



Glimpses of  
World Wetlands Day  
Celebrations  
2 February 2010



# WWD CELEBRATIONS BY RALLIS LUCKNOW REGION

**Celebrated in Patna district of Bihar  
State**

## WWD – in Patna – Bihar State

Event was organized at Village Karmalichak in Patna dist of Bihar under LKO RO. About 30 farmers participated in this programme.

Area selected for the meeting was a natural water basin in Karmalichak area.

Farmers were keenly interested and interacted in the discussion.

Follow up meeting has been scheduled in this place on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

Response was very encouraging.

Farmers took oath to do as under to save climate:

- Not to use fresh manure. Only decomposed.
- Use of SSP in place of DAP.
- dead animals and used pesticide containers will not be thrown in water. To be buried in soil.
- Will be using relatively low toxic / green pesticides only.
- No use of polythene.
- Judicious use of water for irrigation.

## WWD – in Patna – Bihar State



THE REGIONAL HEAD MR. SAXENA ADDRESSING THE PARTICIPANTS ON WORLD WETLANDS DAY

## WWD – in Patna – Bihar State



PARTICIPANTS DISCUSSING IN GROUPS TO FINALISE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MITIGATING METHANE EMISSION

## WWD – in Patna – Bihar State



AWARDING PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES ON WORLD  
WETLANDS DAY



# WWD CELEBRATIONS BY RALLIS KOLKATA REGION

**Celebrated in Burdwan and Barasat  
territories of West Bengal**

## WWD – at Barasat - KOLKATA

Venue – Barasat,  
Prakash Ghosh (Sales Officer), Manik Ghosh (Help Line) and  
Kishaloy Biswas have organised and managed the programme very  
well.

Farmer Participants – Total 25 numbers

Press – Popular Agril News paper – SABUJ SONA

## WWD – at Barasat - KOLKATA

### Feedback from Farmers:

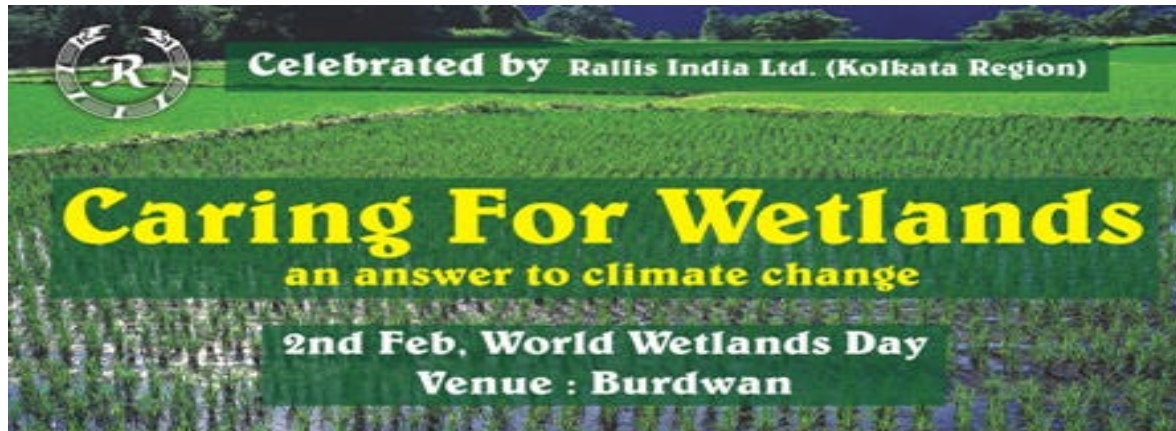
1. Farmers were very happy that Rallis has come forward with such type of awareness campaign.
2. Farmers understood the importance of Methane gas emission as well as the impact of it on environment.
3. They showed their interest for minimizing the Methane emission by restricted usage of green manure and un-decomposed organic matter in the paddy field, more usage of sulphur application to soil, more usage of neem coated urea, restrict the water usage and start irrigating the paddy field as and when required rather than continuous flooding the land and ultimately stop inter-cultural operation after transplanting.
4. We have also made them aware of the need for conservation of natural enemies, amphibians, reptiles, spider etc for the sake of Bio-diversity.

## WWD – at Barasat - KOLKATA



25 FARMERS participated at Barasat programme

## WWD – in BURDWAN - KOLKATA



***PLACE- Burdwan- West Bengal***

***DATE- 02.02.2010***

***PARTICIPANTS- Farmers 25 in number from different villages of Burdwan***

***Organisers from Rallis-***

***Mr. Pradip Naskar ( RMC-KOLKATA)***

***Mr. Amitava Chaudhury (SO-BURDWAN) along with 3 local Technical Field Assistants.***

***Participants from Govt.***

***Mr. Samir Karfa ( Agriculture Development Officer)***

***Mr. Sukumar Ray ( District Plant Protection Officer )***

## WWD – at Burdwan – KOLKATA

### Strategies discussed

- Application of well composted organic matter in place of fresh organic matter & green manure*
- Use SSP basally, which in addition to supplying P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> could mitigate methane by supplying S.*
- Use of Nitrification inhibitors [neem coating] to increase N use efficiency*
- Minimum intercultural operations by using a suitable herbicide*
- Replacement of N broadcasting with foliar sprays*
- Intermittent irrigation in place of continuous flooding of fields.*

## WWD – at Burdwan - KOLKATA



25 FARMERS participated and District PP Officer and Agri Development Officer were present.



Farmer group discussion for formulating mitigation plan

## WWD – at Burdwan - KOLKATA



Detail discussion by Mr. P. Naskar on the following topics

- *Concept of WWD & Initiative taken by Rallis*
- *Nature of wetlands – Paddy field is one of them*
- *Contribution of wetlands*
- *Role of wetlands specially (paddy field) in climate change & loss of biodiversity*
- *Our focus is on CREATE AWARENESS TO REDUCE METHANE EMISSION from Paddy fields.*
- *AWARENESS ON PRESERVING BIO-DIVERSITY IN RICE ECO-SYSTEM*
- *Mitigation plans to reduce methane emission from paddy fields were explained carefully.*

## WWD – at Burdwan - KOLKATA



### All the groups were given 2 mitigation plans to discuss with standard guidelines

There was debate in each group after that they come out with a set of recommendation out of the above interventions.

- ***District Plant officer expressed his thanks to Rallis & all participants for this excellent initiative. He answered some of the queries from farmers & made a brief note of wetland conservation.***

- ***All the participants were requested to implement some of the recommendations in their daily life & also to create awareness in their respective areas.***

- ***A certificate was handed over by DPPO to all the participating farmers for taking an oath to protect wetlands & implement the recommendations to mitigate methane production from paddy fields & to maintain the biodiversity also.***

## **WWD – at Burdwan – KOLKATA**

### **Feedback from Farmers**

- Farmers were very happy & expressed their excitement to be able to participate in such type of workshop for the first time.**
- A plan was made to arrange the same workshop on 5<sup>th</sup> of March,2010 to evaluate the recommendation made**