Puducherry Water Rich Model

It is a model for desilting the urban drains and rural canals with the cooperation of the general public with the Puducherry administration.

- This model is fulfilling the need of water in rural areas for irrigation and preventing the overflowing of drains in urban areas.
    - Ensuring regular flow prevents the diseases like malaria and dengue.
- The practice of community involvement in desilting of canals and maintaining them goes back centuries in Puducherry, to the reign of the Pallavas.
    - The Cholas and French also adapted it seriously.
- All contributors under this model were awarded Swachta Hi Sewa Awards by administration.

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- It ensures mapping and bring under watch all water bodies and drains by using technology.
- To use MNREGA where machinery is not required and human contact is safe. It empowers people and provides livelihood.
- Linking the local community for shramdaan and monitoring water bodies. It encourages participation as they are the real stakeholders.
- Linking with the nearest donor support — any industry or institution.
- It let the supporter and the service provider decide on the contractual cost. Government officials should only be facilitators, not in any way negotiate or deal with their money.
- It allows farmers to take the silt away, as it is their soil which got washed away. It is rich in nutrients. The farmers are not to be charged for it.
- Accountability lies with the collectors and municipal commissioners.

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