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To

The Member Secretary  
Central Pollution Control Board  
Parivesh Bhawan  
East Arjun Nagar  
Delhi-110 032

**Sub: Brief report on awareness programme on “Lake Conservation & Restoration” conducted at Tumkur**

Sir,

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board with technical assistance from this office organized an awareness programme on “Lake Conservation & Restoration” at Tumkur on December 8, 2014 and was attended by more than 500 school children. The brief report of the same is submitted herewith Pl.

Yours faithfully

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### **Awareness on Conservation of Lakes for Future**

Lakes & Wetland are an important feature of Earth's Landscape. They are not only a very significant source of water, but also provide habitat to a variety of flora and fauna. Lakes influence the microclimate and add to the aesthetic beauty of Landscapes. The carbon sequestration by lakes and wetlands regulates the global climate. Lakes moderate floods and droughts by retaining surface runoffs and groundwater recharge, and act as silt traps.

Rapid population growth and expansion of these urban centres in past few decades has directly affected the vital linkages between these lakes and their catchments, resulting in drastic changes in the quantity and quality of water reaching the lakes. All kinds of urban wastes find their way into the lakes causing their shrinking and severe pollution. Many lakes have been lost due to encroachment, pollution, siltation and natural ageing.

Hence conservation and management of lakes is of high priority and a holistic integrated ecosystem approach becomes essential. This further requires greater public education and awareness to enhance the understanding of the issues and linkages between different components of environment and the overriding importance of water.

In this connection, KSPCB organized an awareness programme on "Lake Conservation & Restoration" on December 8, 2014 at M/s Jain Public School,



