

FMDA Launches Groundwater and Humidity Monitoring Project

Why in News?

Recently, The **Faridabad Metropolitan Development Authority (FMDA)** has introduced a project to monitor groundwater and humidity levels, aiming to address water depletion issues.

Key Points

Project Overview:

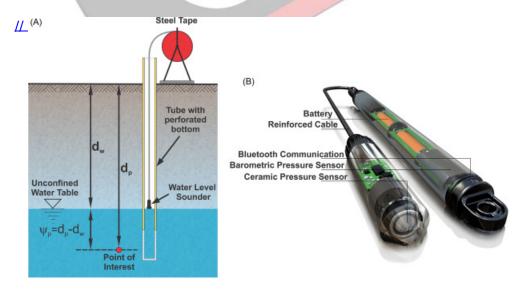
- The FMDA plans to install 100 <u>piezometers</u> in urban areas of Faridabad to monitor groundwater and underground humidity levels.
- The project, costing around Rs 9.5 crore, is part of a pilot initiative also being launched in Gurugram.
- These instruments will provide real-time data, helping authorities understand groundwater conditions and contributing factors for its depletion.

Technological Setup:

- Piezometers, specialized sensing devices, will measure groundwater pressure and humidity across a radius of 1,000 meters per unit.
- The system will provide 24/7 monitoring, allowing for online data tracking. This technology, developed by APCOS Limited (formerly Water and Power Consultancy Services), falls under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Piezometer

- A piezometer is a tube with an open bottom that measures the pressure of groundwater or the pressure of a body of water against the sides of its container.
 - The word piezometer comes from the root meter, meaning "to measure".



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