

National River Conservation Plan

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The Ganga Action Plan (GAP) Phase – I which was taken up as 100% Centrally funded scheme and aimed at preventing the pollution of river Ganga and to improve its water quality. The plan was started in June 1985.

The program of river cleaning was extended to other major rivers of the country under two separate schemes of GAP Phase – II and the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP).

Yamuna and Gomati Action Plans were approved in April 1993 under Ganga Action Plan Phase – II. Programs of other major rivers were subsequently approved in 1995 under NRCP. After launching of NRCP in 1995, it was decided to merge GAP II with NRCP.

The objective of NRCP is to reduce the pollution load in rivers through implementation of various pollution abatement works, thereby improving their water quality.

The following pollution abatement works are taken:

- **Interception and Diversion works to capture the raw sewage flowing into the river through open drains and divert them for treatment.**
- **Sewage Treatment Plants for treating the diverted sewage.**
- **Low Cost Sanitation works** to prevent open defecation on river banks.
- **Electric Crematoria and Improved Wood Crematoria** to conserve the use of wood and help in ensuring proper cremation of bodies brought to the burying ghats.
- **River Front Development** works such as improvement of bathing ghats etc.

- Other Measures like **plantation, public awareness**