

India: Ganges

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In India, prepared international expedition to study the pollution of the Ganges and present ways of addressing environmental problems that river. Its participants are researchers and explorers who have completed the major rivers of the world trip including Amazon, Mekong, Zambezi River.

Expedition begins 14 September in the Himalayas, the Gangotri region in UttaraD al. The Gangotri glacier flowing mountain stream that gives the beginning Ganges. The expedition will end near Calcutta on the Bay of Bengal, which affect the river water. With more than 15 people a team composed of experts from environmental and water quality, boating and walking crawls two and a half thousand miles. Familiarizing themselves with the state of pollution of the river and carry out photographic documentation and film showing the natural environment and cultural and civilizational environment along the banks of the Ganges. The quantity and quality of water in the Ganges affecting the 40 percent. Population of India. The waters of this river and its tributaries, irrigation million square kilometers of fertile lands Plains Hindustani, which is the most densely populated areas in the world. The Ganges is located in 116 cities, including 29 with more than 100 thousand inhabitants. Along with the urbanization and industrialization significantly they contribute to pollution of the river system. The Indian authorities have long been trying to implement projects aimed at rescuing the waters of the Ganges, but the effectiveness of these actions is small, and water quality in the river is deteriorating. At the same time experts warn that each year reduces the amount of water in the Ganges and the year-round, the river can turn into future periodic. Vice-Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change at the UN prof. Mohan Munasinghe, involved in organizing the expedition, believes that decreasing the amount of water in the Ganges is a major problem in the coming years. In his view any change in the ecosystem of the river are affecting the lives of millions of people in Plains Hindus. Observations made during the expedition will contribute to develop an action plan to mitigate the effects of adverse changes.