



## Ganga Aamantran

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The Ganga Aamantran Abhiyan is an exploratory **open-water rafting and kayaking expedition** on the Ganga River that is to be held between 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

- The expedition will start at **Devprayag** (Uttarakhand) and will culminate at **Ganga Sagar** (West Bengal) covering the entire stretch of the Ganga River.
- This is the first-ever effort by **National Mission for Clean Ganga** to raft across the entire stretch of the river.
- The expedition is expected to draw focused attention to the ecological challenges being faced by Ganga.
  - It is the **longest ever social campaign** undertaken through an adventure sporting activity to spread the message of **river rejuvenation and water conservation** on a massive scale.
  - **A nine-member team** of swimmers and rafters from the three services of the **Indian Armed Forces** will organize mass cleaning drives, interact with students of the village/city and will further spread the message of river conservation.
- 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.
- The expedition will encompass the five Ganga basin states that includes, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, and West Bengal.
- Ganga Aamantran also aims to connect various Ganga's stakeholders in order to **improve its water quality**.

### **Council of Scientific & Industrial Research- Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (CSIR- IITR)**

- CSIR-IITR is a leading laboratory of CSIR in toxicology research that aims to mitigate the problems associated with human health and the environment.
- It was established in **1965** and is based in **Lucknow, UP**.

## **Wildlife Institute of India**

- The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) is an **autonomous institution** under the **Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate change**.
- It was established in **1982**.
- It is based in **Dehradun, Uttarakhand**.
- It offers training programs, academic courses, and advisory in wildlife research and management.

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