

ATULYA GANGA CYCLOTHON :

**A CAMPAIGN FOR A
PLASTIC-FREE GANGA**

DATE: 28TH JANUARY 2025

VENUE: APS FATEHGARH

- ❑ On 28th January 2025, the much-awaited ATULYA Ganga Cyclothon a military veteran NGO visited APS Fatehgarh with a powerful message of "Plastic-Free Ganga." The event was organized by ATULYA Ganga, an NGO led by military veterans, Lt Col Hem Lohimi, Brig. Rajeev Singh Rawat, Shri Gopal Sharma and other members with the goal of spreading awareness about the need to preserve the sacred Ganga river by reducing plastic waste.
- ❑ The event kicked off with a warm welcome extended by 100 enthusiastic NCC cadets to the 12-member cyclist team from ATULYA Ganga. The team, having ridden to the event as part of their mission, was honored with a heartwarming reception.



❑ In an effort to contribute to environmental sustainability, the participants, along with the NCC cadets, planted 30 saplings. Each plant was dedicated to a student's name, symbolizing the younger generation's role in preserving the environment for the future.

❑ The cyclists were escorted to the stage by Akanksha and Soheli, where the audience was addressed by Sh. Gopal Sharma and Col. Manoj Keshwar. During their speech, they shared alarming facts about the deteriorating health of the Ganga river, which is being polluted every day, primarily due to the increasing use of plastic. How microplastic is slowly but steadily getting into our body. Their words struck a chord, highlighting the urgency of taking action before it's too late.

❑ In line with this, over 200 students, NCC Cadets along with teachers from APS Fatehgarh took a pledge to save the Ganga and vowed to avoid single-use plastic. This collective promise reflected the strong sense of responsibility that the community felt toward safeguarding the river.



- ❑ The event was graced by the officiating Principal, Mrs. Ekta Sadh, who delivered a warm welcome address, followed by a heartfelt welcome song sung by the students. The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Mrs Purnima Agnihotri, expressing gratitude to all the participants and encouraging everyone to continue working toward a cleaner, greener future.
- ❑ As a part of their commitment to the environment, APS Fatehgarh also pledged to plant trees in the coming year, particularly by the passing-out batch, further reinforcing their dedication to protecting nature.
- ❑ In conclusion, the ATULYA Ganga Cyclothon was a successful and impactful event that not only brought attention to the dire condition of the Ganga but also united students, teachers, and local citizens in a shared mission to reduce plastic use and promote environmental conservation.

