



Minutes of Meeting

Hindon Yatra Exhibition & Symposium 2016

Project development workshop

From Vision to Multi-stakeholder Action for River Rejuvenation

“Ground water recharge and Sustainable Wastewater Management to Rejuvenate Krishana and Hindon rivers”

Date : Friday September 9th, 2016

Time : 3pm – 5:30pm (2:30pm registration)

Venue : Vikas Bhawan, Baghpat

Summary of proceedings:

On 09.09.2016 a workshop for the rejuvenation of Hindon river was held in Vikas Bhawan, auditorium, in Baghpat at 3:00 PM chaired by district magistrate of Baghpat. The list of officials and specialists, who were present in the seminar, is attached.

Mrs. Annelieke Laninga, Hindon coordinator for 2030 WRG conducted the seminar.

The proceeding of seminar is following:-

- District Magistrate opened the meeting and informed participants about the ponds revival program in Baghpat District.
- Mrs. Anna introduced the 2030 WRG and welcomed officials and specialists present in the seminar, who came from different districts. A documentary on the Hindon River and a video message of honorable chief minister on this subject was shown through projector.
- Mr. Krishan Pal, secretary of rural and environment development organization (GPVS), Daula district Baghpat explained in detail to all members on the topic of water literacy, ponds rejuvenation and water management through the projector.
- Advocate Vikrant Verma, Hindon Jal Biradari, Ghaziabad, made participants familiar with decisions passed by the N.G.T on the pollution of Hindon river and suggested to plant along the river with the help of common people in groups of 1 or 2 acres.
- Mr. Vinod Saini, a progressive farmer, district Meerut explained in detail about Vermi Compost. He said, “It is essential to reduce the use of chemical fertilizer, in place of which he suggested to use a natural vermi compost fertilizer.”



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- Mr. Pritam Singh, senior citizen welfare society, Badaut suggested to get encroachment removed from ponds, not to throw garbage in ponds, get toilet built and use it, making aware of the increasing water pollution because of encroachment over ponds and open defecation.
- Major Himanshu, convener of Jal Biradari, Meerut said about water recharging by means of ponds, "In ancient time the water recharging was done by the means of pond, but because of illegal encroachment of ponds, the existence of ponds is dying. Attention was requested to remove illegal and disputed possession of ponds.
- Dr. P.K Sharma, convener of Hindon Jal Biradari, Saharanpur requested to make solutions in terms of water conservation and the need for increased agri-water use efficiency, drawing attention of all people to change the crop cycle.
- Dr. Sengar, I.I.M, Lucknow evoked to encourage youth to save water and spread consciousness among masses. He made all aware of efforts which he has done till now for it.
- Chief development officer, Baghpat made all aware of efforts which have been done till now for the conservation of water in Baghpat and assured that village level and district level officials would be inspired to pay their attention to this subject. Specialists present in the seminar were requested to tell about their desired topics so that concerned departments and people could take the advantage of their experiences.
- The district magistrate thanked all people to be present in the seminar and urged to co-operate with each other.

In the end vote of thanks was concluded to District Administration for hosting the event and to participants from outside Baghpat in particular for traveling to attend this workshop and contributing to the meeting.

Summary of project ideas for Baghpat:

The purpose of the workshop was to generate new project ideas for Baghpat which could be taken forward by community, industry, research/academia and/or administration. Several suggestions were made during the workshop, including:

- Create Eco-Clubs in schools, which can be convened by science teachers (Dr. Umar Saif, HIFEED Shamli)
- Module about law & management to increase water literacy among youth (prof. Sengar, IIM Lucknow)
- Water treatment inside drains through Nualgi product (JS-Wel company)



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- Solid waste management in PPP mode (collaboration between NGO, company CSR and Nagar Palika – Muskan Jyoti Samiti in Saharanpur)
- Invite farmers from Baghpat region to attend organic farming training in Meerut (Major Himanshu, Jal Biradari, Meerut)
- Water is Life proposal by Dr. Krishan Pal (GVS Baghpat) and Alka Tomar (Centre for Youth, Delhi)
- Develop a cropping map of the region with the aim to train farmers to conserve water (agri-water efficiency technology/methods) and change cropping patterns to match with water availability (Dr. PK Sharma suggested this to District Administration Baghpat)
- Rooftop rainwater harvesting
- Awareness program about ponds maintenance
- Develop an interactive web-portal to monitor progress made to rejuvenate water bodies in the Hindon river basin
- Establish thematic or sector-wise working groups under the District Administration to exchange knowledge and experiences (e.g. agri-department working group on water conservation), proposed by CDO, Mr. Rastogi.

Office: Chief development officer, Baghpat

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Date: 12 Sept, 2016-09-14

Copy: Followings were informed with regard.

1. Informed to the district magistrate, Baghpat
2. Mrs. Annelieke Laninga, 2030 Water Resources Group
3. Mr. Krishna Pal, secretary of rural and environment development organization (GVS), Daula district, Baghpat

Chief development officer, Baghpat