

WWD-2019- Kolkata, W.B. India - Summary Report
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আসুন !! আমরা নিজেদের নদী নালা রক্ষা করি

Local Event

Date: March 31, 2019
Time: 10 AM to 4:00 PM

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Location: Pond at Birati, Ward -18, Kolkata, 

As a part of the Rivers of the World program, the Kolkata ROW team and the local communities here in Birati conducted the WWD 2019 on 31st March 2019. The annual examination at the School during the March caused this delay.

BEFORE CLEANING THE POND :

The ROW- Kolkata team went to the pond to check and test the water so that they can finalize the date and can get the permission from NORTH DUM DUM MUNICIPALITY because the pond belongs to municipality. Then the meeting held in the evening at the ROW team Coordinator Sucharit Dutta's place and the team finalized the date as March 31st. Within 5 days the Coordinator with active help from the team members arrange to receive permission from NDDM and WARD NO - 18 councilor (Shri Shyamal Mazumder) and the team personally visited the Municipal chairman. Most importantly ROW team are planning to do follow up activities every month towards a sustainable protection of our Streams, Lakes and Rivers. Environmentally sustainable pond management is an ongoing process that requires regular observation and cleanup.

LOCATION OF POND: The pond is Located in Rishi Aurobindo Park, Birati, Sreebhavan, beside 6 Pally.

Location: Lat 22°39.59385' N, Lon 88°26.04309' E

Pond Water testing result before clean up -

- Total dissolved solids (TDS)- 237 ppm (mg/l)
- Conductivity - 492 ppm (mg/l)
- Dissolve Oxygen - 3.5 ppm (mg/l)
- PH - 9 SU
- Temp: - 33.03 °C



ROW team did WWD-2019 in a small way but it was nice that team started to clean the pond. Permission was granted by the Municipal chairman in presence of Lopa (Dy.chairman).Lopa introduced ROW coordinator to the chairman. Our next pond cleanup program is on May 26-2019. Attached application fwd. by the Ward-18 councilor.

Here are the details of the programme:

- 1) Meetup at S&M office premises at 10:00 AM. 2) Gather equipment for the cleanliness program. We believe that our next generation must know and understand the importance of water very clearly. Following are the detailed pictures of this event during cleaning.

Final day (Cleaning the Pond):

In the morning 9AM, at first went to the pond to see that the municipality had given us the trash vehicle or not so that all of us can put the garbage into the van. After few minutes other volunteers came with some students of ANNIE BESANT INSTITUTE. The banner of WORLD WATER DAY 2019 to tie up near the pond so that the persons of that area can get attraction and they can also come and do the work together beautifully. Then, ROW team went to a house and get the permission for tying up the banner. ROW team rented three labors for cleaning the water and the side of the pond. Beside them ROW team also cleaning up the water as much as the team can and also cleaning up the streets so that the neighbors do not face any problems. After 2 hours had a break for snacks. At that time two new members came in to help us as volunteers. Then again the team start work together from 11:30 am to 3 pm. At last when the ROW team are going home the people came beside us and appreciated us and told us to clean up the pond at least once in a week. They assured us that they will also take place in cleaning pond next time.

AFTER CLEANING THE POND :

Next day, ROW coordinator went beside the pond which the team cleaned yesterday and saw that the municipality van had taken all the trashes and the garbage kept. Suddenly the councillor of ward 18 came towards me and told me that " ROW had done a great work for the locality and also told me that he will join ROW as soon as possible."

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BEFORE CLEANING THE POND PICTURE



Pond after cleanup



Volunteers and Members



From (L-R) Saptasetu Dutta, Sidhartha Das, Pritam Dutta, Deblina Das, Moushumi Dutta, Rajendra Yadav.



From (L to R): Saptasetu Dutta, Rudra Saha, Sidhartha Das, Debleena Das, Sandip Das, Sandip Sen, Nanigopal Chakraborty, Sucharit Dutta.

