

TREKKING REPORT: DELHI – GANGOTRI – BHOJWASA (GOMUKH TREK)

Trip Duration: 22 June 2025 – 26 June 2025

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Trek Route: Gangotri – Bhojwasa - Gomukh trek

Purpose: Trekking and Environmental Awareness Expedition

This report summarizes the Jamia Hamdard's first trekking group's journey from Delhi to Gangotri, followed by a high-altitude trek up to Bhojwasa — the final camping point before Gomukh, the origin of the river Ganga. The trek offered a rich blend of adventure, environmental exploration, and inner reflection amid the Himalayan landscape.

Itinerary

Date	Activity
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22 June 2025	Departure from Delhi to Uttarkashi (by road)
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23 June 2025	Arrival at Gangotri, acclimatization and local exploration
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24 June 2025	Trek from Gangotri to Bhojwasa (14 km) – overnight stay
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25 June 2025	Return trek from Bhojwasa to Gangotri
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26 June 2025	Return journey from Gangotri to Delhi
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The Trip: Delhi to Gangotri

The journey began from Delhi via road to Uttarkashi and onward to **Gangotri (altitude approx. 3,100 meters / 10,200 ft)**. The route included scenic mountain roads, river valleys, and hairpin bends. At Gangotri, we visited the sacred **Gangotri Temple**, interacted with local guides, and spent the day adjusting to the altitude.

The Trek: Gangotri to Bhojwasa

On 24 June, we commenced the 14 km trek from Gangotri to Bhojwasa:

- The trail followed the **Bhagirathi tributary of river Ganges**, moving through dense pine forests, rocky terrain, and glacier-fed streams.
- We passed landmarks such as **Chirwasa**, a rest point with panoramic mountain views.
- By late afternoon, we reached **Bhojwasa**, located at an altitude of around 3,800 meters (12,450 ft), with stunning views of the **Bhagirathi glacier peaks**.
- Due to weather concerns and team conditions, we did not proceed further to **Gomukh**, though it lies only 4 km ahead.

On **25 June**, we trekked back down from Bhojwasa to Gangotri and prepared for the return journey.

Learning & Experience

- Acquired basic experience in **high-altitude trekking and acclimatization**
- Learned about **glacial terrain, environmental sensitivity**, and responsible trekking
- Gained mental strength, patience, and deep appreciation for Himalayan ecosystems

Departure from Jamia Hamdard, Delhi (Start of the Journey)



The journey began with great enthusiasm from Jamia Hamdard, Delhi. The group gathered early in the morning at 5 AM, packed and ready for the long drive to the Himalayas. It was the start of an unforgettable experience.

In the photo from left: Mr. Imran (Attendant), Mr. Ahsan Ali (Student), Nadeem (Supervisor-Civil), Mr. Mirza Rahil Beg (Incharge, HAH-CIT), Mr. Navneet Gupta, Prof. Seema Rani (Nodal Officer- Mountaineering and Trekking Club), Mr. Mudassir (Supervisor- Civil), Mr. Abdullah, Mr. Harsh Mishra, Mr. Aman Ali Shah (3 students)

Night Stay at Uttarkashi (Midway Halt and Preparation)



Halted at Uttarkashi to rest before proceeding to Gangotri. Nestled in the hills, this stop gave us time to recharge, bond with the group, and prepare for high-altitude travel

The Complete Trekkers' Group

In the photo from left: Mr. Harsh Mishra, Mr. Imran, Mr. Aman Ali Shah, Mr. Ahsan Ali, Mr. Mirza Rahil Beg, Mr. Nadeem, Prof. Seema Rani, Mr. Navneet Gupta, Mr. Abdullah, Mr. Kamran

Visit to Gangotri Dham



Visited the sacred Gangotri Temple, one of the Char Dham pilgrimage sites. The aura of devotion and the surrounding mountain ranges made this moment spiritually profound.

Beginning the Trek from Gangotri



The trek officially began from Gangotri, with backpacks secured and spirits high. The route offered a mix of scenic forests, narrow paths, and mountain terrain as we ventured deeper into nature.

Check post at Gangotri National Park



At the Gangotri National Park check post, officially entered the protected trekking zone. A final gear check and group briefing took place here before heading further.



Reaching Bhojwasa (Final Halt on the Trail)



After hours of trekking, reached Bhojwasa – the camping site and the tents in the background

a windswept, scenic stop with panoramic views of Bhagirathi snow peaks. Couldn't go further to Gomukh, this destination made the entire journey worth it.

Final Journey from Gangotri to Delhi



All trekkers with their backpacks. Backpacks returning home with trace of every adventure and start planning for the next trekking trip.

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