

Day 28

The morning of Day 28 of the 'Ganga Aamantran Abhiyan' saw a heartfelt send off by Sh. Saibal Ghosh, GM-Farakka Barrage Project, and other officials, as the rafting team continued its journey towards Berhampore in Murshidabad district of West Bengal. The team reached College Ghat of Berhampore and was given a grand welcome by the local authorities as well as the residents, led by Sh. Devendranath Das, GS-Murshidabad Swimming Association. The welcome also saw attendance by the officials of the Municipal Corporation, NMCG, WII and NCC, along with a large number of school students and their administrative staff.

The expedition team was thereafter led on a foot journey of around 2 kms from College Ghat to the Murshidabad Swimming Association park. This journey was undertaken by almost 500 school students who pledged to keep the Ganga clean, and also invited public participation for the success of this mission. The students also spread the message of giving up on single-use plastic so as to protect the river and its aquatic life.

At the Murshidabad Swimming Association park, a plantation drive was undertaken by the team leader of the rafting expedition, Wing Commander Paramvir Singh, and other officials. The drive was then followed by an interactive session by the expedition team with the school students of Berhampore. The evening saw widespread participation of the students in a debate competition as well as a speech competition, based on the theme of conservation of water, which was then followed by an enthralling cultural programme put up by the students.

The evening ended with Wing Commander Paramvir Singh addressing the students, and reinforcing the fact that the youth are the future of the country, and their participation is crucial to the mission of rejuvenation of the river Ganga. The evening of Day 28 of the expedition saw the people and officials of Berhampore come together to ensure a clean and healthy future for the river Ganga.