

# THE INTERVIEW

CAS & IBDP G4 science program to Damdama Lake



To investigate the problem of water in a small village of Sohna situated in Northern India, we, the students of GD Goenka World School headed to the village and interviewed a poor peasant named Mundraj whose

only source of income is from the camel rides he offers to people on the shore of the beautiful Damdama Lake. Following are the questions and the respective answers to those questions. The interview has been enhanced and translated from Hindi to English.



According to an investigation done in our school campus, we have discovered that the lake, specially the areas near the land, is full of harmful impurities which can severely harm a human beings. Yet, people drink water from this lake as they cannot find water anywhere else. It could also be possible that the water seems to be tasty for the locals because of its impurity. We need to change that. We need to educate people of the village about the composition of the water they drink. *Please support us* and we will try to install drinking water stations all around the village.

—*The Science team*—

**1. So Mr. Mundraj, what is the condition of the water supply at your house?**

Hmmm... It is not as bad as one might expect it to be. I get enough water- clean water- from the government nowadays. Before there was a water problem, but after we raised our voices the government acted and hence, now we get great water. There is an electricity problem, though, now. There is always something. (Sighs)

**2. Are you sure, Mr. Mundraj, that no water for Damdama here is diverted to your houses?**

Yes. I am pretty sure about it as I come here every day and I know the area around the lake very well. Till now, I have not seen anyone working here.

**3. Do you use the lake as a source of water in any way?**

No. I do not! Especially, now, that the water coming to my house is good.

**4. And Sir, have you seen other people using the lake?**

Oh Yes. I have. I know many people who wash their buffaloes, clothes, utensils in Damdama. I, also, have seen people taking baths and throwing garbage in the lake.

**5. Do you think people drink the water from the lake?**

Yes! Yes! You can see that there are woods around the lake. So, when people get thirsty working in the woods they come out and drink water from the lake. I have also heard people say that it is quite pure and tasty.

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