

World Environment Day 2025: Plastic Cleanup Drive at Yamuna Ghat No. 24, New Delhi Organized by Earth Root Foundation in collaboration with Students for Development

Date: June 5, 2025

Location: Yamuna Ghat No. 24, New Delhi

Event: Plastic Waste Cleanup Drive

Organizers: Earth Root Foundation and Students for Development

Participants: Over 50 volunteers, including students, environmentalists, and local residents

In observance of World Environment Day 2025, Earth Root Foundation, in partnership with Students for Development, orchestrated a significant plastic cleanup initiative at Yamuna Ghat No. 24 in New Delhi. This endeavor aimed to address the escalating issue of plastic pollution along the Yamuna River and to foster environmental consciousness among the community.



Objectives

- **Plastic Waste Removal:** To systematically collect and dispose of plastic debris contaminating the riverbanks.
- **Community Engagement:** To involve local youth and residents in environmental conservation efforts.
- **Awareness Promotion:** To educate participants and the broader community about the detrimental effects of plastic pollution and the importance of sustainable practices.

Activities Conducted

- **Cleanup Operation:** Volunteers equipped with gloves and biodegradable bags conducted a thorough cleanup of the ghat area, collecting various plastic items such as bottles, bags, and packaging materials.
- **Waste Segregation:** Collected waste was sorted for recycling and proper disposal, ensuring minimal environmental impact.
- **Educational Sessions:** Informative talks were held to discuss the significance of maintaining river cleanliness and adopting eco-friendly habits.
- **Pledge Ceremony:** Participants committed to reducing plastic usage and advocating for environmental preservation within their communities.

Outcomes

- **Waste Collected:** Approximately 100 kilograms of plastic waste were removed from the riverbank.
- **Community Impact:** The event successfully mobilized local youth and raised awareness about the importance of environmental stewardship.
- **Sustainable Practices:** Participants were encouraged to continue engaging in eco-friendly activities and to spread the message of sustainability.

The cleanup drive at Yamuna Ghat No. 24 exemplifies the power of collective action in addressing environmental challenges. Through the dedicated efforts of Earth Root Foundation, Students for Development, and community volunteers, a significant step was taken towards restoring the health of the Yamuna River. This initiative not only contributed to the immediate reduction of plastic pollution but also instilled a lasting sense of environmental responsibility among participants.

