

# *Struggle for Right To Water*

## An Update on Jal Adhikar Yatra

-Mehdiganj Group, Austin  
September 30th

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# *History*



? Coke Factory in Mehdiganj

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# *Issues*

- ? Pollution – Gaon Bachao Aandolan (sludge)
- ? Land Encroachment
- ? Evasion of Stamp Duty
- ? False charges on Employees and Activists
- ? Water Exploitation

# 100 days Dharna







# *National Conference on Water Privatization – June 30<sup>th</sup> Varanasi*

- ? Issue bigger than an anti coke campaign
- ? Water literacy
- ? Water privatization
- ? River interlinking
- ? Bottled water
- ? Water Conservation

*Take the issue on State and Central level for a bigger struggle of **Right To Water***

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# *Jal Adhikar Yatra*

- ? Mehdiganj to Delhi – Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>
- ? Awareness
- ? Pressure the Government
- ? Pressure the CPCB and SPCB
- ? Networking with other protests at coke and pepsi plants

- ? Sept 12<sup>th</sup> , Balia
    - ? Coke Plant
  - ? Sept 14<sup>th</sup> , Faizabad and Barabanki
    - ? Coke Plant
  - ? Sept 17<sup>th</sup> , Jaunpur
    - ? Pepsi Plant
  - ? Sept 19<sup>th</sup> , Jhansi
    - ? Discussion with college students on jobs and taxes
  - ? Sept 20<sup>th</sup> , Kanpur
    - ? Coke and Pepsi plants
    - ? IIT Kanpur
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? **Sept 21<sup>st</sup> , Lucknow**

- ? SPCB office for sludge
- ? Hardoi, Lucknow, Sitapur
- ? Public Meetings
- ? Clean Toilets b y Coca Cola

? **Sept 24<sup>th</sup> , Muradabad**

- ? Farmers identified with the struggle. Related their stories of water exploitation by paper mills

? **Sept 28<sup>th</sup> , Mathura and Hathras**

- ? Pepsi and Coke plants
  - ? Heavy police force
  - ? Community talked about the same problems of pollution and water exploitation
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