

Detail Activity Reports – INDIA Rivers WWD Program In Collaboration with UNEP

Events taken place during March 22 - 31, 2014 as mentioned below.

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1. [Yamuna River](#) in Agra, India
2. [Yamuna River](#) in Gokul, India
3. [Ganges River](#) in Rishikesh, India,
4. [Hooghly River](#) at Annapurna Ghat, Kolkata, India
5. [Daya River](#) near Bhuvanesar, India (Report Awaited)
6. [Barak River](#), Silchar (Assam), India (Activity postponed)
7. [Vizianagaram](#) Lake restoration/cleanup awareness South India (Report Awaited)
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Background on WWD2014 Activities

The UNEP officials in Washington, DC have met with us and have officially communicated a collaborative effort with the Rivers of the World Foundation for the World Water Day campaign. This year we have another first, The Brahmaputra River Trash Cleanup activity will be coordinated by Mr. Gautam Lahkar. Also, this year we expect some school children to participate in Guwahati (Brahmaputra River), Silchar (Barak River) and Kolkata(Hoogly River), India. The trash cleanup activity in the Hooghly River watershed is being pursued by Mr. Sucharit Dutta, Mr. Sudip Homechoudhury, and others.

These projects in China, India, and Philippines are in partnership with and motivated by a similar project in Washington, DC, USA to Clean-up the Potomac River by the Alice Ferguson Foundation (www.fergusonfoundation.org).

Subijoy Dutta, Environmental Engineer from Washington DC area, who began working on the Yamuna River Cleanup effort 20 years ago, said recently in a “Mother of Tears” Dance program in Rockville, Maryland “...whenever you look at a stream or River, think of it as your own River, treat it like your own glass of water. As you would not throw trash or waste oil in your glass of water, please treat the River or the stream the same way. It would be of high value if you pass this message to your friends and family.” He

added “..Your thoughts, wishes, and acts towards cleaning up the Rivers will go a long way in supporting the goal of the River cleanup effort....I’d like each of you to take one simple step towards preventing pollution from going into the River. We should stop throwing one piece of trash in open area today, two pieces tomorrow, and three pieces the next day.....at the end of the year we will find ourselves throwing trash only in the trash bins. We must start that now, and teach one person at a time. Your determined actions will one day turn your River clean and blue. !”

We have reports and pictures from our India coordinators indicated below from the WWD2014 activities as linked above:

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LAT-LONG COORDINATES FOR THE SITES

1. **Yangtze Kiang River in Wuhan City, China** - 30 35' 2.64" N, 114 17' 47.88" E
2. **Yamuna River** in Agra, India – 27 12' 19.85"N, 78 02' 5.73" E
3. **Yamuna River** in Gokul, India - 27 26' 27.69"N, 77 43' 05.64"E
4. Potomac River near Washington, DC - 38 51' 57.80"N, 77 02' 17.52"E

5. Ganges River in Rishikesh, India, - 30 07' 19.63"N, 78 18' 37.20"E
6. Hooghly River at Annapurna Ghat, Kolkata, India - 22 44' 56.77"N, 88 21' 53.67"E
7. Daya River near Bhuvaneswar, India (Confirmed) - 20 12' 35.61"N, 85 51' 05.35"E
8. Barak River, Silchar (Assam), India - 24 49' 56.67"N, 92 47' 35.81"E
9. Lake restoration/cleanup awareness Vizianagaram, South India - 18 06' 28.74"N, 83 22' 33.93"E
10. Iloilo River, Iloilo City, Philippines, - 10 43' 55.84"N, 122 35' 31.64"E
11. Bagmati River in Kathmandu area, Nepal (postponed) - 27 42' 37.10"N, 85 21' 23.10"E
12. Brahmaputra River, Guwahati, Assam, India - 26 11' 31.50"N, 91 44' 51.58"E