**Dead flows the Arkavathy**

The International Day of Action for Rivers on Thursday passed by without a murmur in Bangalore. A city that drew on two reservoirs of the Arkavathy for its water supply, now has no words left for the river that satiated a third of its needs. Water, yet, plans to rejuvenate it cannot be interrupted. Even as the existing knowledge gaps on the issue, says Sabir Ghosh.

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“The Arkavathy is dead” is a common refrain among those around Bangalore who worry about water crises now. And indeed, it is joined by the highly political Visakhapatnam’s Akkayyadu (a beach near the city). The Arkavathy is not dying for most of the year. Of the three major reservoirs built on it, Hesaraghatta has been almost entirely dry for the last twenty years, TG Halli has been filled regularly, but is a patchy rainbow in monsoon. Hesaraghatta and Chamarajapet tank bunds support the city’s water needs.

Bangalore has nothing to do with rivers. Yet, this Day went virtually unremarked. And those who struggle to protect them.

A requiem for the Arkavathy should be written.