

Activists threaten to stage protest

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Accusing the Centre of neglecting the Ganga, activists here today threatened to hit the streets if the government does not come up with a concrete programme by May 20 to save the 'dying river'.

"We have decided to launch a mass campaign from Varanasi from May 21," Magsaysay award-winner 'Waterman' Rajendra Singh said.

Apathy

Addressing a press conference here announcing the proposed 'Ganga Ganga Mukti Sangram' along with Acharya Pramod Krishna, Singh accused the Centre of ignoring the plight of the river and raising the issue just to garner votes ahead of elections.

"We need a system to separate Ganga river and the sewer. The banks of the Ganga can not be used for commercial purposes. No encroachment, no mining. Halt to all ongoing dam projects," Singh said. PTI