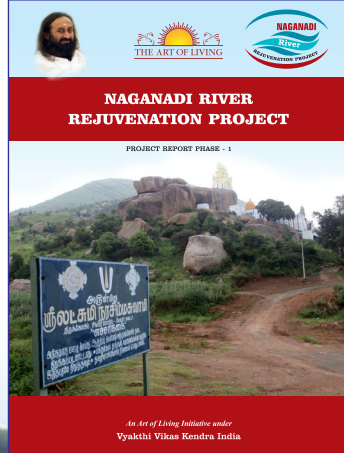
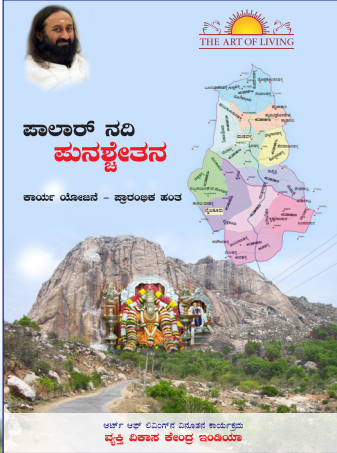
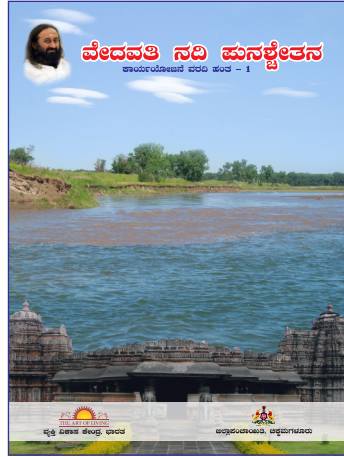




Group Discussion on **River Rejuvenation** Concept, Methodology and case Studies



23rd January, 2015 between 9 am to 5 pm

Venue : Art of Living International Centre
Udayapura, 21st KM, Kanakapura Road, Bengaluru-560 082. Karnataka

Organizing Institutions

Geological Society of India (GSI)

The Society was established in 1958 to promote the cause of advance studies and research in all branches of Earth system science. The journal of the Society is the flagship publication which publishes peer-reviewed articles on all aspects of earth system sciences under the category of review paper, short communications, notes, corporate news, correspondence and book reviews. The articles published deal with all aspects of Earth System Science. The Society also conducts seminars and workshops related to all aspects earth system science. To mention a few relevant to this event are Action Plan Workshop for Rejuvenation and sustainance of Arkavathi river basin, Changing Geo-hydrological Scenario, Water problem of Bengaluru etc.,

Very recently Society organised a group discussion on water resources of the Country with respect to its potential, problems & prospects.

Vyakti Vikas Kendra, India (VVKI)

The Art of Living, founded in 1981, is one of the world's largest volunteer based, humanitarian and educational organizations inspired by His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar's vision of creating a stress-free, violence-free society. Vyakti Vikas Kendra, India (VVKI) is a registered public charitable Trust constituted to implement and promote educational, social, developmental activities for The Art of Living in India.

The vision of VVKI is to realize a far-reaching social transformation in India through the Art of Living programs and implementing a broad range of service projects to uplift and empower individuals, families and communities so that the full potential of human life can be expressed. VVKI has been carrying out river rejuvenation in the initial part of Vedavati river, Chickmagalur District, initial part of Palar River basin in Chikballapur District in Karnataka and Naganadi, a tributary to Palar, in the parts of Velur and Thiruvannamalai districts of Tamil Nadu.

International Association for Human Values (IAHV)

The International Association for Human Values was founded in Geneva in 1997 by His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar as a global platform for humanitarian initiatives that solve problems by uplifting human values.

Through its country organizations and partners, IAHV conducts service projects and raises funds for humanitarian and disaster relief initiatives throughout the world. Over the past decade, IAHV India has successfully transformed distressed communities and spread human values in the daily lives of millions through numerous service initiatives. Presently IAHV has been carrying out the implementation of rejuvenation of River Kumudavathi in Bengaluru Rural and Ramanagaram districts of Karnataka. This river is source of water for T.G. Halli reservoir of Bangalore Water Supply & Sewage Board.

Background

Rivers are the life lines of the country. They are natural systems which have come into existence to provide water to the entire life system, right from millions of microbes in the soil, aquatic life, terrestrial and aerial life. Since a few decades, due to drastic land use change, perennial rivers are becoming seasonal and seasonal rivers are disappearing. To revive and restore rivers, action plans are prepared and being implemented since about two years by Art of Living Institutions and the good results indicate that the river system can become sustainable.

It is felt that it is time to review the concept and methodology adopted and spread the knowledge by sharing the experience and also to get the guidance from the Experts to take the programme in a more efficient and faster way elsewhere also. Hence an event is planned on river rejuvenation. This event is expected to be participated by Experts in Geomorphology, Geohydrology, environment, water resource specialists, farmers of the project area and team leaders of implementing Volunteers. During the panel discussion, the decision makers from both State & Central Governments will be invited. A special volume will be brought out to share the experiences and recommendations.

Poster Sessions

Jala Jagruthi Abhiyan - Maharashtra, Sri Sri Institute of Agricultural Sciences & Technology, Foundation for Ecological Security, Vana Samvardhana Trust and other organisations, who have been working on these lines, are invited to participate and exhibit their activities through posters.

Objectives

To review the concept, planning and implementation of river rejuvenation in South India and extend such exercises to other river basins also. Share the experiences of delegates from different river rejuvenation projects and also with other NGO's working on similar lines.

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