Uma Bharti begins Ganga Nirikshan Abhiyan

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Union Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Sushri Uma Bharti today visited Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute located at Barrackpore, West Bengal during the first leg of her *Ganga Nirikshan Abhiyan*. This institution is specialized in Fisheries Research on river Ganga. During her fortnight long tour the Minister will visit several places from Ganga Sagar to Gangotri along the river Ganga to personally monitor the progress of Namami Gange programme. During the 2500 km long tour the Minister will pass through Kakdweep, Kapilmuni Ashram (Ganga Sagar), Nabadweep, Murshidabad, Farraka, Sultanganj (Bhaglpur), Munger, Patna, Arrah, Buxar, Varanasi, Allahabad, Shringverpur, Fatehpur, Kanpur, Fatehgarh, Kasganj, Narrora, Bhrigu Ashram, Brijghat, Vidhurkuti, Haridwar and Uttarkashi to reach Gangotri.

The Minister will travel through Boat, Road, Rail, Air and on foot. During the *Ganga Nirikshan Abhiyan* Water Resources Minister will attend *Ganga Chaupal* at Cossipore ghat, Kapilmuni Ashram (Ganga Sagar), Gandhi ghat (Barrackpore), Diamond Harbour, Hooghly, Nabadweep, Murshidabad, Sultanganj (Bhaglpur), Munger, Arrah, Buxar, Shringverpur, Allahabad, Fatehgarh, Bhrigu Ashram, Fatehpur, Kanpur, Kasganj, Brijghat and Gangotri. In these *Chaupals* the Minister will interact with various stakeholders such as NGOs, Government agencies, other institutions and individuals to make Namami Gange programme a success.

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