

ROW Foundation Announces World Water Day (WWD) 2023 Program

In Collaboration with United Nations Environment programme (UNEP)

Events take place during March 22- April 3, 2023 as mentioned below. Feb 23, 2023

ROW Foundation Announces **Special Awards** for WWD 2023

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| 1. Best Event; (\$150) | 2. Best Event Coverage/Reporting; (\$100) |
| 3. Best Children Participation;(\$100) | 4. Most Sustainable Activity (\$100) |

This Year's UN World Water Day theme is "Be the change you want to see in the World"

Please check the website (<http://rowfoundation.org>) for banners and Logos



Steps to undertake WWD activities : see this link : <https://rowfoundation.org/old/content/row/Steps-to-undertake-WWD-event.pdf>

The Rivers of the World (ROW) Foundation (<https://rowfoundation.org>) is conducting trash cleanup and other awareness activities tentatively planned for the following sites. For exact timing, locations, and other information please contact the cleanup coordinators below.

1. **INDIA (IN), Agra, Yamuna River**
Brij Khandelwal (agrabrij@gmail.com), Mrinal Agrawal (mgesgroup@gmail.com)
2. **Bangalore, Karnataka, India, Lake restorations (IN)**
Mr. Sharadh Sindhia (raamton@gmail.com), Kusuma Cunningham (kusuma.cunningham@gmail.com),
3. **Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India, Daya River (IN)**
Dr. Anup Samantaray (dean.ibcs@soauniversity.ac.in), – Dr. Sarat Chandra Sahu
4. **CHINA, Wuhan City, Yangtze River**
Ms. Zhao Hong (494325542@qq.com)
5. **Gokul, UP, India, Yamuna River (IN)**
Pawan Sharma +91 98973-30142 and Mr. Ashwin Patel (ashwinjp@hotmail.com)
6. **Guwahati, Assam, India, Brahmaputra River (IN)**
Mr. Gautam Lahkar (gautamlahkar@gmail.com)
7. **Ghansali, Uttarakhand, India (Himalayan English School) (IN)**
Mr. Sudhir Nautiyal (sudhir_nautiyal@yahoo.co.uk)
8. **Kolkata, India, Hooghly River (IN)**
Mr. Sucharit Dutta (sucharit2011@gmail.com), and Soham (Rudra) Saha (seeth.saha145@gmail.com)
9. **Mysore, Karnataka, India, Lake restorations (IN)**
Dr. Sadashiva Murthy (bmsada@gmail.com)
10. **NEPAL, Kathmandu/Nuwakot, Local Stream/Bagmati River restoration**
Mr. Pranuj Malla (mallapranuj@gmail.com)
11. **PHILIPPINES, ILOILO City, Iloilo River**
Mr. Noel Hechanova (noel_hechanova@yahoo.com), Dr. Evelyn Belleza (etbelleza8@yahoo.com), Mr. Neil Ravena (ravenaneil@gmail.com)
12. **Rishikesh, Uttarakhand, India, Ganges River (IN)**
Mr. Sudhir Nautiyal (sudhir_nautiyal@yahoo.co.uk)

13. **Neemrana | Rajasthan – 301705. (IN), NIIT**
Maj Gen Ashok Kumar Singh (Retd) (Ashok.Singh@niituniversity.in) , Dr. Siddhartha Khare, PhD (siddhartha.khare@gmail.com)
Mr. Rajendra Singh (TVS, Neemli, Rajasthan)
14. **Benekhali**, West Bengal, India, Vairab River (IN)
Ashok Saha (local), Indrajeet Sen (sen.indrajeet@gmail.com)
15. **Vizianagaram**, Andhra Pradesh, India, Lake restoration/awareness (IN)
Dr. Tata Prakasam (prakasamtata@gmail.com).
16. **USA , Washington, DC/Maryland**, Patapsco River Cleanup, Ellicott City, Maryland
Dr. Bikash Sharma, Subijoy Dutta (Subijoy@gmail.com), Dr. Bill Roper (wroper1@jhu.edu)
17. Hyderabad, India, Sreenidhi Institute, Saisreejakr@gmail.com; Pareekshitreddy@gmail.com
18. Kollengode, Kerala, Sri Vidyalaya, Dr. Prabhakar Puth (sridrprabha@gmail.com)
19. Hazaribagh, India, Dr. Vikash Kumar, profvikash1@gmail.com , Vinoba Bhawe University
20. Pavana and Mula River, Pune, Priyo G. Banerjee, Pradip Walhekar rcwalhekarwadi@gmail.com and the Rotary team

This year we expect many school children to participate as indicated above by School events.

The projects in China, India, Nepal and Philippines will be conducted by local coordinators and volunteers team members there



Plastic Bags will be used by the Volunteers to collect recyclable items, and trash to be disposed. The recyclables will be transported to the municipal recycling centers when available; arrangements for the trash collected should be made with the city garbage collection system.

After the Trash Cleanups, please send reports covering –

1. Location and type of Activity
2. Date and time period of the activity,
3. Amount of trash collected (or number of trash bags),
4. Pictures from the activities – before beginning of cleanup, during, and after the cleanup. A group picture of volunteers with bags collected will be valuable. It will be good to have a list of volunteers from the event.

The volume/weight and types (paper, plastics, soda cans, bulk items, such as tires etc.) of trash collected will be published on our website (<https://rowfoundation.org>). The Rivers of the World Foundation will have listing of volunteers and pictures from the cleanups, as submitted by the coordinators, on the website, which should be easily accessible to everyone. For exact timing, locations, and other information please contact the cleanup coordinators listed above. Please send your questions or comments to rowfoundation@gmail.com