

## Day 29 & 30

As we stand at Day 29 of the 34-day expedition across the length of river Ganga, we await the bittersweet moment of the destination of the 'Ganga Aamantran Abhiyan'. On the morning of Day 29, the rafting team was given a warm send off by the officials and the residents of Berhampore, Murshidabad. The team was welcomed at Nabadwip in West Bengal, by Smt. Anisha Jash, Deputy District Magistrate, and other officials of the Nadia district.

The morning of Day 30 of 'Ganga Aamantran Abhiyan' arrived but too soon, and it was time for the team to set off for its next destination. The rafting expedition team, led by Wing Commander Paramvir Singh, was given a heartfelt send off by Smt. Anita Jash, Deputy District Magistrate, and other officials, as they continued their journey towards Chandannagar in the Hooghly district of West Bengal.

The banks of river Ganga at Chandannagar awaited the rafting team with another surprise. The team was greeted by Sh. Rattan Lal Kataria, Minister of State, Ministry of Jal Shakti. The Hon'ble Minister of State lauded the expedition team for its terrific feat in rafting throughout the stretch of river Ganga, and raising public awareness for the mission of the rejuvenation of the river.

The Hon'ble Minister of State further interacted with the Ganga Praharis and the NMCG officials from West Bengal, and encouraged them to further their laudable efforts in keeping the river Ganga clean. He presented them with the pious plant of Tulsi as a token of appreciation.

The evening further saw the intimate and heartwarming interaction of Dr Bharat Pathak, National Convener of Ganga Vichar Manch and Dr Nandita Pathak, Brand ambassador of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, with the rafting expedition team, the Ganga Praharis, and the residents of Chandannagar.

The evening came to a close with a stronger resolution in everyone's hearts in continuing their efforts in keeping the river Ganga clean, and preserving its aquatic life.