



WWD2014 Yamuna River Trash Cleanup

Activity, Gokul, India



A short report with Pictures below.

Location: **Yamuna River, Gokul, UP, India**

Date: **March 22nd and 23rd , 2014**

Length of the River Bank – **90-100 meters** –with local community

Trash volume – **~ 8 bags – 80 Kgs.**

Total Numbers of volunteers-**100**

The event was primarily coordinated locally by Mr. Pawan Sharma, and supported by the Gokul Trust (Mr. Ashwin Patel, Atlanta, Georgia) and joined by local communities and NGOs .



The Yamuna River with floating Foam at the WWD2014 cleanup site. The picture was taken prior to the activity.

From the verbal report from Mr. Pawan Sharma, there were a number of local enthusiasts who joined the trash cleanup activity of the Yamuna river bank for the WWD2014.

However, the local people are very apprehensive of the situation about the floating foam and other serious pollution problem of the Yamuna river, which is slowly killing the residual aquatic life in the Yamuna River with ever increasing pollution loads from the city of Mathura, Vrindaban, and the massive load of industrial and domestic waste from Delhi and other upstream towns and cities. Unless major steps are undertaken to stop these untreated discharges into the Yamuna River, the destiny of the Yamuna river in Gokul is surely heading for a disastrous end.



Pitiful Condition of the Yamuna River – Feb 2, 2013





WWD2014 – Yamuna River, Gokul, India, during the site visit and organizing the Trash cleanup activity (Coordinator Pawan Sharma on the left – red jacket)