## EAST KOLKATA WETLANDS MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

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## REPORT ON WORLD WETLANDS DAY CELEBRATION ON 02/02/2014

In tune with all over the world the World Wetlands Day celebration this year was jointly organized by Mrs. Banani Kakkar, President of People United for Better Living in Calcutta (PUBLIC) and a Member of East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority and East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority (EKWMA) at Bantala sewerage lockgate in the East Kolkata Wetlands (EKW) area. Mrs. Kakkar visited the place along with Mr. Pradip Kakkar of PUBLIC.

The program began at 8 am in the morning and went on till 12 noon. Thirty one young school children from La Martiniere for Boys and Girls School took part in the programme out of which 13 were boys and 18 were girls. Mr. K.S. Rahaman, Mr. Shyamal Das, Mr. Santanu Ghosh and Mr. Chandril Basak, all Technical Assistants along with Md. Rejaul Gain, Field Supervisor, represented the office of the EKWMA.

In her speech Mrs. Kakkar elaborated the ecological importance and the importance of bio diversity of the East Kolkata Wetlands (EKW) in the context of fast urbanization of the Kolkata Metropolitan city area. Mr. Chandril Basak of EKWMA talked about the uniqueness of the EKW area in West Bengal. A fruitful interaction between the pupils and Mrs. Kakkar took place on the bio diversity and fish farms of the EKW area. Ms. Meghna Banerjee and Mr. Subhra Chatterjee shared their experiences in the maintenance of bio diversity and wetlands in the Kolkata Metropolitan area and its surroundings.

The programme ended with the pledge of protecting the wetlands.

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## World Wetlands Day Celebration on 2nd February, 2014 at Bantala







