

Comic Strips

*From the Comic Strip Workshop
for
Young Development Partners
on
“SPRINGS PROTECTION
INITIATIVES” .*



Saving water means saving lives!

Grassroots comics are different from the mainstream comics; these comics are made by common people, a professional artist is not a prerequisite. They are inexpensive and the method is not complicated, all you require is a pen, a sheet of paper and an idea. What makes these comics different from professional material is the ownership of the content as well as. You are the owner of the comic strip.

This comic book is a collection of comic strips penned down by college student from across Shillong at a comic strip workshop organized by the Meghalaya Basin Development Authority. The central theme of the workshop was on water springs and their protection.

Water conservation or protection is a big thing, but every little bit helps, so don't think that what you do doesn't matter. A whole lot of people doing a little bit adds up to a whole lot. Water conservation needs to be a way of life, not just something we think about once in a while.

Water conservation means using our water wisely and caring for it properly. Since each of us depends on water for life, it is our responsibility to learn more about water conservation and how we can help keep our water pure and safe for generations to come. Since we all enjoy the benefits of having pure, clean water, we must help conserve water so that we may continue to enjoy these benefits.

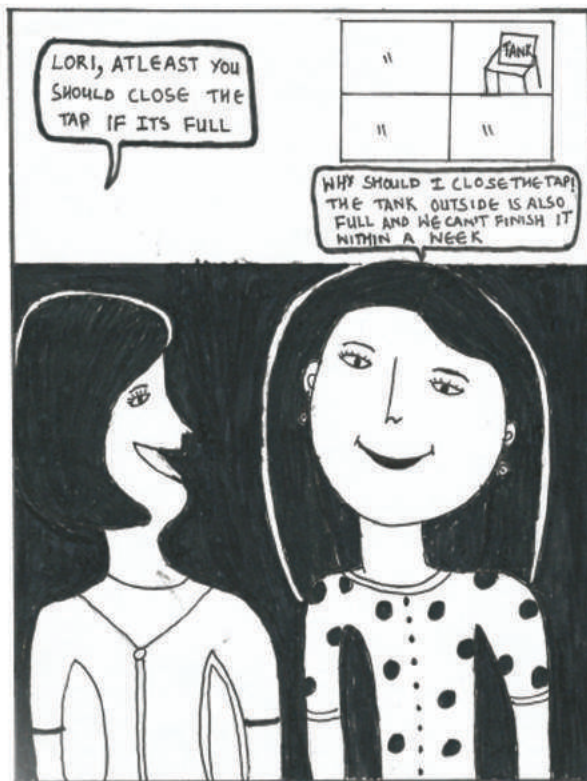
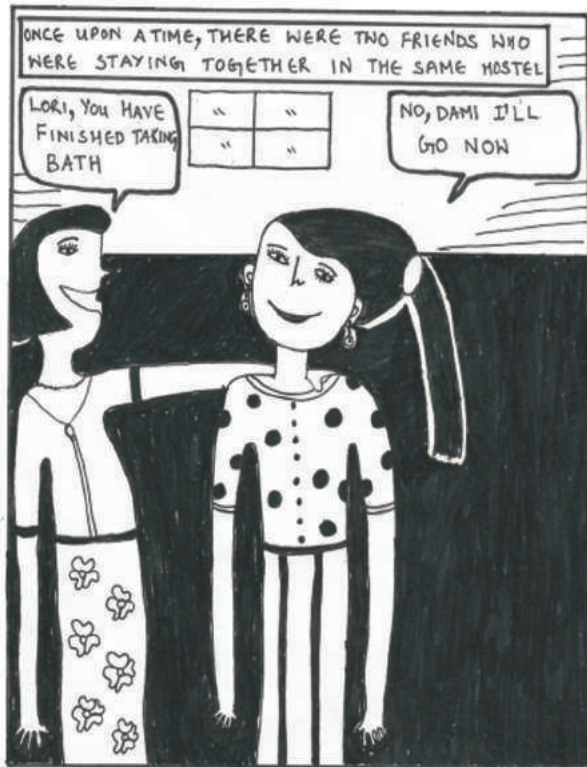
Water conservation is not a job that is just for the technician, soil scientist, hydrologist, forester, wildlife manager, plant scientist, city planner, park manager, farmer, rancher, or mine owner alone. It is a job for the everyday person who just likes to have access to the life sustaining resource of water. We must all recognize that water conservation really is our personal responsibility and not just leave it up to other people. We all enjoy the many ways that we use water, so why not do our part in caring for our water?

Our water supply is finite, which means that we do not have an endless supply. We only have the water that we have now.

We must save water today so that it will be available to us in the future. We need to think of future generations, people who will not have a sufficient supply of water unless we become more concerned with how we use our water today. These are not things that are hard. All it takes is a little bit of extra effort, and soon it will be second nature. Save the water, it's all we've got!

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HOW LONG DOES YOUR WATER LAST?



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RIVER IN FEVER



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THE RIPPLE EFFECT!

IN A VILLAGE KHARKUTTA, THERE WAS A FAMILY WHO LIVED NEAR THE STREAMS. THEIR HOUSE WAS SURROUNDED BY MANY TREES. THEY GET PLENTY OF WATER FROM THAT STREAM AND THEY HAVE WELL IN THEIR HOUSE.



THEY STARTED CUTTING THE TREES AND USE IT FOR FUEL. DUE TO CONTINUOUS CUTTING OF THE TREES IT RESULTS TO DECLINATION OF TREES. THIS DECLINATION OF THE TREES DECREASE THE LEVEL OF RAINFALL WHICH LEADS THE STREAM AND WELL TO DRYING UP.



THIS DRYING UP OF WELL AND STREAM CREATED A PROBLEM IN THEIR FAMILY.



TO CONTINUE THEIR DAILY LIFE THEY HAVE TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER PLACE TO LIVE.



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WHO IS TO BLAME??



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WILL YOU

SHARE ??

THERE WAS A VILLAGE WHICH HAD SCARCITY OF WATER



HOWEVER, ONE FAMILY HAD A WELL WITH PLENTY OF WATER.....



SO, THE PEOPLE CAME TO TAKE WATER FROM THAT WELL.....



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ALL IS NOT WELL

LOCHANQ WAS A SMALL VILLAGE
RANGO THE VILLAGE HEAD MAN LIVED
WITH HIS FAMILY IN THAT VILLAGE.



ALL THE VILLAGERS COME TO FETCH WATER
AND FOR AGRICULTURE USE NEAR
RANGO'S HOUSE.



ONE DAY THE SPRING WAS DESTROYED
DUE TO THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION.



NOW, RANGO'S VILLAGE WAS
SUFFERING FROM WATER
SCARCITY.



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DO YOU HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE??



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RUBBER TROUBLE?

THERE WAS A VILLAGE CALLED DOBETKOLGRE. NEAR THE VILLAGE, THERE WAS A RIVER NAMED SIMSANGU WHICH WAS CLEAN AND GREEN



OTHER VILLAGERS ALSO STARTED PLANTING RUBBER TREES AND SAND MINING NEAR THE RIVER.



AFTER SOME YEARS THE RIVER STARTED DRYING UP BECAUSE OF EXCESSIVE RUBBER PLANTATION



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GAIN FROM RAIN

IN A VILLAGE, PEOPLE USED TO GO AND TAKE WATER FROM THE POND.



AFTER SOME YEARS, THE POND DRIED UP.



SHE APPROACHED THE TEACHER.

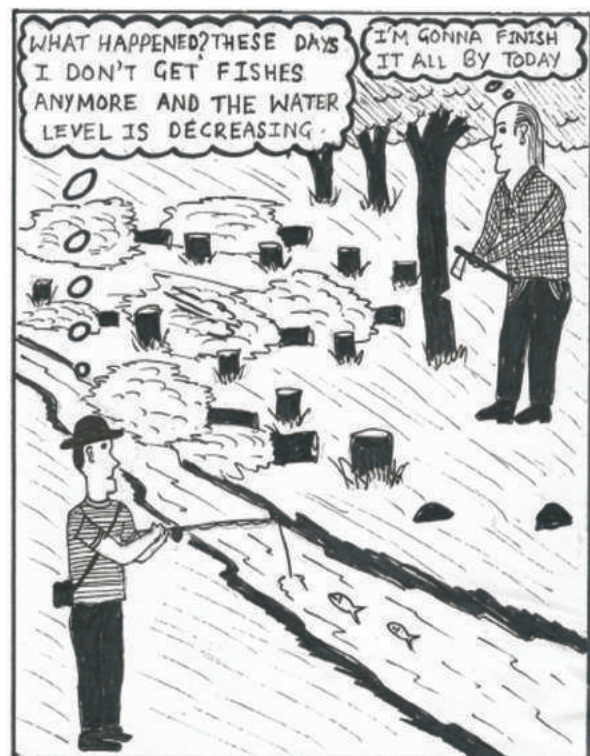


VERY SOON..... THE PEOPLE START COLLECTING THE RAIN WATER.



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PREVENTION OR CURE??



SANBORLANG RALIANG
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DOES ANYBODY CARE??

JOHN WAS IN THE VILLAGE BEFORE GOING TO THE CITY FOR HIGHER STUDIES.



A FEW YEARS LATER WHEN JOHN CAME BACK TO HIS VILLAGE HE SAW THAT THE STREAM HAD TURNED INTO GARBAGE DUMP.



JOHN PLANNED AND TALKED TO THE VILLAGERS FOR SOME AWARENESS.



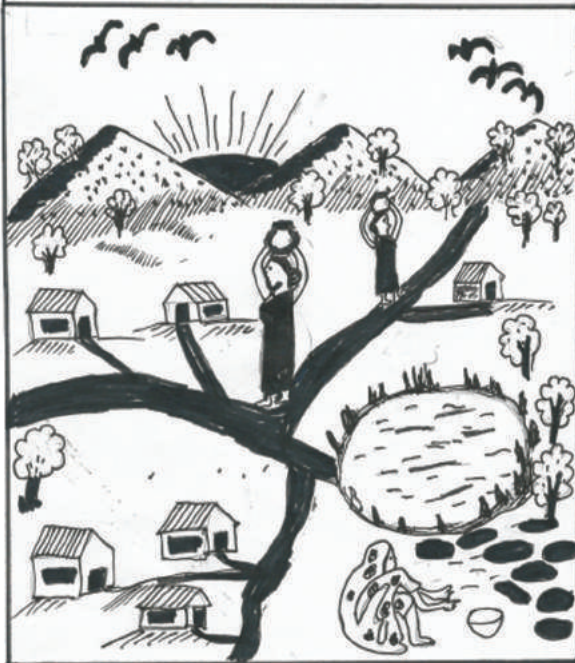
BUT NOBODY LISTENED AND CARED ABOUT HIS SUGGESTION!!!



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WHY CONCRETE?

IN THIS VILLAGE THERE IS A POND, AND THE PEOPLE HERE USED THIS POND FOR DRINKING, COOKING, WASHING, etc.....



NOW, THE POND HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED TO A TANK, BUT IT IS CONCRETE....



AFTER SOME YEARS THE WATER STARTS TO DRY UP.



NAME - SABITA SHYLLA
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How is your spring doing?

IN A SMALL VILLAGE LIVED A BOY NAME JOHN. THEIR VILLAGE DID NOT HAVE WATER SUPPLY TO THE HOUSES, SO THE ONLY SOURCE OF WATER WAS FROM THE SPRING.



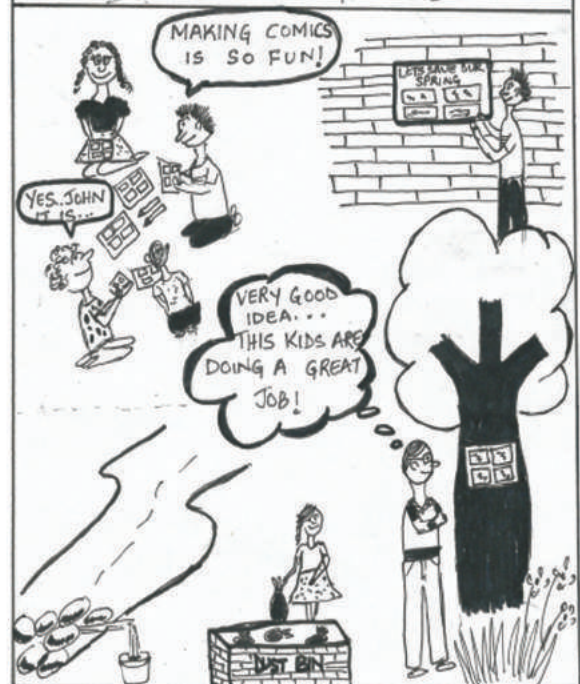
BUT THE VILLAGERS HAD A BAD HABIT OF DUMPING THEIR WASTES NEAR THE SPRING.



AFTER 3 YEARS, NONE OF THEM FETCHED WATER FROM THE SPRING ANYMORE.



SO, JOHN AND HIS FRIENDS CAME UP WITH AN IDEA. AND SPREAD AWARENESS THROUGH COMICS.



By - *Cinnu Hangsing,*
Aroha Choir

HAVE A TOILET.?

IN ONE VILLAGE THERE IS A VERY GOOD POND.



BUT PEOPLE STARTED TO DEFECATE IN THE FOREST NEAR THE POND.

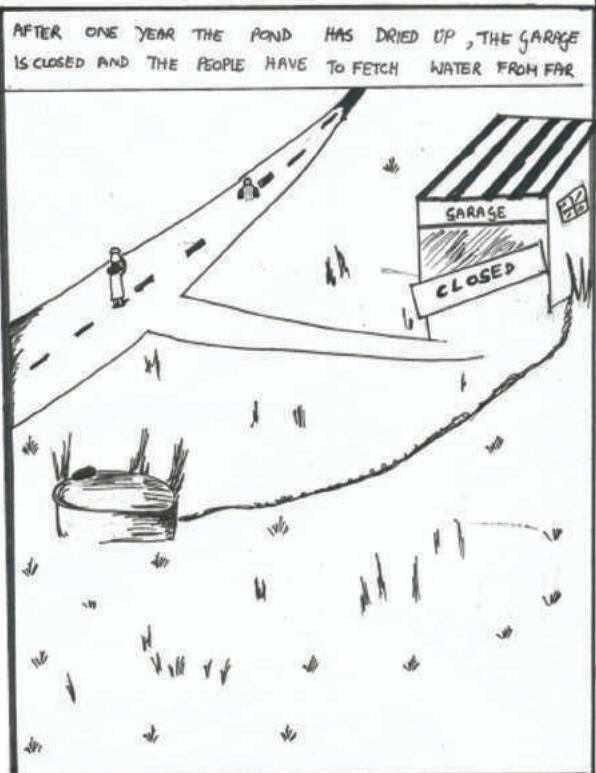
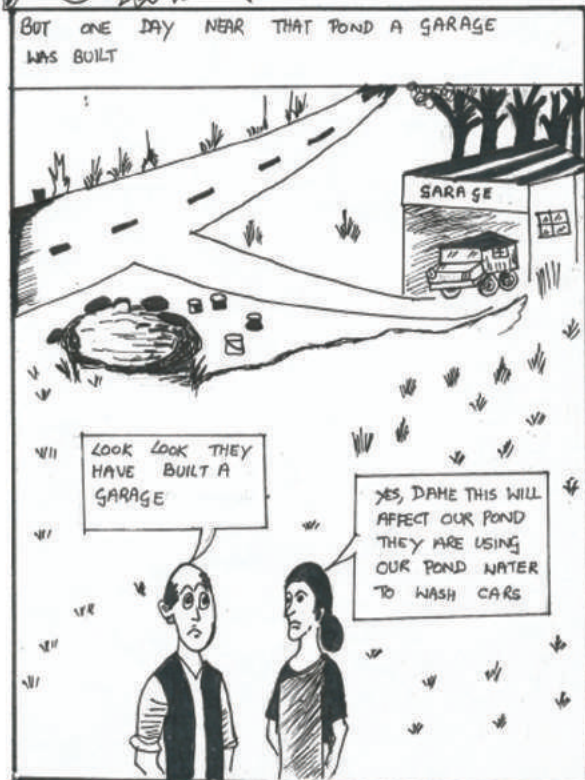


SOON THERE WAS AN EPIDEMIC IN THE VILLAGE



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POND GONE



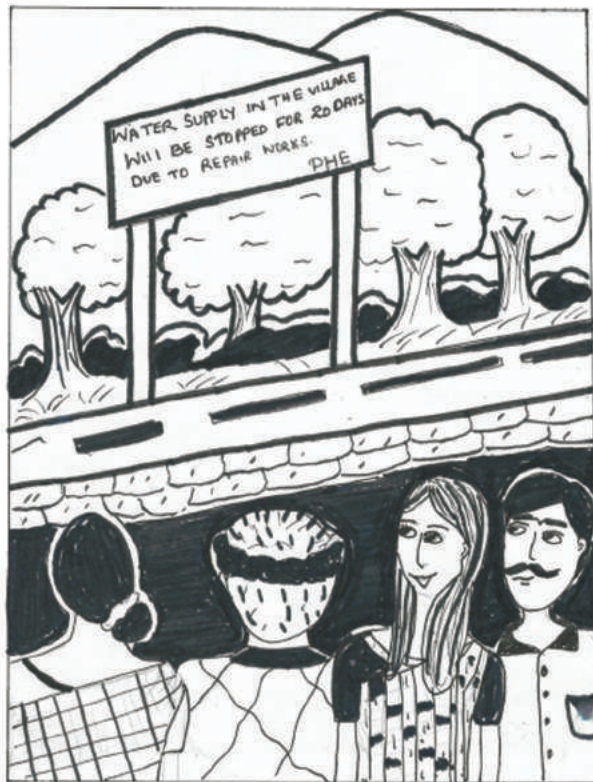
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"VILLAGE OF FOUNTAINS"?



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WATER FOREVER??



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STEAM THE STREAM



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CHOOSE

IN A VILLAGE ALMOST ALL THE AREA IS COVERED WITH THE FOREST



WHAT SHALL WE DO FOR OUR LIVING?



LET'S CUT DOWN SOME TREES TO CLEAR THE LAND FOR AGRICULTURE

WISELY

DEFORESTATION TAKING PLACE



CROPS ARE BEING CULTIVATED



DUE TO DEFORESTATION THE LAND IS RUINED, CROPS CAN NO LONGER YIELD IN THIS AREA. THERE IS SCARCITY OF WATER



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NO DRILLING PLEASE !

IN A LOCALITY THERE IS NO GOVERNMENT SUPPLY OF WATER. THE RICH PEOPLE HAVE THEIR OWN PUMP WATER WHILE THE POOR AND AVERAGE PEOPLE FETCH ON SPRING WATER.



AFTER 3-4 YEARS THE SPRING WATER DRIED UP THEN THE POOR AND AVERAGE HAVE TO BUY WATER FROM THE RICH PEOPLE.



THE POOR AND AVERAGE PEOPLE THEY COMPLAINED TO THE VILLAGE HEADMAN AS THEY REALISE THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO BUY WATER ANYMORE.



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CHANGING TIME

ONE GIRL ON HER WAY TO SCHOOL WITH HER FRIEND



SLOWLY AND GRADUALLY PEOPLE STARTED DUMPING GARBAGE AND CONSTRUCTED BUILDINGS



BUT AFTER TWO YEARS



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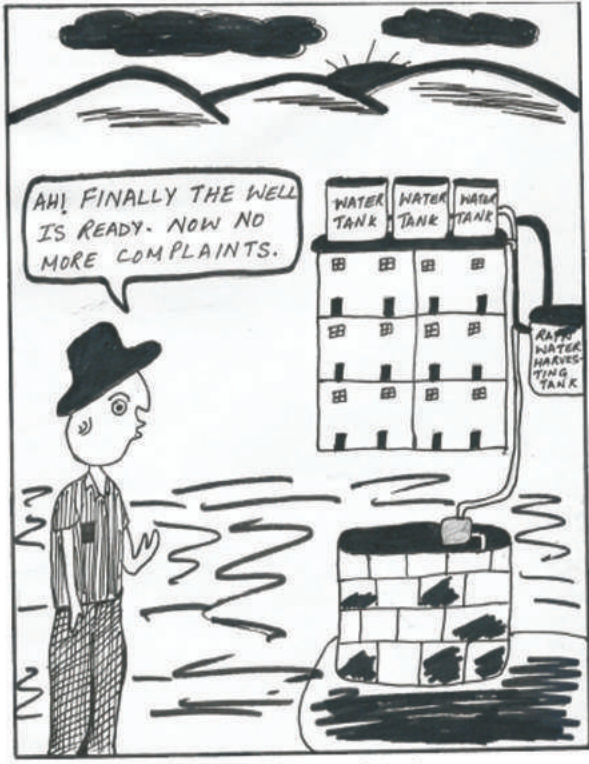
WELL IS GOOD

IN A BUILDING COMPOUND, THERE ALWAYS USED TO BE QUARRELS ON INSUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF WATER FROM VILLAGE PIPELINE.



THIS TAP WATER IS NOT SUPPLYING US ENOUGH WATER. I'M FED UP OF QUARRELLING EVERYDAY. LET US GO BACK TO OUR TRADITIONAL SYSTEM OF USING WELLS.

AH! THAT'S A GOOD IDEA



NAME- HEENA KHATUN
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WHERE IS YOUR WELL?

SILCHIRA LIVED WITH HER FAMILY IN A SMALL COTTAGE AMIDST HER VILLAGE. SHE WANTED TO HAVE A WELL DUG, IN ORDER TO MEET THE WATER DEMAND IN HER HOUSEHOLD.



SO SHE CHOSE A LOCATION JUST BESIDE THE TOILET.



A FEW MONTHS LATER...



THE NEXT DAY WHEN THE DOCTOR COMES...



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WATER OUT

RITA WAS VERY POOR AND SHE WAS ORPHAN SHE WOULD WASH PEOPLE'S CLOTHS IN COMMUNITY TO EARN MONEY



THEN SOME PEOPLE COME TO THAT VILLAGE AND START CUTTING TREE



FEW YEARS LATE



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DISPUTED WATER



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WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS THIS???



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DAM IT

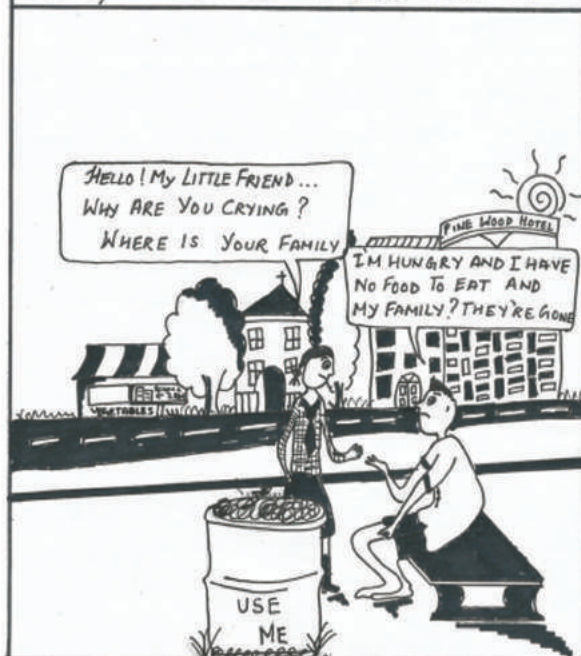
ONE FINE MORNING, JANET WAS GOING TO SCHOOL WHEN SHE NOTICED A YOUNG LITTLE BOY SEARCHING FOR FOOD IN THE DUSTBIN.



WHILE RETURNING HOME, JANET SAW THE LITTLE BOY SITTING IN THE SAME PLACE.



JANET WAS CURIOUS SEEING THE LITTLE BOY CRYING, SO SHE GOES AND TALKS TO HIM...

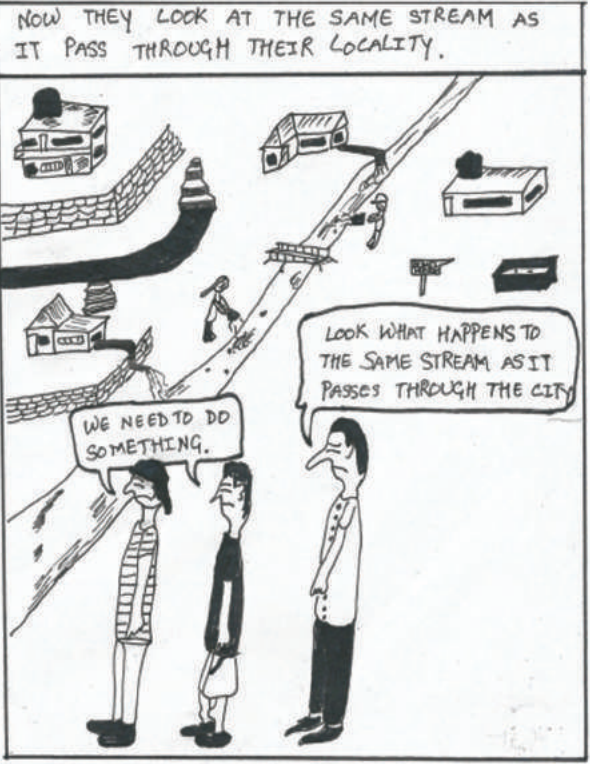


THE LITTLE BOY THEN TELLS JANET HIS STORY...



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TIM DYING



NAME - AMIT MANNER
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BUILDING OR WATER?

IN ONE SMALL VILLAGE, THERE WAS ONE BIG POND AND THE PEOPLE FROM THIS VILLAGE DEPENDS ON THIS POND FOR DAILY USES LIKE DRINKING, WASHING ETC



THE POND IS DESTROYED BY CONSTRUCTING ONE BIG BUILDING



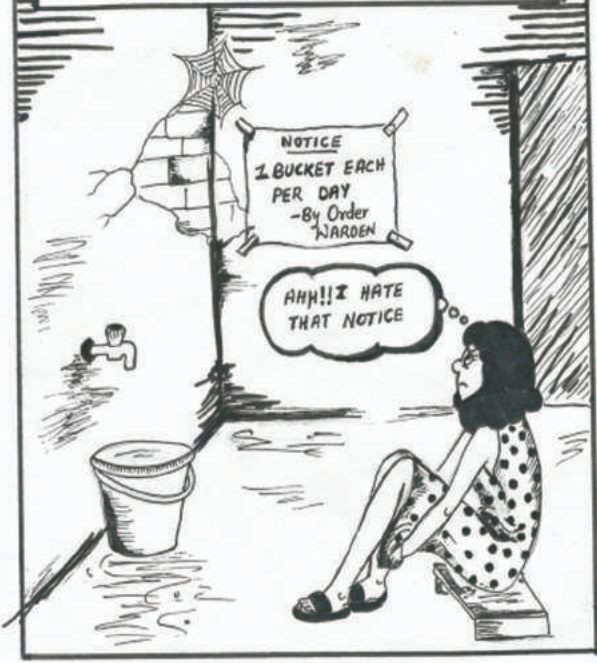
AFTER A FEW YEARS THE VILLAGE IS LEFT WITH NO WATER AND THEY NEED TO FETCH WATER FROM VERY FAR OFF DISTANCES



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Would This Ever Stop?

IN THE HOSTEL, RUTTI WOKE UP AT 5:00am AS USUAL AND WAIT FOR THE WATER TO COME....



AS SHE WAITED, SHE THOUGHT ABOUT THE THINGS SHE SAW EVERYDAY ON HER WAY TO THE COLLEGE....



AND ALSO THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT USUALLY HAPPENS IN THE HOSTEL...



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Never Too Late...

ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A GROUP OF FRIENDS THEY WERE GOING OUT FOR PICNIC



AFTER TWO YEARS THEY COME TO VISIT AGAIN AND FOUND OUT THAT PLACE IS DIRTY



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DRY SHOWER:



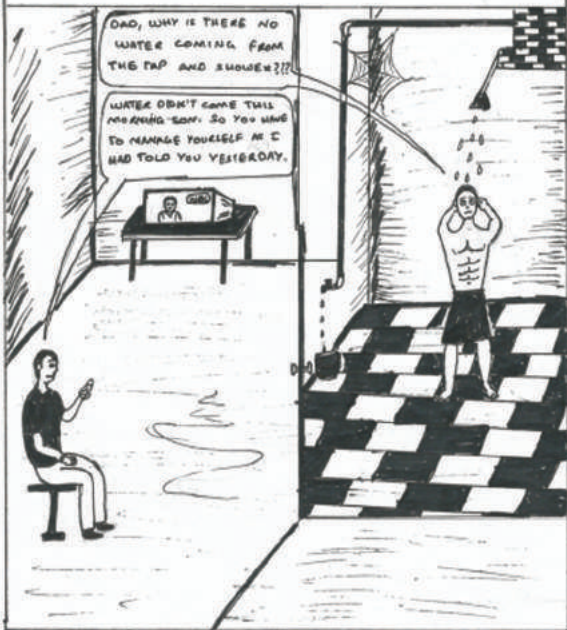
ONE AFTERNOON, JAMES PLAYED FOOTBALL WITH HIS FRIENDS AND HE WAS VERY TIRED...



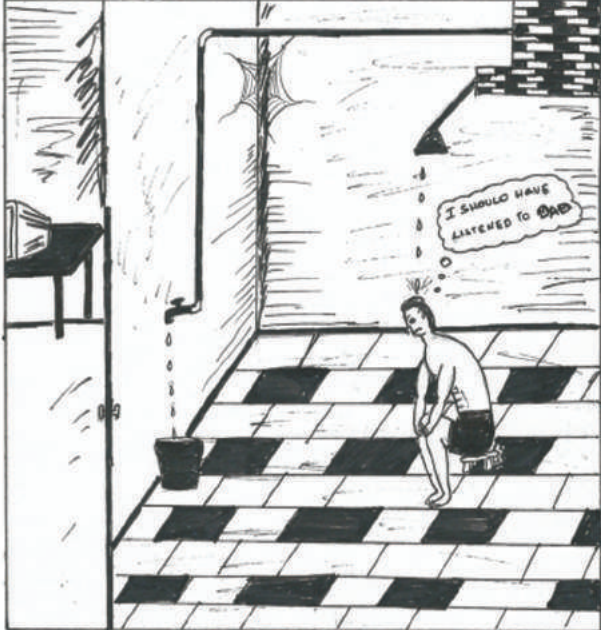
AS SOON AS HE REACHES HOME, HE RUSHED TO THE BATHROOM TO TAKE A SHOWER...



THE NEXT MORNING AFTER PLAYING FOOTBALL, JAMES WAS IN A HURRY TO TAKE A SHOWER AS HE WAS HAVING A CLASS TEST...



JAMES REGRET FOR MIS-USE THE WATER THE PREVIOUS DAY AND MISSED HIS CLASS TEST...



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