

List of Appeal Activities of PEACE on behalf of Yamuna River Crisis

7 February 2007

Meeting of interested organisations and individuals at IIC, New Delhi YJA - MOU.

28 February 2007

Appeal sent to the President, Indian Olympic Association (IOA). Copy to: President of India; Prime Minister of India; Smt. Sonia Gandhi; Chief Minister of Delhi; Minister for Urban Development; Union Minister of Environment & Forests; Secretary Ministry of Environment & Forests; Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports.

7 March 2007

Appeal sent to: Hon'ble President of India; Prime Minister of India; Smt. Sonia Gandhi; Union Minister of Environment and Forests; Minister for Urban Development; Union Minister of Water Resources; Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports; Minister of State for Environment and Forests; General Secretary, Communist Party of India (Marxist); Sri Atal Bihari Vajpayee; Lt. Governor of Delhi; Chief Minister of Delhi.

13 March 2007

Appeal made to realtors short listed by the DDA for bidding for the construction of the Commonwealth Games (CG) 2010 games village.

17 March 2007

Letter sent regarding ongoing constructions in the River Yamuna Bed and Pollution of the River waters to Secretary, MOEF; Secretary, Environment (Govt. of Delhi) and Vice Chairman, DDA.

19 March 2007

Representation letter sent to the Secretary, MOEF (GOI).

19 March 2007

Letter sent to Vice Chairman, DDA; Secretary, MOEF; Secretary, Environment (Govt. of Delhi).

21 March 2007

Booklet on River Yamuna River Yamuna Dying by Default or by Design 1. What ails river Yamuna? 2. What has been done till now by the State? 3. What is this campaign about?

21 March 2007

A public lecture on river Yamuna was organised by Toxics Link at India International Centre. Presentation on River Yamuna - Dying by default or by design.

22 March 2007 onwards

A Signature Campaign on Citizen's Appeal to the Prime Minister of India Appeal to the Prime Minister Signature Campaign (Set No 1) Signature Campaign (Set No 2) Signature Campaign (Set No 3).

16 April 2007

An appeal sent to the President, Indian Olympic Association (IOA). Copy to: Prime Minister of India; Chief Minister of Delhi; Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports.

30 April 2007

Appeal sent to: Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Copy to: Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi; Hon'ble Union Minister of Environment and Forests; Hon'ble Union Minister of Urban Development; Hon'ble Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports; Appeal to PM (2nd installment).

18 April 2007

Letter handedover to: Hon'ble President of India Letter to Hon'ble President of India.

1 May 2007

Appeal sent to: Smt. Sonia Gandhi, President, Indian National Congress and Chairperson, UPA. Copy to: Hon'ble Prime Minister of India; Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi; Hon'ble Union Minister of Environment and Forests; Hon'ble Union Minister of Urban Development; Hon'ble Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports.

11 May 2007

PIL filed on 'Global Village' at the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and the Hon'ble Court transferred the same to the Usha Mehra Committee. The Usha Mehra Committee has submitted its report on 'Global Village' to the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.

9 July 2007

Appeal sent to: Smt. Sonia Gandhi Ji, Hon'ble Chairperson UPA & Member of Parliament.

13 July 2007

Appeal sent to Emaar-MGF LandPrivate Limited.

18 July 2007

Citizens' Appeal sent to Hon'ble Prime Minister by Prof. MGK Menon, President, IIC.

21 July 2007

Letter sent to Lt. Governor of Delhi.

3 August 2007

Letter sent Vice Chairman, DDA.

6 August 2007

Letter sent Hon'ble Union Minister for External Affairs & Chairman, Group of Ministers (GOM).

10 August 2007

Yamuna Jiye Abhiyaan Presentation.

14 August 2007

Appeal to Members of the Commonwealth Federation.

31 August 2007

Letter sent to Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi.

10 September 2007

Letter sent to Hon. Lt. Governor of Delhi. Studies that this river demands for its & complete understanding.

20 September 2007

Letter sent to Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi Report – Yamuna under siege in Delhi.

13 November 2007

Article published in *International Herald Tribune*.

14 November 2007

Letter to Sri Arjun Singh Ji.

26 November 2007

Letter sent to Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi. Enclosed an article about 'Earthquake Damage, Mexico City, September 19, 1985'.

3 December 2007

Yamuna Jiye Abhiyaan Presentation.

13 January 2008

Letter sent to Hon'ble Lt. Governor.

26 January 2008

Letter sent to Hon'ble Lt. Governor.

9 March 2008

Letter sent to Hon'ble Lt. Governor.

27 March 2008

Letter sent to Hon'ble Lt. Governor.

6 April 2008

Letter sent to Hon'ble Lt. Governor – Reg. Draft Zonal Plan for Zone 'E' East Delhi.

15 April 2008

Letter sent to Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Sports.

28 April 2008

Letter sent to Officer on Special Duty to Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi].

26 April 2008

Chronology.

8 May 2008

YJA - Presentation.

15 May 2008

Letter to Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi (15.5.08).

29 May 2008

Letter to Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi (29.5.08).

19 June 2008

Letter to Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi - Reg. Zone 'O'.

26 June 2008

Letter to Hon'ble Lt. Governor with DMRC letter (26.6.08).

26 June 2008

Letter to Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi – Reg. Emaar MGF.

2 July 2008

Letter sent to Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi (Reg. Encroachment).

6 July 2008

Letter sent to Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi.

16 July 2008

Letter sent to Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi.

PROFOUND LEARNING FROM A CHILD

Manoj Misra*

A fellow *yatri* recounted at one of our daily briefing sessions during the recent *Yamuna Yatra*:

"*Beta nadi kya karti hei*, we had asked of a group of giggling yet curious children, at one of our road side gatherings. One of them after some amount of persuasion had quipped much to our wonderment, *nadi behti hei.....*"

YES. *Nadi behti hei....* Could there be a better understanding of a river?

It is only a still 'unpolluted' discerning mind of a child that would retain this unique feature of a river. And yet herein lie the deepest TRUTH of a river!

If there is one single attribute that distinguishes a river from any other natural system on earth then it is its

ability to flow from origin till confluence. No other ecological system does this in the said manner. It is this unique attribute of the river which results in a sphere of influence called the riparian zone extending on either bank and carrying distinctive soil conditions and the resulting unique flora and fauna there in.

Again perhaps it is this single attribute of a river which would have attracted pre historic humans to it leading to the flourishing of all the 'great' river valley human civilizations of the past as it was the river which was the ready source of ever renewing fresh water to them, meeting their drinking, bathing, cleaning, fishing,

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