

Humans discovered agriculture on the banks of rivers. To take care of their farms they settled around it, soon creating structures of work and society as we see today. Water no longer just tended their farms, but was also pulled into their homes for everyday. Thus...
Water gave a way to life!

So you do know what makes up 71% of the earth's surface...
Yes it is **W . A . T . E . R**
They are big Oceans, massive Lakes, flowing Rivers, smaller Rivelets, Icy Glaciers, Historic Aquifers and so many avatars. Why is the story of water, the story of

With dams across rivers, the settlements became cities, cities became urban centres. When the flow of water was controlled, did the villages that submerged get rehabilitated? Humans knew now...
Water was power!

For settlements away from water sources, we discovered to tap into the belly of the earth and reach underground water... by digging wells! Some Kings made wells with beautiful steps, while some governments gave away hand pumps. Even the cacti had to bloom...
Water was a life giver.

Life giving, life taking... fluid, tenacious. We continue to celebrate and worship water. A well, a tank, a river... There are temples on shores and banks, near glaciers and river mouths, also where the seas meet. Walking on ghats, touching the water, immersing oneself...
Water cleanses. Water is holy.

As urbanisation increased, industries increased, cities grew... relationship with water changed. Looks like we have forgotten our rivers. Often they have become garbage dumps and gutters.
Water has become our neglected backyard.

From long ago, it is the fishing communities who lived near edge. On the edge of the sea, or the edge of the river. With their boats, of many shapes and sizes, on voyages short and long, they plunged their nets, even traversed expanses of water.
Water is livelihood.

The edge of the river, was often the edge of the place. The river bank or the dried up river bed. It was no man's land to claim, and everybody's land to claim. There were everyday gossips over washing, the sought after weekly bazaars, month long utavas or festivals...until now. Now with concrete embankments and flood planes, we have the city promenade to admire. People jog, talk, sing dance, gossip, have festivals...
But water is a extension to the manicured

At edge of a maximum city by the sea, in pockets of sand 'the Beach' has something for everybody. It is a room of meditation. On one hand, it a part of nature's water cycle- the rivers meet the sea only to form clouds again. On the other hand, the vast expanse of water is a great social equaliser. Some will be picnicking, while others exercising. Some are playing cricket. Some one has set up a hotel. Class, caste, creed don't matter here.
Water is leisure.

71%

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