

## Day 26

Day 26 of the 'Ganga Aamantran Abhiyan' began with the celebration of 'Ganga Utsav' at the beautiful Barari Sidhi Ghat in Bhagalpur district of Bihar, in the wee hours of the morning. The celebration began with a prayer offering to the river Ganga by the expedition team, officials of the district as well as its residents, followed by a pledge taken to keep the river clean.

Leader of the expedition team, Wing Commander Paramvir Singh, and DDC Smt. J. Priyadarshini took it upon themselves to lead from the front and encourage the people to participate in rejuvenating the river Ganga, by taking up a tree plantation drive at Barari Sidhi Ghat. Not only the officials, the plantation drive saw enthusiastic participation from the public as well.

DDC Smt. J. Priyadarshini, then flagged off the rafting expedition team towards their next destination, with the warm wishes of the people and the blessings of Maa Ganga. This final flag off from Bihar led the team to continue its journey onto the state of Jharkhand.

The rafting team reached Sahibganj district of Jharkhand, where the members of the team were given a warm welcome by the residents and officials of the district. Wing Commander Paramvir Singh and his team interacted with the residents in small groups, encouraging public participation and raising awareness in rejuvenating river Ganga and keeping it clean.

The team ended the day with this warm and intimate gathering, looking forward to the fast-approaching bittersweet end to the 'Ganga Aamantran Abhiyan'.