## ....And Flows the Yamuna River with Floating Foam and Dark Grey Water Subijoy Dutta

In my recent trip/vacation to India I spent some time to work on cleaning up and protecting the Yamuna River. See the ill-fated Yamuna River with foam all across the River south of the Gokul Barrage on January 15, 2010.



Trip Schedule:



- Tolhi, stayed 1 day
- Hyderabad, 2 days (1200 + Kms)
- Kolkata (Calcutta) 1 day (1100 Kms)
- Guwahati (Gauhati) (1000 Kms) ½ day
- Shillong (100 Kms) 2 days
- Silchar (300 Kms) 5 days
- Ramkrishna Nagar and return 1 day
- Kolkata 3 days
- Delhi 1 day
- Agra 2 days



## Monkeys Take away Eye-Glasses and Hold Them for Ransom...

It was Wednesday, Jan 15, 2010, a partly-cloudy morning when the mild and shy sunlight peeking through the trees waved its mystic breeze of light and shade.

I walked outside the Asram on the bank of the River Yamuna when my son asked me to take off my

glasses and keep them inside because the monkeys might take them away...he said the monkeys are very daring and smart there, and grab whatever they can find.

I didn't believe him and walked outside with my glasses on. The security guard of the Asram also warned me that time to take my glasses off. He said that the monkeys are very

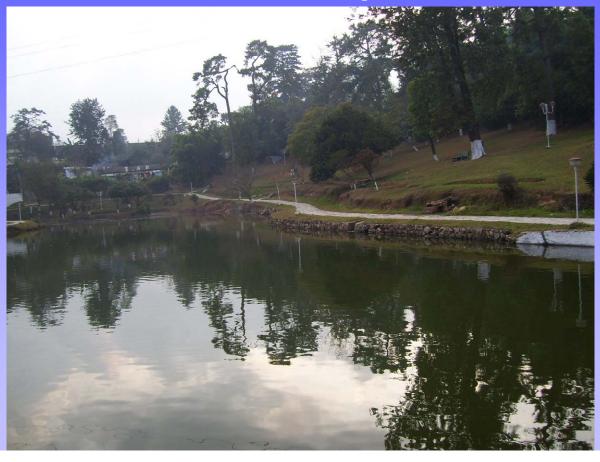
The security guard of the Asram also warned me that time to take my glasses off. He said that the monkeys are very intelligent there and they jump on to people's shoulder and take away glasses or parts and keep them safely up in the trees or rooftops with them and wait for the ransom.

If the victim pays cash money to the local people for buying bananas for them then they return the glasses or other valuables undamaged.



I followed the guard's advice and took my glasses of and hid them in my pocket. It is funny but true. May be the local people taught a pet monkey first and then the stray monkeys also learnt this trick. See a few Pictures of Beautiful India below.....

## Beautiful India Ward Lake, Shillong



## Beautiful India Parrot on a Wire in Vrindavan





