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UN applause for 'Namami Gange' proof of India's willpower: PM Modi

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 'Mann ki Baat' on Sunday highlighted the global appreciation for the country's flagship programme for Ganga rejuvenation which was recently recognised by the UN as one of the 10 ground-breaking effort from around the world helping in restoring the natural ecosystem.

He said it was proof of the country's "willpower and tireless efforts" and it also shows a new path to the world.

"It is a matter of pride for all of us that, today, this initiative of India is getting appreciation from all over the world. The United Nations has included the 'Namami Gange' mission in the world's top ten initiatives to restore the ecosystem," said Modi.

He gave credit to people's participation in the programme, calling them biggest source of energy behind the campaign. "Also, Ganga Praharis and Ganga Doots have a big role to play. They are engaged in spreading awareness through planting trees, cleaning ghats, Ganga Aarti, painting and poems," he said.