

## CELEBRATION OF WORLD WATER DAY 2012

### GWP Bangladesh

The Government of Bangladesh has decided to celebrate World Water Day in all the 64 administrative districts of the country and for the first time BWP has been made a cosponsor of this event. Previously the celebration was limited to few large cities. BWP will also participate in the main celebrations in Dhaka, the capital city. In addition to this, the Surma Area Water Partnership will also conduct a seminar to celebrate world water day and disseminate the major theme of “Water and Food Security” in the area.

### GWP India

GWP-India with the support of its network partners would be organizing several events on the occasion of World Water Day-2012. Details of the activities in brief are as under:

#### 1. WWD Celebration by NEER Foundation, Meerut (Uttar Pradesh)

Date	Event	Target Group
22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2012	Walk for Water	School students of Meerut District
22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2012	Block Level Workshop	Officials of District Administration, Meerut
23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2012	One Day Seminar on Water : Issues and Challenges	Panchayat Officials, Meerut District
23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2012	Shramdan in one Pond	District Administration, Meerut
24 <sup>th</sup> March, 2012	Tour at Historical Natural Resources	Five School Students of Meerut District (BDS International School, Army Public School, Godwin Public School, Vidhya Global School, Meerut Public School)
25 <sup>th</sup> March, 2012	Drying Competition	Students of 25 schools of Meerut, Ghaziabad and Muzaffarnagar districts
25 <sup>th</sup> March, 2012	Signature Campaign for Water	10 selected places in Meerut, Ghaziabad and Muzaffarnagar districts

## 2. WWD Celebration by Janhit Foundation, Meerut (Uttar Pradesh)

Janhit Foundation would to celebrate the World Water Day by organising an Inter-College Debate Competition at Meerut and NOIDA districts of Uttar Pradesh. On 21st of March 2012, the competition would be organized at Sharda University NOIDA and on 22nd March at Deewan Institute of Engineering and Technology, Meerut.

The Topic of the debate is "**Water should be considered a National Property**". The debate would be between ownership of any kind (national or private) on the one hand and Non-ownership on the other. The winning team would be selected by a panel of judges and awarded with suitable prize. All the participating teams would receive certificates of participation.

## 3. WWD Celebration by UDAYAMA, Bhubaneshwar (Orissa)

UDAYAMA would celebrate World Water Day by organizing sensitization workshop on **Community Livelihood Resilience on Climate Change** at Nabarangpur district of Orissa. District Collector of Nabarangpur has agreed to inaugurate this workshop and assured us to carry forward this message to community. Elected Representatives, government officers, NGO/CBO leaders and community women leader will participate in the workshop.

## 4. WWD Celebration by Arun Institute of Rural Affairs, Dhenkanal (Orissa)

Date	Activities	Venue
19/03/2012	Competition among school student on Water use.	Anlaberani Primary School, Dhenkanal district.
20/03/2012	Rally involving Women and members of MWP/LWP	From Pandua to Anlaberani, Dhenkanal district
20/03/2012	Public Meeting on Water Management	Anlaberani Club Building, Dhenkanal district

## GWP Nepal

As in the previous years, World Water Day (22nd March) and World Meteorological day (23rd March) will be celebrated this year too in Nepal. Nepal National Water Week Organizing Committee headed by the Secretary of the Water and Energy Commission Secretariat (WECS), Government of Nepal, is organizing Nepal National Water Week (NNWW) from 17th to 23rd March, 2012 with various activities under frames such as advocacy, research, awareness, publication and capacity building. GWP Nepal/JVS is in the main organizing committee which

comprises members from government, non-government institutions, academic institutions and business houses.

The week aims to highlight the theme of the World Water Day-2012 "Water and Food Security" by addressing the impact of climate change and pollution on water resources and their implications on food security. GWP Nepal is organizing a Policy Dialogue on Groundwater Security in Kathmandu Valley, and this is one of the major events taking place during the week (on 20th March).

Global Water Partnership Nepal (GWP Nepal)/ Jalsrot Vikas Sanstha (JVS) is joining hands with financial contribution to host the programs. Water experts from GWP Nepal/JVS are attending the conference as resource persons.

### **GWP Sri Lanka**

1) Schools IWRM/Awareness Programme in Matara. A booklet on IWRM in Sinhala that has been developed over the last two years at WWD Programmes in Matara with assistance from the University of Ruhuna (Snr Lecturer Dr Chintha Rupasinghe) is scheduled to be published as a booklet for use by LJ in all its Schools programmes.

2) An Awareness programme for schools in the Central Province( Gampola) that were not covered in earlier WWD programmes to be arranged in collaboration with LJ Partner IPID in early April.

3) WWD Supplement in national newspaper sponsored by Brandix. 10 papers on women and water are expected to be published in a supplement on WWD. Collaborative activity with NetWwater.

4) The Girl Guides Association is arranging a Street Drama training session as a WWDactivity for Guides to be held in Colombo, for use in schools and community programmes as a follow up to the drama training held in December 2011 for the LJ Partner Forum