

## WWD2014 Ganges River Trash Cleanup

### Activity, Rishikesh, India

On Sunday morning (March 23<sup>rd</sup>) the Rishikesh team honored the World Water Day 2014 by conducting a trash cleanup and awareness program. The special attention of the group in cleaning up a “basin” next to the River shows the dedication, love, and care for the River by the participants. A short report with pictures provided below.

Location: **Ganges River, Rishikesh, Uttarakhand, India**

Date: **March 23rd, 2014**

Length of the River Bank: **~150 meters** –with local community

Trash volume: – **3 very large bags – 300 Kgs.**

Total Numbers of volunteers: - **21 plus the kids**

See Pictures of the local enthusiasts and others, who joined the cleanup effort, below.

Swami Amritarupananda and Jittender Kumar of the Clean Himalaya Society primarily coordinated the event. A short report from Swami Amritarupanandaji below captures the event summaries succinctly.



WWD2014 Rishikesh – Trash cleanup from the Ganges (Ganga) River bank

Report from our coordinator, Swami Amritarupananda .. describing the activities participated by the organizations listed in bold below, to honor the World Water Day 2014 on Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

“This morning we honoured World Water Day, joining "Rivers of the World". We had 21 volunteers from the **Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Forest Academy** join **Clean Himalaya** to clean a ravine next to a **Ram Jhula Sanskrit school**. One photo shows the kids watching us. When long-time volunteer Om Prakash from the Madras Cafe came, he encouraged the kids to join us as well. And they did with great enthusiasm! Some photos show the before cleaning,. These photos were taken about one month ago. Some of the garbage had already been washed into the Ganga because of rains. Which is one of the reasons we wanted to clean this area as this ravine is right on the Ganga. We also spoke with the locals and municipal sweepers and they have agreed not to dump garbage there anymore. We will keep an eye on it! There are also photos taken of the work in progress as well as after the cleaning.“. Swami Amritarupananda



WWD2014 Rishikesh – Trash in the ravine– before Cleanup- Ganges River bank

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WWD2014 Rishikesh – Trash cleanup of the small “basin” near Ganges river

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WWD2014 Rishikesh – Trash cleanup by participants

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WWD2014 Rishikesh –Trash cleanup –Ram Jhula School Children Participated in cleanup

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WWD2014 Rishikesh –Site after Cleanup- Ganges River bank

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WWD2014 Rishikesh –Site after Cleanup- Ganges River bank

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WWD2014 Rishikesh – The Team behind the Cleanup- Ganges River bank

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WWD2013 – From the last year's event - Participants with Rivers of the World coordinator Swami Amritarupananda (center in Orange dress)