

The expedition will begin from Devprayag in Uttarakhand on 10th Oct and culminate at Frazerganj in West Bengal on 12th Nov 19. The core team includes:

Team Leader - Wing Commander Paramvir Singh, IAF: One of the World's 50 Most Adventurous Open Water Swimmers & extreme adventure sportsperson, holding 13 World, 3 Asian and 7 National Records and the only person to ever swim down the entire river Ganga.

Squadron Leader Dipti B. Koshthi, IAF: Air Force Engineering Officer & certified open Scuba Diver, trekker and a Para Jumper. She was part of rafting expedition on the river Ganga from Gangotri to Gangasagar in 2013.

Sergeant Srihari Saripilli, IAF: Accomplished adventurous sports person and has to his credit two English Channel crossings. He was part of Swimming & Rafting expedition on the river Ganga from Devprayag to Gangasagar in 2015.

Havildar Rajesh Kumar, Indian Army: Active sports person guarding the Ganga in his present deployment with the Ganga Task Force.

Sergeant Johnny VJ, IAF: Aqua Parasailing Instructor, certified open Scuba Diver, mountaineer and also trained in basic emergency

Members from NDRF & Scientists from Wildlife Institute of India and CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research would be part of the expedition.

medicine. Was part of rafting expedition on the river Ganga from Gangotri to Gangasagar in 2013.

PO Bikesh Kumar, Indian Navy: Trained sailor and was a part of Swimming & Rafting expedition down the entire length of river Ganga from Devprayag to Gangasagar in 2015.

Havildar Devendra Singh, Indian Army: Active sports person guarding the Ganga in his present deployment with the Ganga Task Force.

Corporal Amrendra Vats, IAF: Medical Assistant with experience in handling medical emergencies during adventure sports. Was part of Gypsy Rally, Swimming & Rafting expedition on the river Ganga from Devprayag to Gangasagar in 2015, duathlons and Cycling Expeditions.

Corporal Vicky Tokas, IAF: Accomplished swimmer with multiple records, including first ever clockwise swim Around Mumbai, Medley Relay Open Water Swims, World's longest open water swim from Mumbai to Mangalore.

गंगा आमंत्रण Ganga Calling

हम तुझसे लेते आए हैं, पर अब तेरी पीड़ा हरनी है।
करनी है निर्मल लहर लहर, तेरी सच्ची पूजा करनी है।
तुझे शीघ्र झुकाना है हमको, कर्तव्य निभाना है हमको।
जय जय गंगे, नमामि गंगे, नहीं रुकेंगे, हम स्वच्छ करेंगे।

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RIVER RAFTING EXPEDITION

Oct – Nov 2019
Devprayag to Ganga Sagar

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1. Hon'ble Prime Minister has given a call to nation to conserve water, rejuvenate traditional water sources and to have a Jan Andolan for achieving this crucial national goal.

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has always given prime importance to public participation in Namami Gange Mission and several campaigns of different nature have been taken up with help of diverse groups of stakeholders such as Ganga Praharis, Ganga Vichar Manch, Ganga Mitras and others.

2. NMCG has come up with 'गंगा आमंत्रण' (Ganga Calling) a river rafting expedition for the length of Ganga.

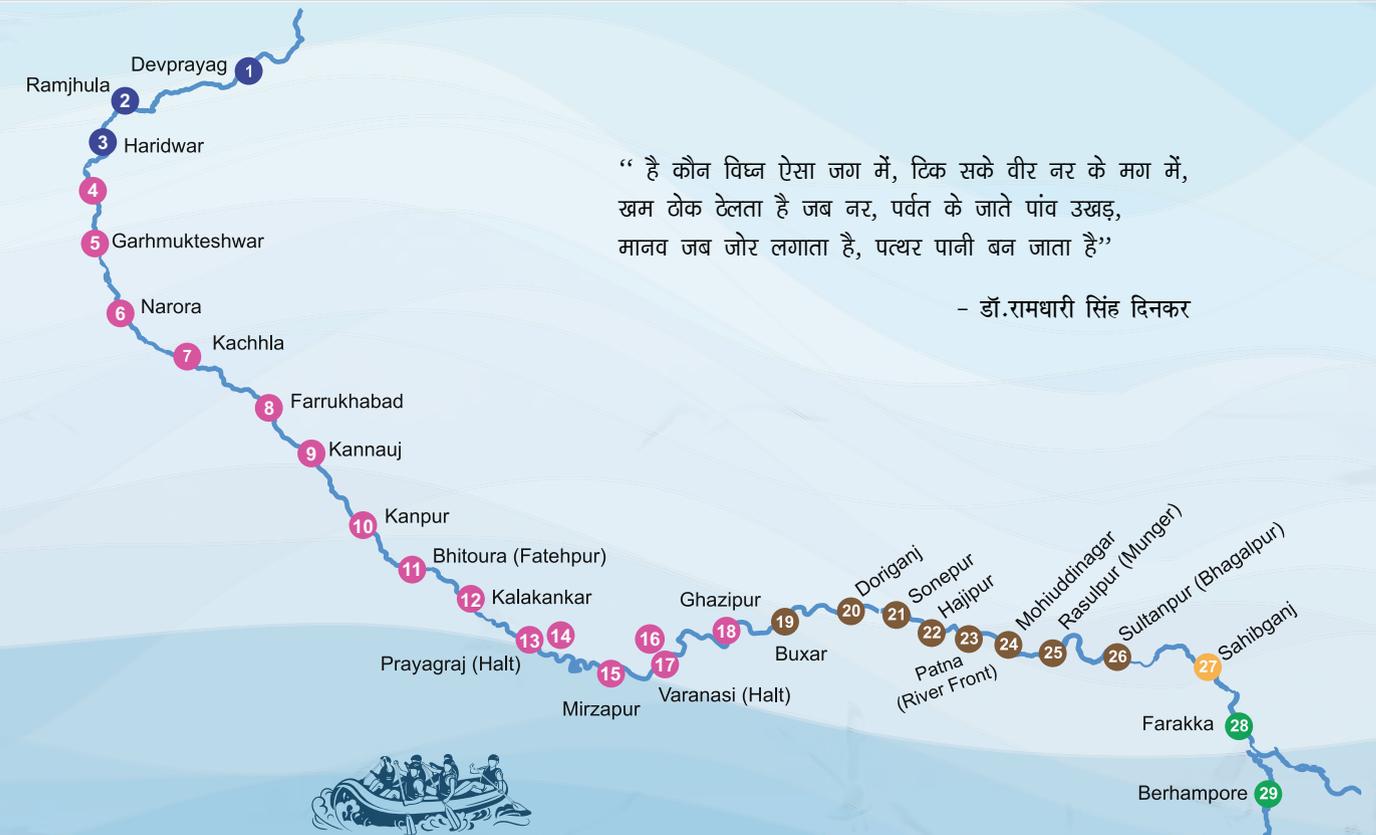
3. The aim is to further strengthen the community connect with this great river, create awareness among people at large and encourage students and youth to become torch bearer of the noble cause.

4. A team of Valiant and seasoned achievers from armed forces accompanied by scientists are undertaking this expedition.

5. They would be interacting with community, youth and students during the course of the expedition and inspire them to join this great movement. This expedition would be unique providing the opportunity to feel the mighty river from inside and also collect scientific data at the same time.



*Come, join
the movement.
नहीं रुकेंगे, स्वच्छ करेंगे*



“ है कौन विघ्न ऐसा जग में, टिक सके वीर नर के मग में,
खम ठेक टेलता है जब नर, पर्वत के जाते पांव उखड़,
मानव जब जोर लगाता है, पत्थर पानी बन जाता है”

- डॉ.रामधारी सिंह दिनकर

UTTARAKHAND

1. Devprayag - 10th October
2. Ramjhula - 11th October
3. Haridwar - 12th October

UTTAR PRADESH

4. Bijnor - 13th October
5. Garhmukteshwar - 14th October
6. Narora - 15th October
7. Kachhla - 16th October
8. Farrukhabad - 17th October
9. Kannauj - 18th October
10. Kanpur - 19th October
11. Bhitoura (Fatehpur) - 20th October
12. Kalakankar - 21st October
13. Prayagraj - 22nd October
14. Prayagraj - 23rd October
15. Mirzapur - 24th October
16. Varanasi - 25th October
17. Varanasi - 26th October
18. Ghazipur - 27th October

BIHAR

19. Buxar - 28th October
20. Doriganj - 29th October
21. Sonepur - 30th October
22. Hajipur - 31st October
23. Patna RFD - 1st November
24. Mohiuddinagar - 2nd November
25. Rasulpur (Munger) - 3rd November
26. Sultanpur (Bhagalpur) - 4th November

JHARKHAND

27. Sahibganj - 5th November

WEST BENGAL

28. Farakka - 6th November
29. Berhampore - 7th November
30. Nabadwip - 8th November
31. Chandan Nagar - 9th November
32. Barrackpore - 10th November
33. Fort Williams - 11th November
34. Nischinta Pur - 12th November
34. Bakkhali Sea Beach - 12th November

गंगा आमंत्रण
EXPEDITION MAP: 2019

The day Ganga came calling...and Gangavasis answered

The long anticipated 'Ganga Aamantran Abhiyan', a pioneering and historic exploratory open-water rafting and kayaking expedition on the Ganga River from Devprayag to Ganga Sagar, was flagged off today by Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Sh. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. What was heartwarming and thought provoking though was the fact that school children turned up in large numbers to not only show their strength in support for the great cause that this is, but their heartfelt adieus to see off the rafting team on a safe and successful month long expedition.

The sun peeked over the mighty Himalayas in Devprayag during the launch event today as Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Sh. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat gave a clarion call to everyone to join hands to ensure the aviralta and nirmalta of the Ganga. He was joined by MP of Garhwal, Sh. Tirath Singh Rawat, State Minister, Sh. Dhan Singh Rawat, MLA of Devprayag, Sh. Vinod Kandari, MLA of Pauri, Sh. Mukesh Singh Koli, DG-NMCG, Sh. Rajiv Ranjan Mishra and other eminent dignitaries. Sh. Shekhawat's call was answered unanimously by everyone present on the occasion. The Himalayan valley of Devprayag reverberated with chants of 'Har har Gange, Namami Gange'. The loudest cheers were from the large droves of school students and Namami Gange's ever present, untiring ambassadors, the Ganga Praharis. Furthermore, the launch of the 'Plastic Free Devprayag' campaign only made the occasion all the more apt

as people renewed their pledge to ensure a pollution free Ganga. Sh. Shekhawat also gave out awards to the winners of various Swachhata related competitions in schools in addition to felicitating two educational institutions, IIT-Roorkee and UMANG, for actively conducting Swachhata related activities for their students and spreading awareness.

As the flag off moment drew near, Sh. Shekhawat prayed for the safety of the entire rafting team and the successful completion of the adventurous, unprecedented journey before flagging off the month long expedition across the entire length of the Ganga. Sh. Shekhawat was joined by his daughter, Ms Sushma Shekhawat for the first stretch of the expedition from Devprayag to Rishikesh. The highlight of the day though was when Sh. Dhani Singh Rawat, seeing the energy and excitement of the people, joined in for the opening leg of the expedition from Devprayag to Rishikesh along with the team.

This is the first ever effort by National Mission for Clean Ganga to raft across the entire stretch of the river and also the longest ever social campaign undertaken through an adventure sporting activity to spread the message of River Rejuvenation and Water Conservation on such a massive scale. The expedition aims to draw attention to the ecological challenges being faced by Ganga. Apart from the awareness campaign, the team from CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research will collect water samples from across diverse ranges of the river for the purpose of water testing, while members of the

Wildlife Institute of India will undertake flora and fauna census for the year 2019.