







Himalayan Potentilla and Blue poppies



INITIATIVE TO KEEP VOF CLEAN

the Govind ghat hamlet in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district. The sacks are full of plastic bottles, food wrappers and remains of raincoats made of thin polythene, thrown by pilgrims and tourists along the trek to Hemkund Sahib gurudwara and the Valley. In 2011, a group of trekkers saw the sacks piled at Govindghat and informed their friend Anis Ahmad, a waste dealer in Dehradun, about them. Ahmad worked out a deal with EDC. Till now, EDC was paying the transportation cost. But Ahmad gave EDC Rs 3,000 for each truck of waste and transported it for free. He collected 111 tonnes of waste and sold it to a recycler in Delhi, for profit. of Flowers National Park. EDC Bhyundar hires youngsters to provide information to visitors to the Valley of Flowers National Park. They are also trained to work as guides, accountants, cashiers and computer operators at both the EDCs.

Neat piles of white sacks greet people as they enter





GANGOTRI







Mighty Ganga, The perennial river

I sit down on the sandy river bank at Harshil, as the mighty Ganga flows in front.

Emerging from the gigantic glacier, 'Gomukh', flowing merrily with force & energy.

Wide sandy shore on the sides with pebbles,
the tall conifers with deep green needles.

Forming a structured background and the snow capped mountains beyond
Overwhelmed by nature, I gaze at this panoramic view.

Then close eyes to feel the fresh cool mountain breeze.

A sudden sound awakens me from my blissful slumber
to see a tirade of stones and dust falling from the top one after another.

A big sound of dynamite and the smaller ones of the falling stones
jolt me roughly into the reality to see the hidden but inevitable truth
I open my eyes and feel a lump in my throat.

The magical moment is lost and peace has been pierced.
by a multitude of thoughts

deforestation, soil erosion, green house gases,
global warming and melting Gomukh!

The question looms large **“Mighty Ganga, will it be perennial?”**





Value Based Questions –(New Pattern) for AISSCE 2013

- You happen to visit VOF and see a local Garhwali boy (EDC volunteer) trying to stop a tourist from throwing plastic bottle .The tourists are loudly making fun of the boy .
- a) What do you think of the tourists' behaviour?
- b) How will you support the boy?
- C) suggest two ways to handle plastic bottle problem in the valley.