Being Water Wise!

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Here is some interesting data.
Only 0.036% of the total water on planet Earth is found in lakes and rivers and hence easily accessible to humans. No wonder, as water becomes scarce, Water Management is becoming an important area under the sustainability banner for governments, corporate and civil society across the globe. As the pioneer in numerous green initiatives, water conservation and management has been one of DLF’s key missions across the country.

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Given the high number of MNCs present and others keen to set their base in one of the best planned workplace in India, the water requirement from offices, restaurants, etc. will be on a rise in DLF Cybercity, Gurgaon. For instance, during peak summer, DLF Cybercity consumes about 9.5 MLD (million litres per day) of water. The local authority supplies only about 3 -

STP – Saving The Planet

The Sewage Treatment Plant is contributing to Save The Planet. Here’s why...
- Caters to 60% of water requirement at DLF Cybercity, Gurgaon
- Conserves our precious resource, Water, by recycling 6.5 million litres per day
- Saves over Rs. 50 Lakhs per month i.e. approx. Rs. 2.4 lacs per day on private rates & up to Rs. 24000 on Govt rates.
- Creates a multiplier effect as it provides clean fuel for the zero emission Co-Gen power plant in DLF Cybercity
- Helps keep DLF Cybercity green as recycled water used for horticulture
- Consumption of Soft water in cooling tower and AC Plant – 3.00 - 4.00 MLD

3.2 MLD of water which is used for drinking, pantry and wash basins purposes. To mitigate the risk of water scarcity, DLF’s STP facility with a capacity of 7 MLD, recycles 100% of waste water and ensures that people in DLF Cybercity do not have to face the water crunch and feel the heat. A part of the recycled water is used for flushing and horticulture needs. Further, 100% of STP sludge is used as manure for Horticulture to ensure that DLF Cybercity emerges a green workplace.

The STP is in line with DLF’s vision of sustainability at Workplace. Since part of the recycled water is used for the cooling towers, the STP’s outlet water quality standard is much stricter than the Environmental Protection Rules 1986. To guarantee that the STP works at its optimum efficiency, DLF does regular monitoring including a bi-weekly check and has strict Service Level Agreement (SLAs) of under 4 hours to rectify any concerns with the STP.

While it certainly proves that incorporating environment friendly policies into the planning process can help not only to stop further degradation of our environment, but can also save cost. Without the STP and with limited water supply from the local authorities, DLF and its tenants would have had to pay a higher cost for water consumption. One can only imagine this by comparing the water supply cost of

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Amit Grover
National Director - DLF (Offices)
the authority and private tank water suppliers with respect to the cost saved due to the STP. For instance, while the authority supplies water at Rs.4 per kilo litre, tankers supply water at over Rs. 40 per kilo litre. Imagine the cost implications at 9 MLD.

While water conservation and management is the new mantra for many, very few companies like DLF, have successfully applied the concept into practice.

A visionary thinking and serious commitment from leadership at DLF has been the key to ensure that our precious resource, water, is recycled and reused.

100% of waste water is being treated by our centralized STP of 7MLD.
100% recycled process water is used being used in cooling towers & horticulture.
100% STP sludge is used as manure in horticulture.
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FILTRATION SYSTEM (M.G.F)  

FILTRATION SYSTEM (A.C.F)
Green Initiatives at DLF Office Buildings

Uninterrupted & High Quality Power
at DLF Cybercity & DLF IT SEZs, Gurgaon with 100 MW Co-generation Plant Running on Clean Fuel

OXY Zone - Central Amenities Zone
at DLF IT SEZ, Chennai

Rain Water Harvesting
DLF Has installed 33 rainwater harvesting pits across DLF Cybercity buildings to recharge storm water

Last Mile Connectivity - Rapid Metro
DLF is encouraging Mass Transport System, another Green Initiative by Saving Fuel

Water Conservation System
Use of 100% Recycled Water, Intelligent Building Management System for Energy Conservation & District Cooling System for Air Conditioning

Solar Power
A New Shine on Sustainability

“The Sewage Treatment plant at DLF Cybercity, with a 7 MLD capacity, is one of the largest facilities among the commercial spaces in the country. It has helped us to recycle 100% of wasted water, reduce cost of water to DLF and its tenants and provide them facilities of a green building in true sense.”

Gautam Dey
National Head-Customer Assurance

“Provisioning of appropriate equipment & system is important, but more important is to provide optimum resources e.g. material, skilled manpower etc for sewer treatment plant’s operations & maintenance to utilize the sewer treatment plant to it maximum capability. At DLF, we are committed to recycle every drop of waste water & use it in best possible ways.”

Mukesh Chandra
DGM-Technical

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