INTACH Gorakhpur Chapter organized a summit for clean water in a joint collaboration with Mahanagar Paryavaran Manch and Earth Day Network on 27 February 2020 at Hotel Vivek, Gorakhpur. The main purpose of the seminar was to STRESS THE REVIVAL OF OUR DYING HERITAGE OF WATER HARVESTING AND CONSERVATION, in view of recent judgment of NGT on R.O.

The Chapter Additional Co-Convener Shri Achintya Kumar Lahiri welcomed the guest and explained the purpose of the summit. Chapter Convener Shri M. P. Kandoi said that Rain is a prime source of water and explained how our ancestors has got knowledge of importance of pure water. He described the methods used by them to store and conserve the rain water, so that no other devices were required. He also described that how the extinction of our heritage water bodies has increased dependence on ground water and energy for obtaining water for human and animals. Dr. V.K. Srivastava detailed what is difference between safe water and healthy water. He said that modern water purification devices are giving us safe water but not healthy water. The present govt. officials described about the activities are being done by the department for the water. After a long discussion it was concluded that revival of our traditional heritage especially water bodies can be used for water harvesting and which can be used for livestock and menial household job causing less burden on ground water which is becoming precious day by day, awareness for not using R.O as per quality of ground water available and establishment of water testing center at Gorakhpur. It was decided that the conclusion reached by discussions will be spread in public and continuous work will be done.

In the summit, The Municipal Commissioner of Gorakhpur, Manager of Gorakhpur Water Supply, Head of Department of SPM Board Medical College Dr. V.K. Srivastava, ADM Finance Gorakhpur Faculty of Environment Engineering University of Technology, Representative of Chamber of Industry, Members of INTACH and other organization were present.