

Vrindavan's Tales: A Spiritual Call to River Conservation

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The WII-NMCG team recently undertook a meaningful field visit to Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh. The team blended education, community engagement, and spirituality to promote river conservation and inspire young minds.

The journey began with a Wildlife Day celebration at Primary School Naubaramad, where 80 students and 2 teachers participated in interactive lectures and educational games focused on the biodiversity of the Ganga River and its tributaries. Through fun activities, students learned about key species and their vital role in maintaining a healthy ecosystem, sparking a sense of responsibility toward protecting their natural heritage.

Following this, an official meeting was held with the Principal of Ramkali Devi Saraswati Vidhya Mandir Senior Secondary School and teachers from Sarang High Impact

School. The discussion centred on the establishment of a Ganga Aqualife Knowledge Centre — an initiative under the WII-NMCG project.

Subsequently, the team conducted a special interactive session at Gauri Gopal Gurukul, engaging 200 students in thought-provoking discussions about the connection between science and ancient Vedic wisdom in environmental conservation. Activities like the “Web of Life” helped students visualise how every organism is interconnected, reinforcing the idea that preserving the Yamuna River’s ecosystem means safeguarding life itself.

This field visit to Vrindavan strengthened WII-NMCG’s resolve to integrate education and community participation in the quest to conserve India’s rivers and ecosystems. By nurturing young minds and drawing from both scientific principles and traditional wisdom, the initiative aims to create a future where nature and culture coexist in harmony.

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