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To The Principal-in-Charge Rabindranath Thakur Mahavidyalaya Bishalgarh, Sepahijala Tripura

> Sub: Environmental Status of Rabindranath Thakur Mahavidyalaya, Bishalgarh, Tripura - reg.

Madam,

This has No. F.5(29)/reference to letter vour RTM/BLG/IQAC/2021/303, dated 30/05/2023 on the subject cited above.

I would like to inform you that a scientific team of Tripura State Pollution Control Board has conducted Environmental Monitoring on 30.06.2023 to 01.07.2023 inside the campus of Rabindranath Thakur Mahavidyalaya, Bishalgarh, Tripura and revealed that the Environmental status in respect of water, air and noise of the college campus is decent and the campus is free from any kind of major pollutants.

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Yours faithfully

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ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS OF WATER, AIR AND NOISE OF RABINDRANATH THAKUR MAHAVIDYALAYA BISHALGARH, SEPAHIJALA, TRIPURA

1. OBJECTIVES

Tripura State Pollution Control Board has conducted a pollution monitoring programme regarding Air, Water and Noise quality at Rabindranath Thakur Mahavidyalaya, Bishalgarh on June 30 to July 01, 2023 to be a part of Environmental Audit of the college. Objectives of the monitoring programme are as follows-

- i) To study the drinking water quality status
- ii) To conduct ambient Air Quality Monitoring
- iii) To conduct ambient noise Monitoring

2. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

In order to assess the drinking water quality in Rabindranath Thakur Mahavidyalaya, Bishalgarh one drinking water sample was collected from a water purifier of the college on 30.06.2023 in a pre-cleaned one litre polythene bottle for the analysis of different physical & chemical parameters. The analysis was carried out in the laboratory of Tripura State Pollution Control Board using the standard methods given in *APHA*, 2012 (*American Public Health Association*).

2. 1. RESULTS

The data Table of the water sample at Rabindranath Thakur Mahavidyalaya, Bishalgarh is shown in *Table-1*.

Table: 1: Analytical Result of Drinking Water Samples Collected from Rabindranath Thakur Mahavidyalaya, Bishalgarh:

Sl. No	Parameters	S-1	Standards (BIS, 2012)	
			Acceptable limit	Permissible limit
1.	pH	7.08	6.5-8.5	6.5-8.5
2.	Conductivity (µS/cm)	123	-	-
3.	Turbidity (NTU)	0.21	5	1
4.	Total Dissolved Solids (mg/l)	61.5	200	600
5.	Total Hardness (mg/l)	60.1	200	600
6.	Calcium (mg/L)	12.05	75	200
7.	Magnesium (mg/L)	7.29	30	100
8.	Chlorides (mg/l)	18.2	250	1000
9.	Iron (mg/L)	0.11	0,3	0.3
10.	Arsenic (mg/L)	BDL	0.01	0.05

*BDL= Below Detectable limit

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2. 2. OBSERVATIONS

From the result table, it has been observed that, the analysed values of the said drinking water sample are within the prescribed standards limit of BIS, 2012 (Bureau of Indian Standards).

2. 3. CONCLUSION

The quality of water used in the Campus of Rabindranath Thakur Mahavidyalaya,
Bishalgarh is good for drinking purposes.

3. AIR QUALITY MONITORING

To conduct the air quality monitoring, the station has been set up in the roof of the college building. Logistic considerations as easy accessibility, security, availability of reliable power supply etc. were examined before finalizing the locations.

3. 1. DURATION AND FREQUENCY OF MONITORING

The air quality monitoring was done in the month of June 30, 2023 and was carried out for 24 hour schedule at the monitoring station.

3. 2. SAMPLING & ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES

The sampling procedures for measurement of PM-2.5, PM-10, NO₂ and SO₂ were according to the internationally accepted standard technique through use of Respirable Dust Sampler (RDS) with gaseous sampling attachments and PM-2.5 Sampler manufactured by M/s Environtech Instruments PVT. LTD., New Delhi has been used for sampling purposes.

3. 3. RESULTS

The detailed monitoring results of Particulate Matter (PM-10 & PM-2.5), Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂) and Oxides of Nitrogen (NO₂) are presented in *Table-2*.

Table-2: Ambient Air Quality of Rabindranath Thakur Mahavidyalaya, Bishalgarh

Pollutants	Time weighted Average	S-1	Standards (CPCB, 2009)
Particulate matter (PM ₁₀), μg/m ³	24 Hours	32	100
Particulate matter (PM _{2.5}), µg/m ³	24 Hours	21	60
Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂), μg/m ³	24 Hours	2.04	80
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂), μg/m ³	24 Hours	3.52	80

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3. 4.OBSERVATIONS

From the result table it is observed that the ambient air quality value of PM-10, PM-2.5, SO₂ and NO₂ within the Rabindranath Thakur Mahavidyalaya, Bishalgarh are within the prescribed standard limit of CPCB (*Central Pollution Control Board*, 2009).

3.5. CONCLUSION

On the basis of air quality data it has been concluded that the quality of air within the campus of Rabindranath Thakur Mahavidyalaya, Bishalgarh is good.

4. NOISE MONITORING

The present study is carried out to assess the equivalent noise level (Leq) around the college campus both in the day time and night time.

4. 1. METHODS OF MEASUREMENT

Sound Level Meters (SLM) SL-4001 was used for monitoring of noise levels. The noise levels were monitored at least for 30 minutes at each location during monitoring.

4. 2. RESULTS

The data table of noise levels of different locations of Rabindranath Thakur Mahavidyalaya, Bishalgarh are shown in *Table-3*

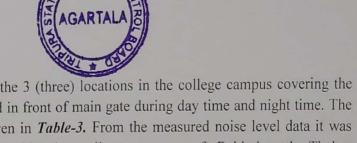
Table-3: Noise Levels in dB(A) at Different Locations of Rabindranath Thakur Mahavidyalaya, Bishalgarh:

SI	Locations	Day Time	Night Time	Standard	Standard
No.	(Rabindranath Thakur Mahavidyalaya, Bishalgarh, Sepahijala	(6.00 a.m to 10.00 p.m)	(10.00 pm to 6.00 a.m)	(Day time) Silent Zone	(Day time) Silent Zone
	Tripura)	L _{eq} dB(A)	L _{eq} dB(A)		Zione
1.	Near Administrative Building	48.2	36.5		
2.	Academic building	42.2	33.8	50	40
3.	In front of Main Gate of the college	49.2	38.4		





4. 3. OBSERVATIONS



The noise monitoring was carried out at the 3 (three) locations in the college campus covering the administrative block, Academic block and in front of main gate during day time and night time. The summarized results of noise level are given in *Table-3*. From the measured noise level data it was found that the ambient noise level inside the college campus of Rabindranath Thakur Mahavidyalaya, Bishalgarh during day time and night time was within the prescribed standard limit of CPCB for silent/sensitive zone

5. OVERALL CONCLUSIONS

The Environmental Monitoring inside the campus of Rabindranath Thakur Mahavidyalaya, Bishalgarh, Tripura revealed that the Environmental status in respect of water, air and noise of the college is decent and the campus is free from any kind of major pollutants.

6. Recommendations

- 1. To maintain the good environment, more green belt has to be developed in the college campus by planting valuable trees especially medicinal plants, and seasonal blooming trees etc which helps to increase the beautification of the campus and also will attract more birds.
- 2. Solar energy can be used as alternative energy source of the college campus.
- 3. The use of plastic products should be banned in the college campus.
- 4. A Green Monitoring team needs to be formed including some local interested people on urgent basis which will maintain the greenery of the campus.
- 5. Vermicompost facility may be practiced, the product of which can be used as manure or fertilizer for plantation purpose.

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