

## **Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority (EKWMA)**

The following Members of EKWMA and invitees attended the meeting held in the Conference Hall in 13<sup>th</sup> floor of Nabanna, Howrah on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 at 4.00pm:

- 1) Sanjay Mitra, IAS, Chief Secretary, West Bengal & Chairman, EKWMA.
- 2) Chandan Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary, Environment Department & Member Secretary EKWMA, and Principal Secretary, Forest Department.
- 3) Debashis Sen, IAS, Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department.
- 4) S.A. Baba, IAS, Principal Secretary, Fisheries Department.
- 5) B.P. Gopalika, IAS, Principal Secretary, Municipal Affairs Department
- 6) S.K. Gupta, IAS, Chief Executive Officer, Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority.
- 7) Khaleel Ahmed, IAS, Commissioner, Kolkata Municipal Corporation.
- 8) Subrat Mukherjee, IFS Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Control Board.
- 9) Barnali Biswas, IAS, Director, Institute of Environmental Studies and Wetland Management
- 10) Sanjay Bansal, IAS, District Magistrate, North 24 Parganas.
- 11) Swami Prananda, Joint Director, Ramakrishna Mission Lokashiksha Parishad, Narendrapur.
- 12) Smt. Bonani Kakkar, President, People United for Better Living in Calcutta.
- 13) Jose T. Mathew, IFS, Chief Technical Officer, EKWMA.
- 14) Sivaji Ghosh, IPS, ADG (Law & Order), West Bengal
- 15) Praveen Kumar Tripathi, IPS, Superintendent of Police, South 24 Parganas.

The Chairman, EKWMA welcomed the Members. Decisions were taken on the following agenda items.

### **1. Confirmation of the minutes on the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of EKWMA**

The minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 were confirmed.

### **2. Beautification at Nalban Fisheries:**

Recommendation of the constituted committee following the joint inspection was approved by the EKWMA.

### **3. Wetland Interpretation Centre (WIC):**

EKWMA approved the proposal by Fisheries Department to jointly develop Wetland Interpretation Centre at Captain's bheri.

### **4. Removal of illegal plastic, rubber and leather factories coming up on the wetlands adjoining Basanti Highway in district 24 Parganas South:**

Municipal Commissioner informed that a committee was formed for undertaking the work and the eviction may be started after film festival. He also stated that the burning of plastic and rubber has been stopped right now.

It was decided that WBPCB would provide a brief report regarding air pollution at the place where illegal plastic and rubber factories coming up on the wetlands adjoining Basanti Highway.

*(Action: Commissioner, KMC & MS, WBPCB)*

### **5. Violation cases and Police action on this regard:**

ADG (Law and Order) and SP, 24 Parganas (South) informed that only 34 cases were pending with Sonarpur and KLC police station and 133 violators were arrested. It was decided that SP, 24 Parganas (South) will hand over the list of all cases including pending cases to EKWMA. The SP 24 Parganas (South) was commended for the action taken against the violators.

It was also decided that based on the list from police officials CTO, EKWMA shall prepare a brief report and submit to Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal. The report may be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Minister, West Bengal for further directions and the name of violators who got charge sheet may be published in the website of EKWMA.

*(Action: SP, South 24 Parganas and CTO, EKWMA.)*

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(Sanjay Mitra)  
Chief Secretary, West Bengal & Chairman, EKWMA