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OFFICE OF THE SDM (GANDHI NAGAR), DISTRICT EAST
L.M BANDH, SHASTRI NAGAR, DELHI-31**

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PRESS RELEASE

A number of complaints were being received regarding illegal sand mining on the banks of river Yamuna in District East. Sh. Kunal IAS District Magistrate, East constituted a Special Team under the supervision of Sh. R.D. Sharma SDM Gandhi Nagar to raid and apprehend the illegal sand miners.

Accordingly, an operation was conducted for apprehending illegal sand miners alongside river Yamuna belt in District East on 30-08-2014 in the early hours from 3.00 a.m to 5.30 a.m by Sh. R.D. Sharma SDM Gandhi Nagar and his team consisting Tehsildar Gandhi Nagar Sh. Vivek V. Mishra, 4 officials and 12 Civil Defence Volunteers alongwith Quick Response Team of District East. In this operation two motor boats along with four divers were also deployed for checking sand extraction from Old Yamuna Bridge to ITO barrage. A total of 18 bullock carts full of sand were seized/confiscated from different places. During the raid two bullock carts extracting sand from Yamuna river managed to escape in the dark after throwing the sand in the Yamuna. After completion of the operation the bullock carts were handed over to local police for safe handling and initiation of legal proceedings against the offenders under The Environment (Protection) Act 1986 and The Mines & Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act 1957.

The District Magistrate(East) also requested the public that any complaint with regard to illegal extraction of sands may be given at Control Room of District East at telephone number 011-22051234 which is operative 24x7.


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