

Blog: River conservation can only save our culture.

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It's a well-known fact that most of the civilizations have flourished on the banks of rivers. Similar is the case with Narmada. The Lifeline of Madhya Pradesh, river Narmada can hardly be overemphasized. It is not merely a river; she is cradle of civilization and represents a complete culture.

Narmada is worshipped as Mother Goddess. The area along her banks owes its prosperity to her ambrosia-like water. The banks of Narmada are strewn with centres of pilgrimage and temples where the seekers have attained spiritual elevation and perfection for aeons. Maa Narmada holds the unique distinction of

The main theme of the celebrations was to create awareness to make Narmada free from all forms of pollution

'Mahateerth'. The river that meets fulfills the wishes of devotees. This divine and mystique river has been glorified even in the Vedas.

Since ages, hundreds of humble sages, seers and prophets have attained highest spiritual elevation on the banks of Narmada.

Some of the prominent cults that walked on the banks of the river include- Kabir Panth, Sikh Panth, Taran Panth, Radhavallabh Panth and Pranami Panth. There are mentions in Pu-

ranas of sages like- Maikal, Vyas, Braghu, Attri and Kapil who have attained highest spiritual elevation along the banks of Narmada.. The banks of the Narmada is also the place where Adi Shankaracharya met his Guru Govinda Bhagavatpada and attained highest spiritual elevation.

Sethani Ghat in Hoshnagabad district is of great historical significance. The founder of Brahma Vidya Society Henry Stal Atkal took bath with his friends and received spiritual bliss.

Globally recognized and acclaimed personalities are devoting some of their time to Narmada conservation activities during the Yatra.

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