

THE YAMUNA RIVER: A CONFLUENCE OF WATERS, A CRISIS OF NEED

January 3rd and 4th, 2011 at TERI University

OPENING REMARKS

Prof.. Bhavik Bakshi, Vice Chancellor, TERI University
Dr. Barbara A . Shailor, Deputy Provost, Yale University

ON RELIGION AND ECOLOGY

Srivatsa Goswami, Radha Raman Temple, Vrindaban
John Grim and Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University

MORNING PRESENTATIONS:

- 1) Current condition of the Yamuna River - an overview of flow, pollution load, human use and aquatic life
Deepshikha Sharma and Arun Kansal, TERI University

The status and effects of the Yamuna Action Plan (YAP)

Deepshikha Sharma and Arun Kansal, TERI University

- 2) The Role of Science in addressing the condition of the Yamuna River
Overview: Dr. Prateek Sharma, TERI University
Overview of cryospheric contributions to River Yamuna: Dr. Shresth Tayal, The Energy and Resources Institute

Integrated Assessment Approach / Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

Ashoke Basistha, Suresh Jain, Devesh Sharma, Kamna Sachdev , TERI University Faculty

- 3) The Role of Religion in addressing the condition of the Yamuna River
David Haberman, Indiana University
Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University

AFTERNOON PRESENTATIONS:

- 4) The Role of interdisciplinary and values-based approaches in water management, conservation, and preservation
Bidisha Kumar, University of North Texas
- 5) Presentation on water restoration projects by Rajendra Singh “waterman” from Rajasthan
- 6) Case study of civil society action: Narmada River
Harry Blair, Yale University
- 7) Educational and conservation projects that inform and guide religious communities regarding the Yamuna River.
George James, University of North Texas

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MORNING PRESENTATIONS:

- 8) Data gathering – Yamuna River – Presentation by Kuntal Singh, TERI University student
- 9) What are the contributions of religion towards environmental conservation?
Mala Narang Reddy, Nandini Kumar, TERI University
- 10) Models of modernization Ramakrishnan Sitaraman, TERI University
- 11) Going forward: What research projects at TERI and Yale University can be identified that enhance our understanding of the Yamuna River? Ashoke Basistha, TERI University
- 12) Discussion of a Yamuna Declaration emerging from this workshop
- 13) Closing comments by Vice Chancellor Bakshi on TERI's future comment to the Yamuna

January 4th and 5th, 2011

Radha Raman Temple in Vrindaban
Hosted by Srivatsa Goswami family

4th Jan Arrival & dinner in Vrindaban

After dinner:
Powerpoint presentation on Yamuna 'the flow of life'
by Abhinava Goswami

5th Jan 9.00 am Breakfast
10:00 am Interaction with the people of Vrindavan, NGO groups & religious leaders
1.00 pm Lunch
2.00-4.00 pm Visit to the Yamuna river from Madan Mohan to Bansivat
- followed by tea, debriefing, & departure to Delhi

Anybody wishing to stay over at the Ashram are very welcome

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