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**14 LIFE  
BELOW WATER**

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# 1. PREAMBLE

**Sustainable Development Goal 14 (SDG 14): Life Below Water** aims to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources. Oceans cover over 70% of the Earth's surface, play a critical role in supporting life on our planet, and are essential for human well-being and economic prosperity. They regulate the global climate, produce oxygen, and provide food, energy, and jobs. However, oceans are under severe threat due to human activities, including pollution, overfishing, and climate change.

Manav Rachna University has been proactive in promoting water conservation to support Sustainable Development Goal 14, which focuses on the preservation of aquatic life. Recognizing the critical need for water conservation, the Manav Rachna Centre of Peace and Sustainability organized a university-wide Water Conservation Pledge. During this event, students and faculty members committed to responsible water use and pledged to refrain from polluting water bodies. The initiative emphasized simple yet impactful practices like fixing leaks, taking shorter showers, and spreading awareness about water conservation's importance.

Additionally, the Khalbali Drama Society, in collaboration with the Centre of Peace and Sustainability, performed a "Nukkad Natak" titled "Every Drop Counts." This street play creatively depicted the severe consequences of water wastage and highlighted sustainable habits such as efficient irrigation and rainwater harvesting. The performance stressed the value of water, the negative effects of scarcity, and the significance of community-driven conservation efforts. This collective action fosters a culture of water responsibility among the university's community and inspires broader environmental stewardship.

## 2. Water Conservation Pledge in University: A Commitment to SDG

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Water conservation is a critical part of ensuring a sustainable future. It requires cooperation among individuals, communities, industries, and governments.





By adopting efficient technologies and practices and promoting awareness, we can protect our precious water resources and maintain a balance between human needs and environmental health. The time to act is now, as the consequences of inaction could be dire for both ecosystems and human societies worldwide. As a hub of knowledge and youth engagement, Manav Rachna University is well-positioned to influence attitudes and behaviours toward water use, contributing to global efforts to protect marine environments, keeping this thought in mind Manav Rachna Centre of Peace and Sustainability organized a university wide Water conservation pledge wherein both students and faculties took a pledge to not throw waste into water and conserve as much water as possible by using water judiciously, practice of using water efficiently to reduce unnecessary water usage and ensure the sustainability of our water resources for future generations, faculties and students took a pledge to educate people about simple ways to conserve water, like fixing leaks and taking shorter showers, can have a cumulative impact.



### 3. Nukkad Natak on Water

## Conservation: "Every Drop Counts"

Students from Khalbali drama society of Manav Rachna University along Manav Rachna Centre of Peace and Sustainability conduct a Nukkad Natak to create awareness on Conservation of Water, the nukkad natak was conducted to encourage the faculties and students of the university to conserve the water and reduce the wastage of water in their house, university and nearby surrounding or anywhere. The aim was to create awareness among students about judicious use of water and do the water harvesting for the future. The students through the Nukkad



Natak highlighted the consequences of water wastage and the impact of water scarcity on daily life they also motivated individuals to adopt water-saving habits in



their homes and communities. The Nukkad Natak gave out a message of collective responsibility and action toward sustainable water use. The key themes of the Nukkad Natak were. The Value of Water: Emphasizing that water is a precious resource and essential for all forms of life. Water Wastage: Showcasing everyday scenarios where water is wasted, such as running taps, long showers, and inefficient irrigation methods. Impact of Water Scarcity: Highlighting the adverse effects of water shortages, like poor health, agricultural failure, and the struggle of communities in arid regions. Simple Conservation Practices: Demonstrating practical ways to save water, such as fixing leaks, using water-efficient appliances, and adopting rainwater harvesting. Community Responsibility: Promoting collective action, such as forming local water management groups or spreading awareness among neighbours.