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Paper Title: **Indian Water Crisis: Analyzing the Causes and Finding Solutions for Delhi's Failing Water System**

Abstract:

**A substantial part of India's—and in the specific case of our research, Delhi's—population does not have access to clean water, which causes significant health and economic problems that contribute to an institutional poverty from which many will never escape. We asked our interviewees about the causes and the many creative solutions that this entrepreneurial country has developed. From these interviews, we have developed an analysis of the numerous causes and symptoms of the problem, taken a comparative look at our own American experiences with water issues, and attempted to develop what we believe is a potentially viable solution to the failing water system in Delhi.**

**In this paper, we discuss the causes and consequences of the problem, looking at water supply concerns, the deficient infrastructure, economic obstacles, institutional failures, and societal pitfalls. Next we examine American examples of combating water problems in New York, Colorado, and West Texas, and evaluate whether any of these approaches would work in India. Finally, we propose privatization as a potential solution and address concerns about privatizing India's water system while explaining the necessary features for a successful private system.**