



My trip to river Yamuna

Our school took us on a trip on 30th March to visit the river Yamuna. We left early in the morning at 8 am. We crossed India Gate. This part of Delhi is very clean and green. It was a long drive to the river , after a while we reached Wazirabad barrage. There was a big traffic jam there. We could see the river Yamuna on either side of the barrage. There was a time when the river Yamuna's water was clear blue, but now it's one of the most polluted rivers in the world. There were polythene bags flying all over the river. Garbage was dumped on the sides of the river. There was a strong smell of rotten eggs coming from the river. It was so bad that I wanted to close the window. Drains were being emptied into the Yamuna. We learnt that 22 drains empty into the Yamuna. Out of which 18 are from Delhi, 2 from Uttar Pradesh and 2 from Haryana. Delhi has 32 sewage treatment plants out of which only 15 are operational partly. When we reached the banks of river Yamuna we found people had thrown religious wastes like flowers ,shells of coconut ,clay pots into the river . Near Hanuman mandir we met a priest who told us that people throw religious offerings into the river instead of burying them in the ground and increase the pollution of the river. He even said that if we were ruled by a king instead of the government, people would listen.

We discussed that every colony should have a sewage treatment plant which would clean the waste before dumping it into the river. If this would happen then we will be able to save our river Yamuna . After our discussion we headed back to school with thoughts of what we have done to our rivers.

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