



International Day of Action for Rivers



Workshop on

Access to Safe Water: Challenges and Opportunities in Mavallipura

On

Thursday 14th March 2013 between 10.00am -1.00pm

At FRLHT Seminar Hall, Pathanjali Block, Mavallipura

Dear Friends,

Environment Support Group in coordination with Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology and Dalit Sangharsh Samiti invites you to a workshop on Access to safe Water: Challenges and Opportunities on March 14th 2013 on the occasion of the International Day of Action for Rivers.

About the workshop: Mavallipura, lying in the catchment area of the Arkavathy River and the Tippugondanahalli zone 1, has in the last decade experienced severe pollution of water from the Municipal solid waste Landfills that have been in operation since early 2000. The unsegregated waste that has reached Mavallipura from the city of Bangalore has been dumped in two landfills over the last decade without treating the waste or the effluents that have leached from the mountains of waste lying in the region. A rough estimate of more than 40 lakh tonnes of mixed waste are rotting on the once prime agricultural land contaminating the water, soil, and air. Many water analysis tests have revealed that the water of the wells and lakes of Mavallipura are contaminated with heavy metals, nitrates, fluorides and a variety of other pollutants beyond all permissible standards. These toxic pollutants can cause a variety of infectious and other terminal diseases over a period time risking the life and livelihoods of the communities in the region. The region has also witnessed loss of lives to infectious and other diseases.

In this regard, the workshop will aim to raise awareness among the affected communities on the kinds of possible pollutants in the water, soil and air and the impacts on human and animal health over a period of time, the legal provisions to safe guard the area from further pollution and how community participation can help in addressing the challenges and bringing practical solutions to access clean drinking water for all.

About The International Day of Action for Rivers

March 14th is the International Day of Action for Rivers and Against Dams. Every year, thousands of people around the world lift their voices to celebrate the world's rivers and those who struggle to protect them. The International Day of Action for Rivers is a day to celebrate victories such as dam removal and river restoration. It is a day to take to the streets, demonstrate and demand improvements in the policies and practices of decision makers. It is a day to educate one another about the threats facing our rivers, and learn about better water and energy solutions. Above all, it is a day to unite – by acting together; we demonstrate that these issues are not merely local, but global in scope.

For more information and to register for the workshop please call Shashikala Iyer on 080-26713559/60 or write to shashi@esgindia.org

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