

## Day 27

On Day 27 of the 'Ganga Aamantran Abhiyan', the rafting expedition team left from Sahibganj in Jharkhand, for Farakka in West Bengal. The team was in for a wonderful surprise when the members were greeted by none other than the Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti, Sh. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, along with other officials, at the bank of river Ganga at Farakka, West Bengal. Sh. DP Mathura, Executive Director (Technical) - NMCG, also joined the team at the Ghat. They were greeted by the MLA, and District & Farakka Barrage authorities.

The Hon'ble Minister addressed the officials and the people of Farakka, and spoke to them about the importance of conservation of water and rejuvenation of the river Ganga.

The Hon'ble Minister's address was followed by a speech by the team leader of the rafting expedition, Wing Commander Paramvir Singh, wherein he spoke to the students of Pranabananda Vidyapith, about the importance of river rejuvenation and appealed for public participation in keeping the Ganga clean.

As the evening drew to a close, Farakka saw a breathtaking cultural programme put up by school students. Day 27 ended with the team, along with the officials and residents of Farakka, pledging to play their part in ensuring that river Ganga retained its pristinity for years to come.