

“NADIUTSAV WILL SOW THE SEED FOR REVIVING TRADITION OF RESPECTING RIVERS”, SAYS SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT

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Congratulating NMCG for their contribution to Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav in his keynote address Shri. Kiren Rijiju, Hon'ble Minister for Law & Justice said, “I have travelled to almost origin of every river in the country. Ganga especially looked very polluted few years back but today, it looks cleaner and magnanimous. The work is inspiring and I pledge my full support to the mission and would always be happy to join and contribute.” He attributed to this success to Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision, NMCG's holistic approach and volunteer's hard work.



Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Jal Shakti Minister recalling Hon'ble Prime Minister's call for celebrating Nadi Utsav said, "India has a tradition of reverence for rivers but with rise of consumerism this connect was lost somewhere" in his valedictory Address at Ganga Utsav 2021. "Nadi Utsav will sow the seed for reviving this tradition of respecting rivers. This will encourage people to conserve and protect our rivers." he added. He complimented Namami Gange for "laying the foundation of Nadi Utsav through successful conduct of Ganga Utsavs over last few years and the Ganga Utsav this year has laid foundation for strong Nadi Utsav in country".

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The Ganges Children Handbook and training module prepared by Indian Institute of Public Administration represented by Prof Vinod Sharma under Namami Gange programme were also released.

An expedition, Ganga Mashal was flagged off by Hon’ble ministers on 3rd day of Ganga Utsav. Ganga Mashal is part of Meri Ganga Meri Shan campaign by Ganga Task Force- a battalion of Territorial Army raised under Namami Gange mission for various rejuvenation efforts. The Mashal would travel along the Ganga and halt at 23 locations where events to sensitize people and volunteers will be organised. Shri Kiren Rijiju said, “Ganga Mashal is the best way to take Ganga Utsav forward in a dignified and inspiring manner.” Brigadier Naveen Singh was representing Ganga Task Force at the flag off ceremony joined by Col Vaidya.

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