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Students debate to save Man Sagar lake

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JAIPUR: Nearly 65 students and 12 teachers from seven local schools spent the day debating the future of Jaipur's scenic [Man Sagar lake](#) on Tuesday. Students felt the Jaipur Development Authority (JDA) should adopt an eco-friendly approach to help the water body get rid of chronic ills.

"Although the students were from seventh and eighth grades but based on their experiences at the recently-concluded Birding Fair, they searched the internet to fetch details of the amount spent by the JDA on the lake despite which sewerage flow continues," said environmentalist Harshvardhan.

The students will visit the sewerage treatment plant run by the Jaipur Municipal Corporation and the Tertiary Treatment Plan maintained by the JDA on Wednesday for an on-the-spot finding

after which they will prepare their report and present it to G S Sandhu, principal secretary, Urban Development department to draw government's attention towards the water body.

The workshop was at the Maharaja Sawai Man Singh Vidyalaya and its principal Neera Mathur inaugurated it while principal of the Children's Academy Hemant Kachhawa presided over it. The programme was organised by [Tourism & Wildlife Society of India](#), supported by the Rufford Small Grants Foundation.

Their presentations touched upon aspects like total solid waste of the town, quantum of liquid sewerage, treatment plants not functioning, fish, birds and other such issues neglected by authorities. They outlined that JDA did not initiate any remedial measures for the past several years.

The workshop is part of a new experiment to involve students in 'active conservation.' It aims at educating parents through them to build up pressure on decision makers -- both politicians and officials.

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