

# **THE POLLUTION OF THE GANGAES**

The river Ganga is believed to be a holy river. It originates from the Gangotri glacier in the Himalayas and empties/merges into the Bay of Bengal in eastern India. It covers a length of 2525km. This river is regarded as a goddess by the people. But the people of India are polluting the river by their reckless and selfish activities. Ganga Pollution is one of the major problems in India. Industrial effluents are the main source of pollution in the Ganga. Several factories like rubber, plastic and leather etc. have evolved along the bank of the river and discharge their effluents into the river. As a result the lives under water get affected. The growth of fishes has heavily decreased. According to recent survey, around 1 billion liters of untreated, raw sewage are dumped in the river. Dumping of carcasses of humans and animals into the river is another source of Ganga Pollution. Many human dead bodies are cremated on the ghats of the river and are immersed in the river. Various measures have been taken by the government to tackle Ganga Pollution. We should extend our hands to solve this problem.

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