

Arghyam will be Organizing a "Water and Lake Awareness Day " on Mar-22 @ Madiwala Lake. Arghyam, and the Kannada Water Portal team (<http://kannada.indiawaterportal.org>) is happy to invite you to the celebrations on the occasion of UN "World Water Day", Sunday the March 22nd, 2009. The event starts at 8.30 AM at MaDivaLa lake, MaDivaLa, Bangalore.



Madiwala lake is one of the largest lakes of Bangalore. Though Madiwala is located at a critical junction attention has not been given in upkeep of the lake. The sewage that is being discharged on the side canal is actually polluting the ground water of madiwala lake.

We need to evolve right strategies by involving senior officials of the government machinery and the community to make sure that the sewage is treated before being left into the canal. Already the "Cycle Track Proposal" around Madiwala Lake project is under study by the BMLTA. This will bring in more life into the lake and also help in the commute of people from Bilekalli and Bommanahalli.

Also need to highlight the community survey of the lake to make sure that there is no encroachment. A meeting bringing all the community members will enable us to develop a lake plan for madiwala lake.

A lake plan reflects community consensus about what is needed to protect the natural, physical, cultural and economical aspects of a lake and its watershed.

Keeping in mind all these issues following actions are planned for March 22nd.

1>8:30 a.m Light Breakfast.

2>8:45 a.m Walk around the lake with the community.

3>9:30 a.m Presentation on Madiwala Lake Birds and History of Madiwala Lake.

4>9:45 a.m Strategies for Lake Conservation by involving the community.

5> 10:00 a.m Discussion on Bangalore Lakes .

6> 10:30 a.m Water Testing

7> 10:45 a.m Music Programme.

8> Conclusion .

Note: (gather emails, gather phone numbers, make sure there's ample chances for follow ups with participants)