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OF THE WORLD (GEOGRAPHY CH. – 2)**

TOPIC : - WATER

Our planet is also called the watery planet or 'blue planet' as it has abundance of water which is found in solid, liquid and gases forms.

Water is a renewable resource that gets renewed through the process of **hydrological cycle** .

The distribution of water on the earth is highly uneven.

97% of the volume of water on the earth is found in oceans and seas.

2% in the form of ice sheets in the polar regions

1% in the form of freshwater .

This two source of freshwater available on the earth are the surface water in the form of rivers streams and groundwater which is available through the seepage of water below the ground.

Man use water not only for drinking, cooking washing, working it is but also for other activities like agriculture, industry, generation of hydroelectricity, navigation etc.

Above all the pollution of water bodies is due to a responsible and reckless attitude of mankind.

The seasonal and annual variation in precipitation, uneven distribution, over exploitation, misuse and wastage of water for some of the causes of water scarcity.

By 2025, nearly two billion people will live in absolute water scarcity.
