



## Eco Club Excursion (YAMUNA WALK)

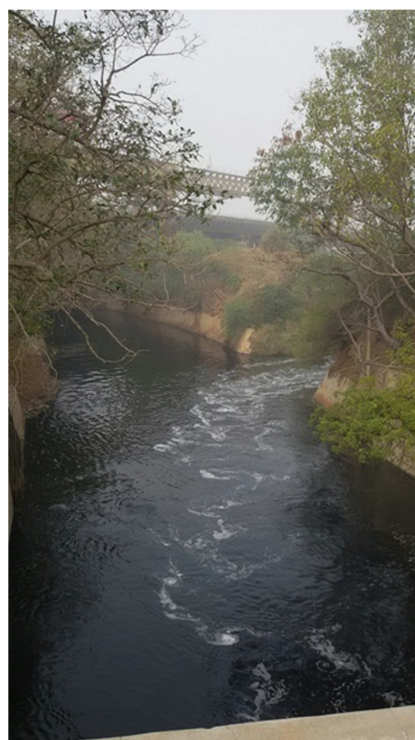
Date : 19 December 2014  
 Place visited : Wazirabad barrage  
 Organized Conducted by : Eco club  
 Attended by : Students of eco club along with Teacher Incharges  
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In the course of the Yamuna Walk participants went to the banks of the river before it flows into Delhi where it yet is plentiful and clean. We then went to see the fate of the river after it enters Delhi to witness the alarming aggression with which our city pollutes the river.

1<sup>st</sup> stoppage – Visit to the upstream of Yamuna, before it enters Delhi's territory. The river here is relatively cleaner and serves as a source of livelihood to fishermen and farmers. The river here has an ecosystem in place.

2<sup>nd</sup> stoppage – Following Najafgarh Drain, the biggest and the 'blackest' drain of Delhi, first of the 19 drains that flow into the river after the Wazirabad barrage. It goes and meets the river just 50 meters from the Wazirabad Barrage where Yamuna enters Delhi.

The River Yamuna is a celebrated river which is not merely a source of water supply, but has tremendous significance for the socio-economic, religious and cultural fabric of India. More than **70% of Delhi's water** comes from the Yamuna. Delhi constitutes **less than 2% of the river's total length** yet it contributes **70% of the Yamuna's total pollution** load. At this stretch, the river fails all water quality indicators and is considered clinically dead with dissolved oxygen as low as 0 mg/l. **Methane Gas** bubbles out of the river. Objectives of Yamuna walk trip are:



1. To raise awareness among citizens on ecological concerns around the River Yamuna,
2. To also raise consciousness among citizens about larger ecological and environmental concerns,
3. To explain and facilitate important discussions with the participants outside their home/office space,
4. To encourage the participants to take up any level of engagement with the Yamuna,
5. To foster a sense of environmental responsibility in the citizens of India.