(CFU)

Nov 22, 2020
 Sunday



Time
 10.30AM-01.00PM

PROGRAM

10.30 to 10.35am
 Welcoming and Introductory Remarks: Dr. K.Narasimha Rao, CFU
 10.40 to 10.45am
 Introduction of Chief Guest: Dr. S. Sakthivel, CFU
 10.45 to 11.05am
 Chief Guest Address:
 Shri Swaran Singh IAS(R), Chairman of Srinivasan Services Trust(SST), TVS Motor Company, Former City Commissioner, Trichy and Ex-Principal Secretary, Govt of TN.
 11.05 to 11.20am
 Moderators (for comments and interaction with the delegates):
 Dr. M.S.Ashraf, MD, Senior Physician and Past National Vice-President IMA,
 Mr. J. Justin Mohan, IFS, Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority.
 11.25 to 11.30am
 Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Mr. Mahesh Khanna, CFU.
 11.30 to 12.15pm
 Rain Water Harvesting: Implementation Methods and Hydro-geology
 Data of Trichy:
 Rainman Mr. A.R.Shivakumar, Senior Scientist and Water Management Adviser, Bengaluru

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Moderators' Comments:
 12.15 to 12.25pm: Mr. Siva Subramaniam, Commissioner, TCC.
 12.25 to 12.35pm: Rtn. A.L. Chokkalingam, Governor-RID 3000
 12.35 to 12.45pm
 Panelists' Announcement of Installation of RWH system in:
 Rahamath Masjid : Dr. M.S.Ashraf, Senior Physician
 St. Antony's Church : Rev. Fr. Arokia PanneerSelvam
 Anjaneyar Temple : Rtn. K.Premnathan, Entrepreneur
 12.45 to 12.55pm
 Q & A Session
 12.55 to 01.00pm
 Conclusion and Thanks : Er. Manoj Dharman / Mr. P. Ranjan (CFU)

PN: Meeting link for the webinar is attached herewith
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Citizens group to promote RWH system through places of worship

Deepak Karthik
 @timesgroup.com



CLEAN WATER: Anjaneyar temple on Uyyakondan canal banks has been selected for harvesting rainwater

Trichy: A citizens group comprising people from various walks of life working towards the restoration of the Chola-era Uyyakondan canal here has identified a temple, mosque and church, to install and promote the importance of rainwater harvesting (RWH) mechanism. The group has planned to harvest the rainwater from these religious places of worship situated on the canal bank to divert the surplus water to the polluted irrigation canal.

Citizen For Uyyakondan (CFU) comprising doctors, architects, engineers and students from Trichy completed 150 weeks of continuous weekend activities towards the canal restoration. CFU

alongside Rotary Club have planned to sponsor and technically support the installation of RWH structures in Rahamath masjid, St Antony's church and Anjaneyar temple, all situated in Duraisampuram.

Organisers said that they will avail the technical support of Bengaluru-based

RWH expert and scientist A.R. Shivakumar. "The management of the mosque, church and temple have okayed our suggestion, and they will promote RWH among their worshippers," Dr. K. Narasimha Rao, one of the organisers said.

The group said that cost-effective models will be im-

plemented to serve as a success model in promoting the same across houses situated on the banks of Uyyakondan.

Though the group's fieldwork came to halt due to Covid-19, it organised webinar and online awareness drives by roping in experts from various sectors such as solid waste management, groundwater management and environmental conservation, corporation, to suggest constructive ideas in policymaking.

Former Trichy Corporation commissioner Swaran Singh, who participated as the chief guest in the 150th week celebration said, "Without the participation of the local community, environmental development programmes will not sustain."

Introducing the Chief Guest:

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As a Commemoration of the 150th consecutive week of “Mission Uyyakondan” activity, this Webinar (5th of the series) was organized.

We had Shri Swaran Singh, former Trichy Corporation City Commissioner, who made an inspiring presence with a “seed of change” he sowed 25 years ago with his legendary performance - turning around the fortunes of Trichy.

The present TCC Commissioner promised to stop ALL sewage inflow into the Uyyakondan within 2 years.

“Rain-man” Shivakumar made a great presentation on RWH .. on simple methods for our own use and thereafter, to allow the excess to recharge ground water or the Uyyakondan.

The three Panelists, Dr.Ashraf, Rev.Fr.ArokiaPanneerSelvam And Mr.Premanathan committed to installing RWH systems in Rahamath Masjid, St.Antony’s Church and Anjaneyar Temple respectively, which would inspire the citizens attending them. All three places of worship are located on the banks of Uyyakondan. So the excess run off - rain water would flow into the Uyyakondan Channel!

Note:

1. The executive arm of CFU is **The Bridge Foundation**, a registered trust (Regn.No.: 71/2015, 12AA Certification - Unique Registration No.: AACTB5621J/05/16-17/T-0270, 80-G Certification: URNo.: AACTB5621J/05/16-17/T-0270/80G) - www.bridgefoundationindia.org, whose founder is also a core member of the CFU.
2. The **Indian Institute of Architects, Trichy Centre** (a Registered Society & the professional body of architects) provides free consultation services, and has assured to continue to do so.
3. Many **individuals and organizations** also support in ways possible respectively on the common platform, called “Citizens for Uyyakondan”, as aforementioned.
4. Mission Uyyakondan’s activity, incidentally, falls under its scope of the **UNDP's** (United Nations Development Programme) **SDG** (Sustainable Development Goals) nos., 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), 14(Life below water), 15(Life on land).

The CFU has just taken the “First Step” of” being the change you want to see” in the journey that is a thousand miles ahead!