



# Wainganga Water Partnership

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## **Acknowledgement**

Wainganga Water Partnership (WWP) is working in the Wainganga river basin and in its initial period is working in association with the Gomukh Environmental Trust, Pune. India Water Partnership is providing the valuable support for the activities that are initiated by the WWP to establish the wide network and contacts with the local institutions, agencies and individuals. We are hereby thankful for the support by India Water Partnership and Gomukh Trust.

## **Executive Summary**

Wainganga Water Partnership (WWP) is established to undertake the water and other natural resource related issues that are closely associated with the livelihood and well being of the communities residing in the Wainganga River basin. Many of the issues were identified during the process of preparation of the Masterplan for water resource development and management. The knowledgeable persons associated with this process, came together and formed the WWP.

Bhandara and 21 more towns and 48 villages are situated on the bank of Wainganga river in Maharashtra. A major dam project, Gosekhurd is constructed on Wainganga, downstream of Bhandara city. The city water supply scheme is installed on the river, after the water storage in Gosekhurd the problem of water pollution has arise due to the urban effluents of Nagpur city in the Gosekhurd reservoir through Nag river. On this background, it was decided to form a people's forum of Bhandara city to positively strengthen the bonds of citizens and river. A workshop for this purpose has been planned.

## Details of the Programme

As per the plan of the Wainganga Water Partnership, a workshop was organised in Bhandara city on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015. The persons who were thinking on the grave situations that has been arised in the Bhandara city due to river polution and inadequate water supply, were contacted. Four persons, who have taken lead role to organise this event, are Mr. Vijay Khandera, District correspondent of Navbharat press, Mr. Gopu Pimplapure, Area Correspondent of Times of India, Dr. Nitin Turaskar, medical practitioner and environmental activist, Mrs. Sandhya Kirolikar, initiated the clean city concept.

It has been decided by this group that we should start this initiative on the bank of Wainganga River, and therefore, the workshop was organized at the hall of Waingangeshwar Temple, on the bank of Wainganga River, in Bhandara city at 11 am.



This group has also decided to have this meeting as brain storming session and to decide on strategic plan of action, along with the formation of forum. Therefore selected

persons were invited. Total 27 participants have attended the programme. (list of persons is attached at the end of the report)

After the introduction of all the participants and their backgrounds, Mr. Manish Rajankar, Secretary of WWP, has given the introduction of the WWP and reason to organize the programme. Mr. Vijay Paranjpye, advisor of the WWP, has also briefed on the background. After this, Mr. Manish Rajankar, presented the situation of the Wainganga River, from the origin to confluence with Wardha River, and especially on the drinking water schemes on river and status of the Bhandara city water supply, through the power point presentation. The Engineer of Bhandara Nagar Parishad, Mr. RajkumarKripan has then discussed the problems of Nagar parishad and the litigations filed by Nagar Parishad in the High Court. In the open discussion after this session, the participants have decided that there is the need to form the forum of the people. But it should be called as Wainganga Forum, Bhandara, rather than Bhandaracitizens forum. For first three months, Mr. Vijay Khandera, Mrs. SandhyaKirolikar, and Dr. NitinTuraskar will convene the forum. Till then membership of forum will be given to all interested persons who want to participate. In the mean time, form of membership and fund collection will be decided by the members of the forum.

Another open discussion was facilitated by Mr. Vijay Paranjpye, which was on the water related problems faced by the citizens and how to cope with it. The provision of 74<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution of India was discussed in this session and it was decided that the documents related to the 74<sup>th</sup> amendment should be provided to the members and training on the same should be organized in February 2016. This provision will provide

avenues to the citizens to participate in the decision making of the local governing body. Earlier there were 27 water bodies in the city and now only 5 are remaining and they are also under threat due to encroachments. To save these water bodies, the 74<sup>th</sup> amendment will provide the opportunity.



Prior to the meeting, we have visited the District Collector of Bhandara, Mr. Dhiraj Kumar, he told that in due course of action; he will also participate in the Wainganga forum and will support the activities of Wainganga Water Partnership. He also told that he had received a water quality report from NEERI and he will share that with the forum.

He has also given the information about the Wainganga Mahotsav, which is organized by district administration in January 2016. He has accepted our proposal of organizing talks on the Wainganga basin. This festival will be of three days, the book, Wainganga, published by Gomukh, with the help of IWP, will be formally inaugurated in the inauguration of the Wainganga festival.

The Wainganga swimmers club (Wainganga TairakiMandal), Green Minds group has also joined the Wainganga forum. It has been decided that to make people aware and to provide opportunity to join them to the forum, Clean Wainganga Mission was planned and the first programme was carried out on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2015. The river bank, near the old Kardhabridge was cleaned. The collector of Bhandara, Mr. Dhiraj Kumar was also present during this activity. He has also appealed the people of Bhandara to join the forum and its activities.



The citizens of Bhandara, cleaning the Wainganga bank on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. 15



Mr. Manish Rajankar, WWP and the Wainganga forum members discussing with the Collector of Bhandara.

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