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Cleaning drive for Rispana, Bindal riverbeds begins

Following the instructions of Chief Minister Harish Rawat, cleaning of the Rispana and Bindal riverbeds was finally initiated with the participation of elected public representatives, public servants and youth including Cabinet Minister Pritam Singh Panwar, Principal Secretary, Urban Development, MH Khan, Mussoorie Dehradun Development Authority (MDDA) vice chairman R Meenakshi Sundaram, District Magistrate BVRC Purushottam, Mukhya Nagar Adhikari at Municipal Corporation of Dehradun (MCD), Ashok Kumar, civil defence members and NSS volunteers.

Initiating the cleaning, Panwar highlighted the significance and importance of the drive which would help in maintaining the sanitation on the riverbeds. He said that this drive would also act as a preventive measure to get rid of various diseases caused due to contamination. He added that this drive is basically initiated by joint coordination of MDDA and MCD and would help in maintaining the beauty and sanitation of the State capital.

Principal secretary MH Khan said that this drive would not only help in cleaning the riverbeds but would also help maintain sanitation in riverside areas. The Chief Minister would regularly monitor this drive. He added that as per the CM's instruction, a working plan has been prepared for cleaning the Rispana, Bindal and other small rivers of the state capital. Various parks and Clock Tower would be renovated soon, he added. The MDDA VC said that the sanitation work would be undertaken in phases and in the first phase the main rivers of the town would be cleaned, which would also help in preventing any flood like

situation during the rainy season.

He further said that three nodal officers have been nominated for the cleaning of the Rispana, Bindal and small Bindal rivers. He added that the sanitation arrangement of these three rivers would most probably be completed in one month and the riversides would be fenced.