



Minutes of Meeting

Hindon Yatra Exhibition & Symposium 2016

Project development workshop

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“From Vision to Multi-stakeholder Action for River Rejuvenation”

Date : Friday August 26th, 2016

Time : 9:30am to 1pm (followed by lunch)

Venue : City Greens Banquet Hall, Shamli

The Hindon Yatra Exhibition & Symposium program was held on the 26th of August 2016 in City Greens Baikwat hall. The municipal chairman Mr. Arvind Sangal welcomed all participants and guests. Summary of the key points brought forward during this event:

1. Additional District Magistrate - Mr. Bharat Jee Pandey

On behalf of the district administration, the additional district magistrate Bharat Jee Pandey said that he was concerned about the rejuvenation of the Katha and Krishni rivers. He said to all the concerned departments that they consider what can be done. He also agreed to set up a permanent District Management Committee in which all parties of the district in connection with river are represented.

2. Shamli Municipal Chairman – Mr. Arvind Sangal

On behalf of Shamli municipality, the chairman Mr. Arvind Sangal announced that they will try to set up a bioremediation solution for waste water treatment in drains and through wetlands as developed under the SWINGS program by Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) and presented by Dr. Nadeem Khalil. Also the Nualgi technology presented by JS-Wel company caught Chairman's interest. Soon a delegation will be sent to AMU to visit the wetland sewage treatment plant and follow-up meeting with JS-Wel could be arranged.

3. Indian Industries Association – Mr. Narendra Agarwal

The chairman of IIA Shamli chapter, Mr. Narendra Aggarwal said that they will introduce a Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) for the control of water pollution on the behalf of industry.



4. Himalayan institute for ecology, environment and development (HIFEED), Shamli - Dr. Mohammad Ilias

Dr. Mohammad Ilias said that his institute is working for the conservation of biological diversity: "If any institute (official and non-official) wants to prepare any special report for the conservation of biological diversity and for baseline survey with our help, we will help them. And we will establish eco-clubs in schools for the conservation of environment."

5. UP Irrigation Department – Mr. K.P. Singh

On behalf of the UP Department of Irrigation & Water Resources, the executive engineer Mr. K.P. Singh said, "We will cooperate with full effort for the rejuvenation the Katha River, we will make the availability of water for making it bio-diversity conservation zone. Time to time water can be released to the Katha and Krishni rivers from the east Yamuna canal for this. Besides this, through small check-dams water will be reserved, so that water level can increase (go up)."

6. Lions club, Shamli – Mr. Rajat Aggarwal

The convener of Lions Club in Shamli, Mr. Rajat Aggarwal said that he will ensure a program of Lions club on plantation, health campaign and environment education in Hindon basin.

7. Rotary club, Shamli – Mr. Ajay Gupta

The convener of Rotary Club in Shamli, Mr. Ajay Gupta also committed to ensure a program on plantation program, health campaign and environment education in Hindon basin.

8. Katha Krishni rejuvenation campaign - Dr. Umar Saif

As convener of the Katha-Krishni rejuvenation campaign, Dr. Saif said, "We will run a mass awareness movement in the whole Hindon basin. And we will also continue to run various types of programs with different institutions, until the river reaches its original status. Besides this, a base-line survey will be organized. Furthermore, a detailed report will be prepared for the re-habitation of crocodile and beaver and 30 species of fishes, which had inhabited the basin. Funds mobilization will be done to establish a butterfly park and Shamli Biodiversity Park."

9. My Hindon My Initiative - Raman Tyagi

Mr. Raman Tyagi of NEER Foundation gave information about My Hindon My Initiative campaign chaired by commissioner of Meerut and promised to provide a platform on internet.

10. Gramin Evam Paryavaram Vikas Sansthan – Dr. Krishan Pal Singh



Dr. Krishna Pal of GPVS in Baghpat presented the successful community engagement in ponds rejuvenation and water literacy programs. He said that he hopes to see similar programs in being implemented in other districts as he will campaign to keep ponds alive.

11. Shamli Eco Club Youth - Vipra Bhardwaj

Vipra Bhardwaj as representative of the youth Eco-Club in Shamli said, “We take a vow that we will run a mass awareness movement in the whole Hindon basin and an Eco-Club for youth will be set up in every village. If official and unofficial organizations financially help us for this, we will execute and promote bio-diversity conservation programs.”

12. World Wild Life Fund India, Delhi – Ms. Archana Tiwari

Ms. Archana Tiwari of WWF India said, “Of seven species, which WWF is making efforts to keep alive in India, some of them were also found in Hindon basin, such as crocodiles, beavers etc.” Like in Ramganga, a program could be developed for the Hindon basin, too. For re-habitation of these animals in Hindon, WWF India is keen to make efforts.

13. UP Forest Department, Shamli - Shri Om Prakash

Om Prakash Jee, DFO of UP Forest Department in Shamli said, “Wherever forests exist, conservation of all animals living in Hindon basin will be taken care of. Plantation will be done, which will be according to native environment.” He said that Forest Department would like to extend necessary support to create a butterfly park and re-habilitate crocodiles. “Whatever we can help in the rejuvenation program of Katha river, we will do to promote rehabilitation of plants and animals which were found in parts of Malakpur forest in British times.”

14. Principal of Sarati Devi Raja Ram college, Shamli - Madhu Sharma

Mrs. Madhu Sharma, Principal of SDRR College said, “I will spread mass-awareness along with students present in the school and will work with the science club and innovation center, so that at the rural (village) level, traditional techniques of pollution control will be developed.”

Convener of the Hindon Yatra event in Shamli, Dr. Umar Saif thanked all speakers, guests and participants for their contributions. Especially the children and youth who contributed through singing the Harnandi song and presenting their views of the future through drawings, paintings and models of the river.