

# Namami Gange Programme

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Recently the Prime Minister Reviewed the Namami Gange project at Kanpur Atal Ghat

## About Namami Gange programme

- 'Namami Gange Programme', is an Integrated Conservation Mission, approved as 'Flagship Programme' by the Union Government in June 2014 with budget outlay of Rs.20,000 Crore to accomplish the twin objectives of effective abatement of pollution, conservation and rejuvenation of National River Ganga. The programme is implemented by National Mission on Clean Ganga along with its State Programme Management Groups.

## Main pillars of the NGP

- Sewage Treatment Infrastructure
- River-Surface Cleaning
- Afforestation
- Industrial Effluent Monitoring
- River-Front Development
- Biodiversity
- Public Awareness
- Ganga Gram

## The key achievements under Namami Gange programme are:

- **Creating Sewage Treatment Capacity:** 63 sewerage management projects under implementation in the States of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal. 12 new sewerage management Projects Launched in these states. Hybrid Annuity PPP Model based two projects has been initiated for Jagjeetpur, Haridwar and Ramanna, Varanasi.
- **Creating River-Front Development:** 28 River-Front

Development projects and 33 Entry level Projects for construction, modernization and renovation of 182 Ghats and 118 crematoria has been initiated

- **River Surface Cleaning:** River Surface cleaning for collection of floating solid waste from the surface of the Ghats and River and its disposal are afoot and pushed into service at 11 locations.
- **Biodiversity Conservation:-** Several Biodiversity conservation projects are namely: Biodiversity Conservation and Ganga Rejuvenation, Fish and Fishery Conservation in Ganga River, Ganges River Dolphin Conservation Education Programme has been initiated. **five Biodiversity centers at Dehradun, Narora, Allahabad, Varanasi and Barrackpore** has been developed for restoration of identified priority species.
- **Afforestation:-** Forestry interventions for Ganga through Wildlife Institute of India; Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute and the Centre for Environment Education has been initiated. Forestry interventions for Ganga has been executed as per the Detailed Project Report prepared by Forest Research Institute, Dehradun for a period of 5 years (2016-2021)
- **Public Awareness:-** A series of activities such as events, workshops, seminars and conferences and numerous IEC activities were organized to make a strong pitch for public outreach and community participation in the programme. Gange Theme song was released widely and played on digital media to enhance the visibility of the programme.
- **Industrial Effluent Monitoring:-** Regulation and enforcement through regular and surprise inspections of **Grossly Polluting Industries (GPIs)** are carried out for compliance verification against stipulated environmental norms. The GPIs are also inspected on annual basis for compliance verification of the pollution norms and process modification, wherever required through third party technical institutes.

- **Ganga Gram:** – Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MoDWS) identified 1674 Gram Panchayats **situated on the bank of River Ganga in 5 States** (Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal). Fund has been released to Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MoDWS) for construction of toilets in some Gram Panchayats of 5 Ganga Basin States. Consortium of 7 IITs has been engaged in the preparation of Ganga River basin Plan and 65 villages has been adopted by 13 IITs to develop as model villages. **UNDP** has been engaged as the executing agency for rural sanitation programme and to develop Jharkhand as a model State.

### **About National Mission for Clean Ganga**

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is a society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860. It acted as implementation arm of National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) which was constituted under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act (EPA), 1986. NGRBA has since been dissolved with effect from the 7th October 2016, consequent to constitution of National Council for Rejuvenation, Protection and Management of River Ganga (referred as National Ganga Council)