



**Government of India
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Water Resources
River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation**

CENTRAL GROUND WATER BOARD



**A Brief Report on
Nadi Utsav
17 – 23 December 2021**



**Celebrating Our Lifeline
17th - 23rd December, 2021**



A brief report on
“Nadi Utsav” under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
CENTRAL GROUND WATER BOARD

Nadi Utsav: A celebration of Rivers

The River Festival- 2021 program was formally launched through the flagging-in of *Ganga Mashal* on 16th December 2021 by the Hon’ble Jal Shakti Minister, Sh. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat to augment, manage and sustain the natural resources i.e. the Surface Water and Ground Water, sustaining the nature and ecology, cleanliness of the environment and also for providing mass awareness among the individuals for maintenance of the ecological stability and sustainability of the environment. Nadi Utsav 2021 is a pan India celebration which is jointly organized by Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation under the Ministry of Jal Shakti in collaboration with Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India and National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) from 17th to 23rd Dec, 2021. The event is being organized to celebrate rivers such as River Brahmaputra, Indus, Narmada, Sabarmati, Mahanadi, Krishna, Godavari, Cauvery, Ganga, Yamuna, amongst several others. The celebrations are being organized, as a part of Azaadi ka Amrut Mahotsav campaign commemorating 75 year of India’s independence, under the four chosen themes of Cleanliness, Patriotism, Nature and Ecology, Devotion and Spirituality.



15 Nadi Utsav programs were organized by CGWB in 14 States of the country along the River banks thereby spreading a message of river cleaning, awareness for water conservation and river protection, rain water harvesting, afforestation etc. The event was attended by 1751 peoples including 749 females also. Under the program following activities were organized during 17th – 23rd Dec. 2021:

S. No.	State: District	River	Date of Prog.	Activities Proposed
1	Madhya Pradesh: Burhanpur	Tapi	17-12-2021	1. Awareness programme on Kundi/ Khooni Bhandara at Burhanpur (a network of well like structures interconnected through underground tunnel) 2. Cleanliness Drive 3. Preparation of Booklet on Kundi/ Khooni Bhandara of Burhanpur
2	Maharashtra : Wardha	Dham (Tributary of Wardha River) Wardha	17.12.2021	1. Awareness 2. Cleanliness Drive 3. Preparation of Document on water supply security following Tamaswada pattern (TP) Nala treatment by 21/12/2021
3	Karnataka: Bangalore	Vishrabhavathi (Tributary of Arkavathi River)	17-12-2021	1. Shram Daan 2. Afforestation
4	Odisha:	Kuakhai	17-12-2021	Awareness programme on importance of rivers in

	Khurdha			sustenance of life
5	Uttar Pradesh: Lucknow	Gomti	17-12-2021	1. Open Quiz 2. Extempore 3. Tree Plantation 4. Nature Biodiversity walk
6	Assam: Kamrup	Brahmaputra	18-12-2021	Awareness Programme and plantation on the river bank
7	Chhattisgarh : Janjgir	Mahanadi	20-12-2021	1. Cleanliness Drive 2. Afforestation 3. Awareness Program
8	Haryana: Yamuna Nagar	Yamuna	21-12-2021	1. Sharm Daan 2. Painting competition 3. Afforestation 4. Jal Yatra 5. Pledge
9	Gujarat: Patan	Saraswati River	21-12-2021	1. Quiz competition 2. Poster competition 3. Lecture on River conservation and rejuvenation.
10.	Tamil Nadu: Thiruchirapalli	Cauvery	22-12-2021	1. Shram Daan and Pledge Activity
				2. Preparation of Compendium on Rain Water Harvesting structures in the temples along the rivers of Tamil Nadu by 23/12/2021
11.	West Bengal: North 24 Pargana	Hoogly	22-12-2021	1. Quiz programme on River of India 2. Debate 3. Elocution 4. Story Telling on Local freedom fighters 5. Pledge
12.	Jammu: Udhampur	Devika (Tributary of Tawi River)	22-12-2021	Awareness Program
13.	Kerala: Trivandrum	Neyyar	22-12-2021	1. River Cleaning campaign 2. Painting Competition
14.	Kerala: Trivandrum		23-12-2021	1. River Cleaning campaign 2. Painting Competition
15.	Telangana: Hyderabad	Musi	23-12-2021	Kala Jatarato Save Musi from Pollution

1. North Central Region (NCR) - Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Activities Proposed

1. Awareness programme on Kundi/ Khooni Bhandara at Burhanpur (a network of well like structures interconnected through underground tunnel)
2. Cleanliness Drive

Activities done

Program 1. Venue: Kundi Bhandara, Burhanpur

Block: Burhanpur

Village/Taluk/Firka (if any): Burhanpur

District: Burhanpur

Program 2. Venue: Rajghat (Tapti River Bank), Burhanpur

Block: Burhanpur

Village/Taluk/Firka (if any): Burhanpur

District: Burhanpur

1. Water conservation and Awareness programme on Kundi Bhandara at Burhanpur wherein it was emphasize on water conservation and importance of infiltration galleries of kundi bhandara which is unique water system in the world. In this programme commissioner of Burhanpur Nagar Nigam, Officers of PHE department, ASI department, DATCC department, local NGOs, school students and local peoples participated.

During the programme one cultural dance with song was performed by local peoples on river cleaning.

2. Cleanliness Drive at Rajghat (Tapti River Bank), Burhanpur: In this programme Assistant commissioner of Burhanpur Nagar Nigam, Officers of PHE department, ASI department, DATCC department, local NGOs and local peoples participated.

1. जल संरक्षण एवं कुंडी भंडारा पर जागरूकता कार्यक्रम

आज दिनांक 17.12.2021 को आजादी के अमृत महोत्सव के अंतर्गत रिवर उत्सव के दौरान केंद्रीय भूमि जल बोर्ड उत्तर मध्य क्षेत्र भोपाल की ओर से बुरहानपुर में जल संरक्षण एवं कुंडी भंडारा पर जागरूकता कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया उक्त कार्यक्रम में नगर निगम, पीएचई डिपार्टमेंट, स्कूल के बच्चों, एनजीओ एवं स्थानीय नागरिकों ने प्रतिभाग किया इस कार्यक्रम में कुल 100 प्रतिभागियों ने प्रतिभाग किया जिसमें 15 महिलाएं और 85 पुरुष थे।



जागरूकता कार्यक्रम के दौरान कमिश्नर नगर निगम का सम्बोधन



क्षेत्रीय निदेशक महोदय का जल संरक्षण एवं कुंडी भंडारा पर तकनीकी संबोधन



कार्यक्रम में उपस्थित प्रतिभागी



कार्यक्रम में उपस्थित छात्र छात्राओं द्वारा संवाद

2. ताप्ती नदी के किनारे राजघाट, बुरहानपुर पर स्वच्छता कार्यक्रम

आजादी का अमृत महोत्सव के अंतर्गत नदी उत्सव के दौरान आज दिनांक 17 दिसंबर 2021 को राजघाट ताप्ती नदी के किनारे बुरहानपुर पर स्वच्छता अभियान का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें स्थानीय नागरिक स्वयंसेवी संस्थाएं केंद्रीय भूमि जल बोर्ड के अधिकारी एवं कर्मचारी नगर निगम बुरहानपुर के अधिकारी एवं कर्मचारियों ने अपना श्रमदान दिया उक्त कार्यक्रम में नगर निगम, पीएचई डिपार्टमेंट, एनजीओ एवं स्थानीय नागरिकों ने प्रतिभाग किया इस कार्यक्रम में कुल 70 प्रतिभागियों ने प्रतिभाग किया जिसमें 5 महिलाएं और 65 पुरुष थे।



ताप्ती नदी को स्वच्छ रखने के लिए शपथ लेते हुए



ताप्ती नदी के किनारे राजघाट पर श्रमदान करते हुए



DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

ताप्ती नदी के किनारे राजघाट पर श्रमदान करते हुए

UNIVERSITY OF CULTURE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

2. Central Region (CR) - Nagpur, Maharashtra Activities Proposed

1. Awareness Program
2. Cleanliness Drive

Activities done

Venue: Acharya Vinoba Bhave Pavnar Ashram, Dham River

Block: Wardha

Village: Pavnar

District: Wardha

CGWB, NAGPUR, in collaboration with Purti Sinchan Samruddhi Kalyankari Sanstha, Wardha and Sadbhawana Gramin Vikas Sanstha (NGO), organised Nadi Utsav at Dham river, Wardha. Following activities were held in the program

1. Awareness Program- Awareness program on water conservation participatory management was conducted. Dr. P.K. Jain, RD, CR Nagpur presided over the program. Lecture was delivered on "Participatory Ground Water Management" by the Scientist of CGWB, Nagpur.
2. Cleanliness Drive- The bank of Dham river was taken up for cleanliness drive by people participation. The villagers of the Pavnar village, NGOS's, Officers from Central and State govt. actively participated in the cleanliness drive.
3. Nadi Pujan- After cleanliness drive Nadi Pujan was done followed by lighting of lamps/ diyas at the river.

Brief Details of the programm

CGWB, CR, NAGPUR in collaboration with Purti Sinchan Samruddhi Kalyankari Sanstha, Wardha and Sadbhawana Gramin Vikas Sanstha (NGO) organised Nadi Utsav on 17.12.2021 at Dham river, Pavnar ashram, District Wardha under the Banner @75 Years of India's Independence. During Nadi Utsav, following activities were conducted.

1. **Cleanliness Drive-** The bank of Dham river, were taken up for cleanliness drive by people participation. The villagers of the Pavnar village, NGOS's, Officers from Central and State govt. actively participated in the cleanliness drive at Dham river.



Before the cleanliness drive at Dham river



After the cleanliness drive at Dham river

2. Nadi Puja- After cleanliness drive, priest along with other dignitaries and local people conducted the Nadi Puja with lighting of lamps/ diyas at Dham river.



Dr P. K Jain, Regional Director, CGWB, CR, Nagpur lighting the lamp during Nadi puja



NGO and Officers of CGWB present during the Nadi puja.

3. Awareness Program- After Nadi puja, awareness program on water conservation participatory management was conducted. Dr. P.K. Jain, Regional Director, CGWB, CR Nagpur presided over the program. During the celebration Sh. Madav Kotsthane, Purti Sinchan Samruddhi, Sh. Milind Bhagat, Sadbhawana Gramin Vikas Sanstha (NGO), Sh Vineshji Kakade, Samajasewak, Smt. Shalinitai Adamane, Sarpanch, Pavnar were present as dignitaries during the program. One lecture was delivered on "Participatory Ground Water Management." by Sh. Rahul Shende, Scientist-B.



Regional Director, CGWB, CR, Nagpur, adress to the village on Nadi Utasav



Sh. Rahul Shende, Scientist, delivered on "Participatory Ground Water Management."

Shri. Milind Bhagat, Sadbhawana Gramin Vikas Sanstha, Wardha informed regarding the water conservation works taken up by their NGO in Wardha district.

Shi. Vineshji Kakade, Bajaj foundation, Wardha spoke on importance of participatory approach for success of any scheme.

Smt Shalinitai Admane, Sarpanch, Pavnar stressed on the role of people participation in implementation of Govt. Schemes. She also informed that sufficient water supply is being done in the village to meet all the needs of people.

Dr. P.K. Jain Regional Director, CGWB, stressed on relationship between river and civilisation and development of all major cities along the river banks. He informed about the vision and objectives behind organising Nadi Utasav.

In the program total 48 participants were there (including 5 females).

3. South Western Region (SWR)- Bengaluru, Karnataka

Activities Proposed

1. Shram Daan
2. Afforestation

Activities Done

Venue: Jnana Bharathi, Bangalore University

Block: Bangalore South

District: Bangalore Urban

1. Shramdaan Activity- River cleaning was carried out in the river bank of Vishrabhavathi, Tributary of Arkavathy river by SWR in coordination with Bangalore University.
2. Afforestation activity by planting around 150 saplings of trees in front of the Environmental sciences department was carried out after Shramdaan activity. Both the programmes were inaugurated by Professor K.R. Venugopal, Vice Chancellor, Bangalore University in the presence of Professor and Chairman of Department of Geology and Department of Environmental Sciences. Pledge was administered to the participants by the Vice Chancellor. Participants included students and faculties from Department of Geology and Department of Environmental sciences. 115 persons participated in both the programmes.

CGWB Bengaluru organized River Mahotsav on 17th December 2021 at Jnana bharathi Campus, Bangalore University in co-ordination with Departments of Geology, Environmental Engineering and Microbiology & Biotechnology. Two events were organised on 17.2.2021 under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav- Celebrating Rivers of India activities of the Ministry:

1. Cleanliness Campaign along the Virshabhavathi River stretches (Tributary of Arkavathi) flowing within Jnanabharathi Campus
2. Afforestation at Environmental Science Department Campus, Bangalore University.

Smt T.S. Anitha Shyam HOO, CGWB, SWR, Bengaluru welcomed the gathering/ dignitaries and highlighted the pertinent need for spreading awareness of protection and conservation of rivers. Chief Guest of the function Prof. K.R. Venugopal, Vice Chancellor, Bangalore University Inaugurated both

events and delivered key message on River protection and conservation giving thrust on present plight of Virshabhavathi River.

Virshabhavathi River flows through the urban areas of Bangalore Metropolitan city and it bear the brunt of urbanisation and indiscriminate waste disposal. The river was once so pristine that the water from it was used for drinking and Puja purposes three decades ago. With Bangalore city's growth, pollutants from industrial, agricultural and domestic sources are being disposed into the river and it is reduced to a highly polluted waste water drain.

Pledge on Protection of river -"Mera Sankalp" was taken up by all participants during inauguration of River Utsav. Dr Ananth Kumar Ars , Scientist D and Nodal officer of River Utsav Proposed Vote of thanks.

115 (70 Male and 45 Female) participants including students and faculties from Departments of Geology, Environmental Science and Biotechnology and Microbiology, Officers and officials of CGWB,SWR actively took part in the Cleaning of River Campaign and Plantings of tree saplings. More than 150 tree saplings were planted during the event.



Inauguration of Shramdaan Activity by Prof K.R.Venugopal, Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University



View of Visrabhavathi river bank before cleaning



Inauguration of afforestation Activity by Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University



Participants of afforestation activity



View after Shramdaan activity

जल संचयन विभाग
नदी विकास और जल संचयन
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

संस्कृति मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

**4. South Eastern Region (SER) - Bhubaneswar, Odisha
Activities Proposed**

Awareness programme on importance of rivers in sustenance of life

Activities Done

Venue: Banks of Kuakhai River
Block: Balianta

Village/Taluk/Firka (if any): Satyabhamapur
District: Khordha

The “Nadi Utsav” under the banner "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM)- Celebrating Rivers of India" has been organized on the banks of River Kuakhai in Satyabhamapur village at the outskirts of Bhubaneswar in Khordha district, Odisha on 17.12.2021. The Nadi Utsav has been celebrated in the form of a public awareness programme on “Importance of Rivers in Sustenance of Life”. A total of 247 participants (male: 84, female: 163) have attended the programme and are mostly from the nearby villages. The participants include members of women self help group, farmers, school students and local public. Dr. Utpal Gogoi, Member (East & RGI), CGWB, CHQ, Faridabad graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Shri Brajmohan Jena- eminent public speaker on issues related to water has been the special invitee who addressed the gathering on the theme. The sarpanch of Satyabhamapur and the secretary of Odisha Livelihood Mission-a women self help group have also addressed the gathering. Dr. B K Sahoo, HOO and Dr. S Sahu, Scientist-C from CGWB, SER, Bhubaneswar have also addressed the gathering on importance and methods of protecting the river from pollution and degradation. Dr. Utpal Gogoi, chief guest of the programme administered the pledge to the participants to protect rivers from pollution and keeping the environment clean. At the end, a foot march along the river bank was conducted to sensitise the participants on celebration of “Nadi Utsav”.





5. Northern Region (NR) - Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Activities Proposed

1. Open Quiz
2. Extempore
3. Tree Plantation
4. Nature Biodiversity walk

Activities Done

Venue: Jhulelal Ghat

Village/Taluk/Firka (if any): -

Block: Lucknow City area

District: Lucknow

Organized folk songs on Gomati Gantha (Bhakti Geet), Yoga, Meditation, Biodiversity Walk, Tree plantation, cleanliness drive, quiz competition on water conservation and rivers of India, extempore, greeting card making competition on nadi utsav with the students from 4 schools, participants from NGOs, local tourists and local boatmans of Gomti River Front.

केन्द्रीय भूमि जल बोर्ड , उत्तरी क्षेत्र , लखनऊ, जल शक्ति मंत्रालय , भारत सरकार ने 17 दिसम्बर, 2021 को झुंलेलाल पार्क , गोमती नदी बैंक , जिला लखनऊ , उत्तर प्रदेश में, 'नदी उत्सव' पर एक जन-संवाद कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया। कार्यक्रम का आयोजन पृथ्वी इनोवेशन्स, लखनऊ के सहयोग से सफलतापूर्वक किया गया।

कार्यक्रम में गवर्नमेंट गर्ल्स पोलिटेक्निक कालेज, यूनिटी कालेज, एस.यू.आर. मेमोरियल पब्लिक स्कूल, श्रीरामस्वरुप कालेज से छात्र व छात्राओं , स्थानीय लोग , स्थानीय नाविक , एनजीओ के प्रतिनिधि , केन्द्रीय भूमि जल बोर्ड के अधिकारी/कर्मचारी मिलाके कुल 116 (56-महिला) ने प्रतिभाग लिया। इस कार्यक्रम ने सभी प्रतिभागियों को जल प्रबंधन के लिए रणनीति तैयार करने, भूजल प्रबंधन के लिए प्रदर्शन करने योग्य तंत्र दिखाने, उत्तर प्रदेश में भूजल से संबंधित प्रमुख मुद्दों को समझने में ज्ञान को समृद्ध करने और उनके निवारण के लिए संभावित समाधान तैयार करने के लिए एक मंच प्रदान किया।



आजादी का अमृत महोत्सव

कार्यक्रम में भूजल प्रबंधन के लिए सार्वजनिक भागीदारी के साथ क्रियान्वन-योग्य रणनीतियों पर विशेष ध्यान केन्द्रित किया गया।

कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत व्यायाम / योग द्वारा की गई। नदी पर गीत-गायन प्रस्तुत किया गया। इसमें डॉ. एस.के. श्रीवास्तव, वैज्ञानिक-डी द्वारा गोमती नदी के जल का रसायनिक जांच करके दिखाया गया। इसके उपरांत एक जल से संबंधी प्रश्नोत्तरी एवं चित्रकला प्रतियोगिता का भी आयोजन किया गया, जिसमें विजेता प्रतिभागियों को पुरस्कार प्रदान किया गया। नदी के आस-पास सूखे कचरे की सफाई की गई एवं पौधारोपण कार्यक्रम किया गया। कार्यक्रम के अंत में नदी की स्वच्छता हेतु शपथ ग्रहण एवं सभी प्रतिभागियों को प्रमाण-पत्र प्रदान किया गया। यह कार्यक्रम कार्यालय प्रमुख, केन्द्रीय भूमि जल बोर्ड, उत्तरी क्षेत्र, लखनऊ श्री पी.के. त्रिपाठी के मार्गदर्शन में आयोजित किया गया। कार्यक्रम का संचालन डॉ. शशि कांत सिंह, वैज्ञानिक-बी ने किया। इस कार्यक्रम में केन्द्रीय भूमि जल बोर्ड के वैज्ञानिक श्री करम सिंह, श्री कुलदीप भरतरिया, श्री अनिरुद्ध सिंह, सुश्री अदिति सिंह, डॉ. शाइस्ता खान एवं अन्य अधिकारी, यंग प्रोफेशनल्स एवं कर्मचारी व पृथ्वी इनोवेशन्स से श्रीमती अनुराधा गुप्ता, श्रीमती रश्मि चतुर्वेदी उपस्थित थे। कार्यक्रम में धन्यवाद ज्ञापन श्री सुजात्रो राय चौधरी, वैज्ञानिक-बी ने प्रस्तुत किया।



कार्यालय प्रमुख द्वारा स्वागत एवं कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ



नदी उत्सव समारोह



कार्यक्रम के दौरान सूखे कचरे की सफाई



कार्यालय प्रमुख द्वारा पौधारोपण



नदी संरक्षण पर शपथ ग्रहण
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION



प्रतिभागियों को प्रमाण पत्र वितरण
क्रीडा मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



जीवन की समृद्धता का उत्सव
17-23 दिसंबर, 2021



6. North Eastern Region (NER) - Guwahati, Assam

Activities Proposed

Awareness Programme and plantation on the river bank

Activities Done

Venue: Dharapur

Village/Taluk/Firka (if any): Rani Chapori, Majuli Island

Block: Rani

District: Kamrup(M)

State: Assam

The "Nadi Utsav" has been celebrated by CGWB, NER under the banner "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM)- Celebrating Rivers of India" at Dharapur, Rani Chapori, Majuli-Island, Kamrup(M) district, Assam on 18.12.2021. The celebration started with the Nadi puja followed by pledge taken by all the participants for cleanness and conservation of rivers. Around 50 people have participated in the celebration from the nearby village.

Mr. Biplab Ray, Sc. D & HOO addressed the gathering sighting the importance of rivers in the ancient and present culture. He has also enlightened about the heritage of the river Brahmaputra. Other senior officers have also shared their view on the importance of rivers. Mr. D. Khanikar, Sc. C concludes the addressing session with a beautiful poem of Mr. Bhuen Hazarika on the River Brahmaputra. A number of saplings were planted by all the officers and staffs. Everyone put their hands together in cleanness drive initiated by CGWB, NER on the river bank.

50 persons participated in the program (including 27 females).



7. North Central Chhattisgarh Region (NCCR) - Raipur, Chhattisgarh

Activities Proposed

Awareness Programme and plantation on the river bank

Activities Done

Venue:

Village/Taluk/Firka (if any):

Block:

District: Champa

1. Cleanliness Campaign along the Mahanadi River Bank
2. Plantation along the Mahanadi River Bank
3. Oath Ceremony
4. Panthi Nritya

Program on Nadi Utsav was organized by CGWB, NCCR, Raipur on 20.12.2021 on the banks of Mahanadi river, Seorinarayan, Janjgir Champa district, Chhattisgarh to mark the 75th year of India's independence. The title of the program was "NADI UTSAV-CELEBRATING RIVERS IN SEORINARAYAN, JANJIR CHAMPA DISTRICT, CHHATTISGARH STATE".

In the program, 250 participants took part (including 150 female participants) covering Students, Farmers & Govt. Officials.

The Chief Guest of the program was Smt. Anjani Tiwari, President, Nagar Panchayat, Seorinarayan, Guest of Honour was Sushree Sandhya Verma, CMO, Seorinarayan, Shri Rajesh Agarwal, Secretary, Saraswati Shishu Mandir, Seorinarayan and Shri Basant Kumar Dewangan, Principal, Govt. High School, Seorinarayan. The program scheduled is attached, in which;

- (1) Cleanliness Campaign along the Mahanadi River Bank, (2) Plantation along the Mahanadi River Bank
- (3) Oath Ceremony, (4) Panthi Nritya in Nadi Utsav.

All the participants actively participated in the program as per the schedule and discussed various issues. Activities done, along with photographs, during the program are as below.

	Programmes/Activity	Speaker/Participants
10:00 – 10:45 am	Cleaning River Bank/ Ghats	Students, Farmers & Govt. Officials
10:45 – 11:30 am	Plantation	Students, Govt. Officials & Farmers
11:30 – 11:45 am	Registration of Participants	
11:45 – 12: 05 pm	Inauguration & Oath Ceremony	Dr. A.K. Sinha, Scientist, CGWB, Raipur
12:05 – 12: 45 pm	Lecture on Ground Water Scenario of India with special reference to Chhattisgarh State	Dr. P.K. Naik, RD, NCCR, CGWB.
12.45 – 1:30 pm	Debate on "Importance of Rivers in Our Life"	
1:30 - 2.00 PM	Geophysical Lecture, Prize Distribution & Geophysical Demonstration	Dr. A.K. Sinha, Scientist,CGWB
2.00 – 3:00 pm	Vote of Thanks, Lunch & Folk Dance	Dr. A.K. Sinha, Scientist,CGWB



Cleaning of Mahandi Bank at Seorinarayan
Janjgir Champa district

Oath taken by Participants



Participants in Nadi Utsav at Seorinarayan, Janjgir Champa, Chhattisgarh



Panthi Nritya in Nadi Utsav at Seorinarayan, Janjgir Champa, Chhattisgarh

8. North Western Region (NWR)- Chandigarh, Haryana

Activities Proposed

1. Sharm Daan
2. Painting competition
3. Afforestation
4. Jal Yatra
5. Pledge

Activities Done

Venue: Govt. Middle School

Village/Taluk/Firka (if any): Mandoli Gaggad

Block: Chhachhrauli

District: Yamunanagar

1. Jal Yatra from school to Yamuna river bank
2. Pledge ceremony
3. Painting Competition
4. Cultural Activities
5. Religious programme (Aarti)
6. Sharm Daan (Cleanliness)
7. Prize distribution

जीवन की समृद्धता का उत्सव
17-23 दिसंबर, 2021

Nadi Utsav was celebrated at Village Mandoli Gaggad, Block Chhachhrauli, District Yamunanagar, State Haryana on 21st December 2021 by CGWB, North Western Region, Chandigarh. The program was celebrated with joint participation of the faculty, students of Government Middle School and villagers of Mandoli Gaggad. A total of 162 peoples (Male- 102, Female-60) participated in the Nadi Utsav program. The event was addressed by Mr. Vinod, Headmaster of the School. Officers of the CGWB, NWR- Chandigarh region addressed the participants over the significance of the Nadi Utsav, management and sustainability of the natural resources with reducing pollution to the rivers and enhance the sustainability of a clean environment. Officers from the CGWB Chandigarh took active part in organization of the painting competition followed by a pledge with all the participants on the bank of Yamuna river.

Some of the Photographs of the Nadi Utsav event are as below.



Opening Remarks at Govt Middle School Mandoli Gaggad



Rally walk by the students upto Yamuna river



Pledge by the students, faculty and Officers from CGWB NWR



Painting competition by the students



Cultural activities by the students



Prize distribution among the students



Religious Ceremony



Shram Daan (Cleanliness)

9. West Central Region (WCR) - Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Activities Proposed

1. Quiz competition
2. Poster competition
3. Lecture on River conservation
4. Rejuvenation.

Activities Done

Venue: Rani Ki Vav

Block: Patan city (Urban)

Village/Taluk/Firka (if any): Patan City

District: Patan

1. Quiz competition
2. Slogan writing competition

3. Lecture on River conservation
4. Rejuvenation and Water quality Awareness programme at Rani Ki Vav, Patan.
5. Plantation in premises of Rani Ki Vav, Patan

Brief Report on “Nadi Utsav” on 21st December 2021 at Rani Ki Vav, Patan, Gujarat

The one-day program called Nadi –Utsav 2021 – The River Festival was organized by Central Ground Water Board, WCR, Ahmadabad at “Rani Ki Vav”, District– Patan. This program was a part of the 75 years of Independence and Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

In the pursuance of the remarks made by our honorable Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat Ji as **“Nadi-Utsav will show the seed for reviving tradition of respecting rivers”**, this program was organized with due consideration and implementations of COVID guidelines. In the programme 52 (including 25 females) participants and students of M. N. Seth High School, Patan took part in the program. An Inter House Quiz Competition followed by a Slogan Competition having theme of “River of India” was organized followed by Plantation in the premises of Rani ki Vav, Patan. Quiz competitions have always been interesting and informative, which provide excitement among the students. The main objective of this program was to create awareness among participants regarding **“Importance of Rivers in Sustenance of Life”** by Conserving and rejuvenating them.

Officers from CGWB addressed the gathering on importance and methods of protecting the river from degradation and keeping them pollution free.

The declared winners of both the activities were honored by Nodal Officer, Nadi Utsav with first, second and third prizes followed by their heartwarming speeches.

At the end, a foot march along the “Rani Ki Vav” was conducted to sensitize the participants on celebration of “Nadi Utsav”.



Glimpses of various activities organized during Nadi Utsav program at Patan, Gujarat on 21.12.2021

10. South East Central Region (SECR)- Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Activities Proposed

1. Shram Daan and Pledge Activity
2. Preparation of Compendium on Rain Water Harvesting structures in the temples along the rivers of Tamil Nadu

Activities Done

Venue: Kallanai on the bank of River Cauvery **District:** Tanjavur

Central Ground Water Board, South Eastern Coastal Region, Chennai successfully celebrated "Nadi Utsav" under the banner of 75th India's Independence "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", on the bank of River Cauvery at Kallanai, Tanjavur District, Tamil Nadu on 22/12/21. A Shram Daan - Cleanliness Drive was organized in coordination with the officials of PWD – WRO. Around 60 people including 5 women participated in the event which was followed by a pledge on Nadi Utsav. Nearly 150 kg of single use plastic and other waste materials were collected and handed over to local authority for proper disposal.



11. Eastern Region (ER)- Kolkata, West Bengal, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Activities Proposed

1. Quiz programme on Rivers of India
2. Debate
3. Elocution
4. Story Telling on Local freedom fighters
5. Pledge

Activities Done

Venue: A B Model High School

Village/Taluk/Firka (if any): Barrackpore

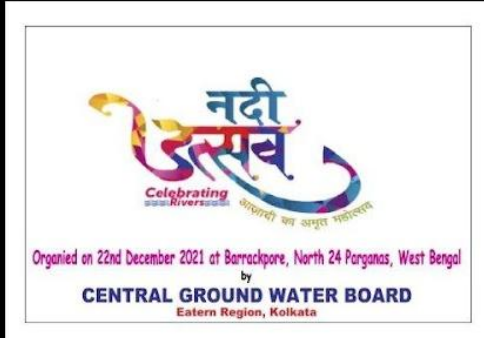
Block: Barrackpore

District: North 24 Pargana



1. Quiz on "Rivers of India"
2. Debate on topic "River linking is the only solution for Mitigating water crisis in India"
3. Elocution on the topic "The Role of Rivers in Socio-economic Development of West Bengal".
4. Story Telling on Local freedom fighters: Mangal Pandey who led "Sipahi Mutiny", the first freedom fight which, took place at Barrackpore Garrison of British "East India Company" in 1857. Contribution and sacrifice of local freedom fighters was also included in the story telling session by the students & teachers of the High School.
5. Pledge was taken in Hindi & Bangla (Regional Language) on keeping the rivers clean and pollution free.

CGWB, ER, Kolkata organised the 'Nadi Utsav - Celebrating the Rivers' on 22.12.2021 (Wednesday) in Barrackpore A. B. Model High School near Ganga (Hooghly) River, Barrackpore, North 24 Parganas District, West Bengal under the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav to commemorate 75 Years of India's Independence under the aegis of NMCG and Ministry of Jal Shakti. During this Nadi Utsav (River Festival) the following activities were conducted : (i) Pledge in Hindi and Bengali on keeping the Rivers clean and free of pollution, (ii) Storytelling on local Freedom Fighter - Martyr Mangal Pandey who led 'Sipahi Mutiny', the First Freedom Fight took place at Barrackpore Garrison of British 'East India Company' in 1857, (iii) Elocution Competition on 'The Role of Rivers in Socio-economic Development of West Bengal', (iv) Debate on 'River Linking is the Only Solution for Mitigating the Water Crisis in India'- the House's Opinion and (v) Quiz on Indian Rivers. The Students, Teachers and Non-teaching staff members of the school had participated in all of these five events of the program with a lot of enthusiasm. During the event total participants were 72 with 14 females.



संस्कृति मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



संस्कृति मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

12. North West Himalayan Region (NWHR)- Jammu, Jammu – Kashmir & Laddakh UT

Activities Proposed

Awareness Program

Activities Done

Venue: Devika River Ghat

Village/Taluk/Firka (if any): Udhampur

Block: Udhampur

District: Udhampur

Organised Awareness Programme on “Ground Water Related Issues in Udhampur district” at Devika River/Ghat, Udhampur, UT of J&K (UT) Lectures on Occurrence & Movement of Groundwater, Hydrogeological Cycle and Water Management, outcome of NAQUIM, Ground Water Resource Estimation, Ground water Quality etc. were delivered. The Engineers and officers from Department of Jal Shakti (PHE), Horticulture, Agriculture, Municipal Council and Urban Environment Engineering Department participated in the programme. The officers and officials of CGWB, Jammu also participated in the cleanliness drive in Devika River & Birma River a tributary of Tawi river. Around 34 persons participated in the program.

Central Ground Water Board, Jammu conducted Nadi Utsav programme under the banner of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav to commemorate 75 Years of India’s Independence on the theme “Ground Water Related Issues in Udhampur district” at Devika River/Ghat, Udhampur, UT of J&K (UT) on 22nd December, 2021.

The programme was aimed to make aware the State Govt. Departments like Jal Shakti (PHE), Horticulture, Agriculture, Municipal Council and Urban Environment Engineering Department about the Ground water related Issues in Udhampur district and their importance. Smt. Kanta Devi, ADDC, Udhampur was the Chief guest and Dr. Jagmohan Gupta, President, Municipal Committee, Udhampur also participated in the Programme on 22.12.2021.

Sh. M. L. Angurala, Regional Director, CGWB, NWHR Jammu addressed the gathering and emphasized upon the Ground water issues, water conservation and proper management of waste water as it may lead to the contamination of ground water.

Smt. Kanta Devi, ADDC appreciated the efforts of CGWB Jammu and suggested to organise such programme at Panchayat level to create the awareness among the masses.

Dr. Jagmohan Gupta, President, Municipal Committee, Udhampur raised the issue of decreasing flow in the Devika river and reducing the sustainability of tube wells and sought technical assistance from Central Ground Water Board for the rejuvenation of river. Central Ground Water Board NWHR Jammu has assured to take awareness program to stake holders at village panchayat level in collaboration with Public Health Engineering Department and other line departments in the district.

The lectures were designed to cover all the aspects of Ground Water Issues & Management. Lectures on Occurrence & Movement of Groundwater, Hydrogeological Cycle and Water Management, Outcome of NAQUIM and Ground water resource estimation, Ground water Quality etc. were delivered in the programme. The Engineers and officers from Department of Jal Shakti (PHE), Horticulture, Agriculture, Municipal Council and Urban Environment Engineering Department participated in the programme.

The officers and officials of CGWB, Jammu also participated in the cleanliness drive in Devika River & Birma River a tributary of Tawi river.



Glimpses of the various events organized under Nadi Utsav by CGWB- Jammu

13. Kerala (KR) - Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala & Lakshadweep UT

Activities Proposed

1. River Cleaning campaign
2. Painting Competition

Activities Done

Venue: Govt. Higher Sec. School, Neyyar Dam

Block: Perumkadavila

Village/Taluk/Firka (if any): Kallikkad

District: Thiruvananthapuram

Organized painting competition for 6th - 9th class students of Govt. Higher Secondary School, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram district on 22 Dec. 2021. A total of 52 participants were there and they portrayed the drawings on the theme of 'Save the rivers is saving life'. The event was followed by tree plantation within the school campus.

As a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahatsov @ 75 years of Indian independence, Ministry of Jal Shakti has been organizing Nadi Utsav to review the tradition of respecting rivers and to encourage people to conserve and protect them during 17th to 23rd December, 2021. In continuation with this, Central

Ground Water Board, Kerala Region has successfully organized a painting competition on 22.12.2021 at Government Higher Secondary School, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram to create awareness on conservation of rivers to the student community. During the mentioned competition, a total 52 students (Girls: 26, Boys: 26) from 6th to 9th participated and portrayed their drawing on the Theme "Save the Rivers is Saving the Life". Further, Regional Director and officers of CGWB, Kerala Region in association with faculty members of GHSS, Neyyar Dam implanted trees within GHSS, Neyyar Dam campus to promote afforestation. As a mark of this event, Dr. A. Subburaj Regional Director CGWB, Kerala Region has delivered a lecture on conservation of rivers at Neyyar Dam site to create awareness on the subject for participants. Smt. Sreelatha I.M., Headmistress, GHSS Neyyar Dam and Vinod K, PTA President, GHSS, Neyyar Dam felicitated the gatherings during the event.

Portraying the events held during Nadi Utsav organized by CGWB Kerala Region on 22.12.2021 at GHSS, Neyyar Dam





जन शक्ति मंत्रालय
जन शक्ति - नदी विकास और जल संसाधन विभाग
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION



संस्कृति मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



जीवन की समृद्धता का उत्सव
17-23 दिसंबर, 2021



14. Kerala (KR)- Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala & Lakshadweep UT

Activities Proposed

1. River Cleaning campaign
2. Painting Competition

Activities Done

Venue: Govt. Higher Sec. School, Neyyar Dam

Village/Taluk/Firka (if any): Kallikkad

Block: Perumkadavila

District: Thiruvananthapuram



Organized a River Cleaning Campaign along the Neyyar Riverbank at Kallikkadu Grama Panchayath, Thiruvananthapuram district. Removal of plastic and other waste materials from riverbank, Pledge on Cleanliness of River, and Public rally are the activities organized during Nadi Utsav. A total of 108 people participated in the event.

As a part of the ongoing 75 years of Independence celebrations, Central Ground Water Board, Kerala Region, has organized a River Cleaning Campaign along the Neyyar Riverbank at Kallikkadu Grama Panchayath on 23.12.2021. The objective was to create awareness among the local public for conserving and protecting the Neyyar river.

Plastic and other waste materials were removed from the river banks, Pledge on Cleanliness of River, and Public rally from the river bank to Kallikkadu Grama Panchayath office were organized during the campaign on the mentioned date. A total of 108 participants (Female 50, Male 58) included students of Govt. Higher Sr. Sec. School, Neyyar Dam, President, Staffs & Panchayath Members of Kallikkadu Panchayath, and local Public. Shri. Pantha Sreekumar, President Kallikkadu Panchayath inaugurated the River Cleaning Campaign and delivered his inaugural address. Dr. A. Subburaj Regional Director, CGWB presented his presidential address followed felicitation by Smt. Sreelatha I.M, Headmistress GHSS, Neyyar Dam.

The Chief Guest distributed the Prizes to the students secured first, second, third and seven nos. of consolations for the painting competition held on 22.12.2021. As a token of remembrance, Regional Director, CGWB, KR handed over mementos to the dignitaries. The programme ended up with the vote of thanks by Sh. Santhana Subramani, Sc. C, CGWB, KR.



Students and local public actively participated in the River cleaning campaign along the banks of Neyyar river



View of public rally conducted as part of river cleaning campaign held on 23.12.2021



Welcome Speech by Smt. Anu V., Sc. B, CGWB, KR, Thiruvananthapuram



Dr. A. Subburaj, RD, CGWB, KR welcomes Sh. Pantha Sreekumar, President Kallikkadu grama panchayath



Pledge taking ceremony held during river cleaning campaign on 23.12.2021



Price distribution to the students participated in the painting competition held on 22.12.2021- first prize Kum. Aparna B. J.



Views of Neyyar river bank at Kallikkadu grama panchayath after River cleaning campaign held on 23.12.2021

15. Southern Region (SR)- Hyderabad, Telangana & Andhra Pradesh

Activities Proposed

Kala Jatarato Save Musi from Pollution

Activities Done

Venue: Musi River Bank

Village/Taluk/Firka (if any): Nagole

Block: Uppal

District: Medchal Malkajiri, Hyderabad

Organized and celebrated “Nadi Utsav”- a Public Interaction Program and Cultural activity (Kala Jatarata) organized on the theme “Save Musi River from Pollution”.

Central Ground Water Board, Southern Region, Hyderabad organized and celebrated “Nadi Utsav” at Musi River Front Development Corporation (MRFDC) camp, Musi River bank, Nagole, Hyderabad, Telangana State on 23rd December, 2021 commemorating 75 years of India’s Independence (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav). As a part of Nadi Utsav, a Public Interaction Program and Cultural activity (Kala Jatarata) is organized on the theme “Save Musi River from Pollution”.

A total of about 250 participants from Central and State Departments (CGWB, CWC, State Ground Water Department, Musi River Front Dev. Corporation), Faculty, Students from Indu Aranya International School and General public actively participated in the program.

Shri. D. Ranga Reddy, Chief Engineer, KGBO, Central Water Commission and their team and Dr. Pandith Madhunure, Director, Ground Water Department, Telangana State participated in the program. Shri. J. Siddhardha Kumar, Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board, Southern Region, Hyderabad presided over the program. The Regional Director, CGWB, Chief Engineer, KGBO, CWC and Director, Ground Water Department interacted with the participants and administered pledge on Save Musi from Pollution followed by Kala Jatarata (Cultural activity). A total of 250 people participated in the program including female participation of 103.





जल संचयन विभाग
जल संधारण, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण विभाग
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION



संस्कृति मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

