Clean Ganga Fund (Namami Gange)

River Ganga has been the source of physical and spiritual sustenance of Indian civilization for millennia. To the Indian mind, River Ganga is living Goddess

पवनः पवतामस्मि रामः शस्त्रभृतामहम् ।
झषाणां मकरश्चास्मि स्रोतसामस्मि जाह्नवी ॥

I am the wind among things of purification, and among warriors I am Rama, the hero supreme. Of the fishes in the sea I am Makara, the wonderful, and among all rivers the holy Ganges. (***Bhagavad Gita; Verse 31, Chapter 10)***

"Your ancient home, your auspicious friendship, O Heroes, your wealth is on the banks of the Ganga". (***Rig Veda 3.58.6)***

Inception of Clean Ganga Fund:

The Clean Ganga Fund (CGF) was established in 2015 as a trust under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882, to enable Resident Indians, Domestic and Overseas Corporates / Trusts, and NRIs / PIOs to contribute towards the conservation efforts of River Ganga. CGF is administered by a Board of Trustees (BoT) consisting of not less than 4 and not more than 9 Members nominated by the Government of India. The Trust is chaired by the Hon'ble Finance Minister and at present consists of 7 more members, namely, Secretary (Economic Affairs), Secretary (CPV & OIA, External Affairs), Secretary (Environment, Forests & Climate Change), Secretary (Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation), Director General, National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and Chief Secretaries of two Ganga Basin States in rotation. Currently, Chief Secretaries of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand are members of Board of Trustees. Director General, NMCG is also the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Trust.

Objectives of Clean Ganga Fund

The objective of the fund is to contribute to the national effort of improving the cleanliness of the River Ganga with contributions received from the residents of the country, NRIs/ PIO, and public and private companies. The specific purpose of CGF includes:

- To fund the work program of Ganga rejuvenation chosen from the Namami Gange program of Government of India.
- To coordinate and oversee the implementation of the projects sanctioned. To accept donations/ contributions from individuals, institutions, and corporates.
- To develop any suitable plan for achieving the main objective of improving the cleanliness of the river Ganga.

The indicative list of activities that can be funded out of CGF are:

1. Control of non-point pollution from agricultural runoff, human defecation, cattle wallowing etc.
2. Setting up of waste treatment and disposal plants along the river around the cities.
3. Conservation of the biotic diversity of the river, community-based activities to reduce polluting human interface with the river.
4. Development of public amenities including activities such as ghat redevelopment.
5. R&D and innovative projects for new technology and processes for cleaning Ganga.
6. Independent oversight through intensive monitoring and real time reporting.
7. Any other activity as approved by the Board of Trustees.

   However, the Fund shall not be utilised for activities such as dredging.

<u>Summary of Fund:</u>

As on 31.12.2025, total contributions to CGF, including accumulated interest, are Rs.1230.81 crore. The break-up of contribution is given below.

Contributions to CGF

Sl. No.	Donor Category	Amount (Rs. in Cr.)
1.	Hon'ble Prime Minister	57.15
2.	Public Sector Units (PSUs)	592.07
3.	Private Corporates	357.51
4.	Resident Indians	10.58
5.	NRIs/ PIOs & IDF-OI*	4.02
6.	Interest	209.48
	Total	**1230.81**

*India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI) was set up by the Government of India in 2008 as a not-for-profit Trust to facilitate Overseas Indian philanthropy into social and development projects in India.

Year-wise contributions and interest accruing to the CGF are given below :

S No.	Financial Year	Increase in corpus (Rs.in crore)		
		Contributions	Interest	Total
1	2014-15	52.49	0	52.49
2	2015-16	78.94	1.95	80.89
3	2016-17	58.17	7.64	65.81
4	2017-18	46.54	11.16	57.7
5	2018-19	99.26	15.63	114.89
6	2019-20	44.43	23.06	67.49
7	2020-21	8.27	15.16	23.43
8	2021-22	129.28	13.17	142.45
9	2022-23	105.32	22.79	128.12
10	2023-24	107.45	35.71	143.15
11	2024-25	172.68	50.65	223.33
12	2025-26 up to 31.12.25	118.51	12.55	131.06
Total		**1021.34**	**209.45**	**1230.81**

Projects funded from CGF

19 Projects funded under the CGF with a total completion cost of ₹195.64 crore have been completed so far. 10 projects with a total sanctioned costs of ₹ 151.88 crore are at various stages of implementation.

A snapshot of Completed Projects

Project Category	**Number of projects**	**Sanctioned costs (Rs. in Cr.)**	**Completion costs (Rs. in Cr.)**
Afforestation	5	87.83	65.08
In-situ Bioremediation	3	7.37	1.96
Ghat Works/ Crematoria/ RFD	11	147.79	128.60
	19	**242.99**	**195.64**

State-wise summary of CGF funded projects is given below:

State -Wise Summary of CGF Projects						
						(Rs in Crore)
State	Completed Projects		On-going Projects		Total	
	Number	Completion Cost	Number	Sanctioned Costs	Number	Completion/Sanctioned Costs
Uttarakhand	3	60.02	5	60.17	8	120.19
Uttar Pradesh	7	65.26			7	65.26
Bihar	6	56.53			5	56.53
West Bengal	2	9.91	3	23.56	5	59.88
Jharkhand	1	3.92			1	3.92
Madhya Pradesh			2	68.15	2	68.15
Total	**19**	**195.64**	**10**	**151.88**	**29**	**368.80**

State-wise list of Projects is available on NMCG's website (https://www.nmcg.nic.in) under the Tab Clean Ganga Fund → Projects.

Two more projects {(i)River Front Development of River Murar Phase-II, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh and (ii) Construction of 4.5 MLD STP at Vansant Kunj to feed treated water to Shamsi Talab at Mehrauli, Delhi} have been recommended for CGF funding by the Executive Committee of the NMCG. These will be considered by the Board of Trustees in its next meeting.

2 Projects approved by the Board of Trustee have been dropped due to lack of Forest clearance: (i) Development of Gauri Cremation Ghat, Pauri Garhwal–Uttarakhand and (ii) Development of Balu Ghat-1 (phase II) at Sultanganj, Bihar

How to Contribute to CGF:

A current account is being operated and maintained by CGF with State Bank of India (SBI), New Delhi Main Branch for receiving donations. Contributions to CGF can be made in following five modes:

1. Cheque / DD drawn in favour of **"Clean Ganga Fund"**,
2. CGF's **Saving Account No. 41680241128** with the New Delhi Main Branch of State Bank of India (IFSC Code: SBIN0000691, Swift Code: SBININBB104).
3. Payment gateway (SBI e-pay/SBI Collect also) provided in the portal of CGF NMCG website (https://nmcg.nic.in → Clean Ganga Fund → Contribute Now). https://nmcg.nic.in/donation_form.aspx
4. BHIM / UPI Mobile application. A link to CGF website has also been provided on the website of NMCG website (https://nmcg.nic.in → Clean Ganga Fund → Contribute Now). https://nmcg.nic.in/donation_form.aspx
5. For donations made on-line through Clean Ganga Fund's website, receipts are generated automatically, and donors themselves can download receipts.
6. For issue of receipts, for donations made through UPI/ BHIM, RTGS/NEFT, Cheque/Demand Draft, a few basic details such as donor's name, address, PAN, transaction reference number are required. These details are not always available in bank statement of the CGF account; or the available details are incomplete. Therefore, donors making contributions through any of the aforesaid modes are requested to provide above details (to email : cleangangafund@gov.in) to enable the CGF to issue receipts.

Income Tax Concessions

Section 80G : Donations to the Clean Ganga Fund (CGF) quality for a 100% tax exemption under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961. The CGF has been notified under clause 80G(2)(a)(iiihl) of the Income Tax Act, 1961; thereby extending 100% tax exemption to contributions to the CGF. This benefit is available to taxpayers opting to file income tax returns under the old regime.

Applicably to 10BD/10BE :

Clean Ganga Fund is notified under Section 80G (2)(a)(iiihl) of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Requirement of filing of data in Form 10BD is applicable to organization/funds notified Section 80G (2)(a)(iv) of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Since CGF is not notified under this Section, provisions for filing Form 10BD is not applicable to CGF, and consequently Form 10BE is also **not** applicable to the donors of the CGF.

CLEAN GANGA FUND- ELIGIBILITY FOR CSR FUNDS

Contribution to the **Clean Ganga Fund (CGF)** is included as one of the CSR Activities as detailed in Schedule VII [Clause (iv)] to the Companies Act, 2013 vide Notification No. G.S.R. 741(E) dated 24 October 2014.

Therefore, contributions made to the CGF by any Company or a PSU qualify as Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) expenditure as provided under the Companies Act, 2013.

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