

Kosi River Cleanliness Drive

22 March 2021, World Water Day

With reference to meeting held on 09th February 2021, in compliance to the directions for hosting a set of activities with a vision of “*Aatmanirbhar Bharat*” and in order to commemorate the monumental occasion of 75th Anniversary of Indian Independence Day, “*Aazadi ka Amrit Smaranotsava*” a ***Kosi River Cleanliness Campaign*** was organized on 22nd March, 2021 “World Water Day” near Kosi Bridge, Kosi-Katarmal, Almora. The cleanliness drive was led by project team of NMHS-SGP funded project entitled “***Rejuvenation the Kosi River of Kumaun Himalaya through field intervention and people’s participation.***” Both banks in the upstream reaches of Kosi Barrage were cleaned with the active participation of 90-100 students & teachers from Government Inter College, Hawalbag, officers from District Administration, Almora and Project Team from Kosi River Rejuvenation, G. B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment.

Since, the aforementioned project objectives demarcate actions for rejuvenation of the Kosi River, it also becomes a primary responsibility for all of us to keep the River watershed clean. During the campaign an appeal was made to local residents, shopkeepers, restaurant owners and tourists, not to pollute the flood plain of Kosi River, as the river water is further pumped to Almora City itself for various household purposes.

During the mass awareness programme, along with elaborating the theme of “*Aazadi ka Amrit Smaranotsava*” a vision of making Indian Himalayan Region (IHR) an epicenter of eco-diversity, with availability of surplus freshwater was introduced among all. Students & all participants were motivated by experts & teachers about importance of water conservation and river rejuvenation, in a sort of a field class. Water Quality Analysis training was also given to the students, using handheld pH & TDS measuring devices, to which they responded with great curiosity.

Finally, all collected garbage was sent to prescribed dumping sites for disposal.