

New WBPCB Regional Office Inauguration at Malda

The West Bengal Pollution Control Board (WBPCB) inaugurated its new Regional Office at Satya Chowdhury Indoor Stadium, Malda on April 30, 2007. Shri Sailen Sarkar, Hon'ble Minister-in-charge, Departments of Parliamentary Affairs and Environment inaugurated the WBPCB Malda Regional Office, which will cover four districts of the state, namely Malda, Murshidbad, Uttar Dinajpur and Dakshin Dinajpur. With this inauguration, the WBPCB now has ten Regional Offices and one Sub-regional Office located in various districts of the state. Prof. A. N. Basu, Chairman, WBPCB and Shri Debal Ray, I.F.S., Member Secretary, WBPCB were also present during the programme. A list of other dignitaries present at the programme is given below.

- Shri M. L. Meena, I.A.S., Secretary, Department of Environment and Food Processing Industries & Horticulture, Government of West Bengal
- Shri Gautam Chakraborty, Sabhadhipati, Malda Zilla Parishad
- Shri A. H. Khan Chowdhury, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha
- Shri G. J. Deshpande, General Manager, National Thermal Power Corporation
- Shri Chittaranjan Das, District Magistrate, Malda
- Shri Dilip Kumar Mandal, Superintendent of Police, Malda
- Mr. Krishnendu Narayan Choudhury, Member of Legislative Assembly, West Bengal
- Mr. Subhendu Chowdhury, Member of Legislative Assembly, West Bengal
- Shri Narendranath Tiwari, Chairman, English Bazar Municipality
- Shri Biswanath Shukul, Chairman, Old Malda Municipality
- Shri Debabrata Basu, Chairman, Malda Merchant Chamber of Commerce

Prior to the inaugural ceremony, the Hon'ble Environment Minister laid the foundation stone for the own building of the WBPCB Malda Regional Office at Mokdumpur (near Food Park), Malda. Once the building is raised at the above-mentioned site, the Malda Regional Office of the Board will shift from its present location at Satya Chowdhury Indoor Stadium to Mokdumpur.

More than one thousand school children belonging to 27 schools of Malda town and the adjacent areas were present in the foundation-stone-laying programme. Thereafter, the children participated in a rally, which was led by the Hon'ble Environment Minister and other dignitaries. The rally focused on environmental issues of present concern, in which the children demonstrated placards and voiced slogans that primarily aimed to promote environmental awareness amongst the masses. The students walked from Mokdumpur to Satya Chowdhury Indoor Stadium.

Participating Schools at the Rally

I. English Bazar Town

1. Malda Academy
2. Takur Anukul Chandra Vidyalaya
3. Malda Girls' High School
4. Malda Kanya Shikshalaya
5. Madhabnagar Badalmoni High School
6. Barlow Girls' High School
7. Ramkrishna Mission Vivekananda High School
8. Malda Town High School
9. Malanehapally MJB High School
10. Malda Model Madrasah
11. Jalalia Girls' High School
12. Sibani Academy
13. BKM Girls' High School
14. D.N. Saha Vidyalaya
15. U.C.B. High School
16. A.C. Institution
17. Jote Arapur P.N. School
18. Arapur TAG Girls' High School
19. Mokdumpur Girls' High School
20. JMS Hindi High School

II. Manikchak Zone

21. Manikchak Shiksha Niketan
22. Manikchak N.B. High Madrasah
23. Manikchak High School
24. Nupur High School

III. Kalichak II Zone

25. Uttar Lakshmipur High School
26. Jugaltala High School
27. Birampur High School

And representatives of Students' Health Home, IMPS College.