

BRIDGING MINDS AND RIVERS: A JOURNEY OF CONSERVATION AT GIC NAGANI

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A recent visit to GIC Nagani, a government school located near the serene Heval River in Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand took place from 8 to 11 December 2024. The school, surrounded by the beauty of nature, provided the perfect backdrop for our mission - 'National Mission for Clean Ganga' to raise awareness about river conservation and the biodiversity of the Ganga River. A bridge over the Heval River connects the school, and standing on that bridge, one cannot help but feel a sense of peace as the gentle flow of the river resonates all around. The sound of the river flowing below serves as a reminder of how vital these water bodies are to our existence. The students were first engaged in a session that highlighted the vital connections within the river ecosystem, where every species plays a role in maintaining the health of the river. Situated in the heart of nature, the school served as a perfect example of how interconnected we are with our environment.

Following the initial interaction with the students, a yoga session was held, offering the students a peaceful start and helping them connect with the natural world. This activity provided a chance to experience the balance and calm of nature. The day continued with interactive games designed by Ms Ashmika Aggarwal, including a butterfly identification activity which helped the students understand the importance of biodiversity and the delicate balance within ecosystems. The Ganga Aqua Life Knowledge Centre (Bal Ganga Prahari corner) was also inaugurated, offering a new resource to support further learning on aquatic ecosystems. Additionally, scholarships were provided to deserving students, encouraging their continued efforts in environmental conservation. This visit reaffirmed a key truth: *conservation is a shared responsibility that begins with awareness and grows through action.* At GIC Nagani, these values were planted, promising a cleaner, more sustainable future for all.



Yoga session with Students



Students involved in team building exercise



Students receiving Bal Ganga Prahari scholarship Award



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