

## **Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation**

First Company of Ganga Task Force deployed Ganga Gram Yojana launched  
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As a major initiative towards fast track implementation of Namami Gange Programme the first company of Ganga Task force Battalion was deployed at Garhmukteshwar yesterday. Speaking on the occasion Union Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Sushri Uma Bharti said that three such companies will be deployed soon at Kanpur, Varanasi and Allahabad. The Minister said the Jawans of the Ganga Task force will be deployed on the banks of the river Ganga to ensure that industry and civilians do not pollute the river. She said that keeping Ganga clean is not the responsibility of our Jawans only but it is the duty of every Indian living near the river to keep it clean. She said, unless every citizen of the country keep this reasonability in mind the clean Ganga programme which is the dream project of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will not be successful.

Sushri Bharti also launched Ganga Gram Yojana at Village Puth in Hapur district of U.P. 1600 villages situated along the banks of river Ganga will be developed under this scheme. In the first phase of the progamme 200 villages have been selected. In these villages open drains falling into river Ganga will be diverted and alternative arrangements for sewage treatment will be made. The villages will have toilets in every house hold. It is proposed to incur and expenditure of Rs. One crore on every village. These villages will be developed under the Sicheval model. It may be noted that Sicheval is situated in Punjab, where cooperation of the villagers has been solicited for the water management and waste disposal in a meticulous way.

Later in a function , Sushri Bharti gave away prizes to the students who took part in Namami Gange arts competition at Bhagirathi Inter college. Speaking on the occasion the Minister exhorted the students to contribute significantly into the success of Namami Gange progamme.

Earlier the Minister inspected two under construction sewage treatment plants at Garhmukteshwar. These STPs are expected to be operational by June this year. The Minister also inaugurated Namami Gange Photo exhibition at Garhmukteshwar and administered the pledge to the people to keep Ganga clean. The Minister also reviewed the progress of Namami Gange progamme at Garhmukteshwar with local officials.