

class-5 Environmental Studies chapter-6  
Every Drop Counts

Q.1. What did Al-Biruni explained about the lakes and ponds of India?

Ans: Al-Biruni who visited India about one thousand years ago wrote that the people here are very skilled at making ponds. They pile up huge rocks and join them with iron rods to build chabutaras. Between these, there are rows of long staircases, going up and down. The steps for going up and coming down are separate. So there is less crowding.

Q.2. What is a Stepwell?

Ans: In a stepwell there are several steps which go down several storeys deep. Instead of drawing the water up from the well, the people could go down the steps and reach the water.

Q.3. How do people collect rainwater in the areas where there is very less rainfall althrough the year?

Ans: In such areas people collect rainwater which fall on their roof. They carry these rainwater to a large, underground, covered tank with the help of pipes and use it in future.

Q.4. How do people get water in different areas?

Ans: People get water from different sources in different areas like - from rivers, lakes, dharas, tapes, hand-pumps, tankers, and government supplies.