

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) executed on 2nd March, 2017

BETWEEN

National Mission for Clean Ganga (Hereinafter called as NMCG), Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India (hereinafter MoWR, RD&GR) having office at New Delhi acting through its Director General Shri U.P. Singh.

AND

Rotary India WASH in Schools (WinS) Committee having its office at New Delhi acting through its Vice Chair Mr. P.T. Prabhakar.

(Hereinafter individually called as the PARTY and collectively called as PARTIES)

Whereas the main objective of NMCG is to ensure effective abatement of pollution and rejuvenation of river Ganga by adopting an integrated river basin approach.

Whereas, as part of Namami Gange program NMCG aims to engage with various stakeholders, such as private institution, NGOs, community groups etc. for creating awareness and ownership among public for a clean river Ganga.

Whereas Rotary India has planned to undertake WASH in Schools program in 20,000 Government Schools as part of Rotary India WinS (WASH in Schools) Committee's commitment to Government of India under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Whereas WASH in Schools program includes the implementation of Water, Sanitation & Hygiene services in the targeted government schools and sensitizing all the stakeholders including school children, teachers, school management communities, and communities etc. on practicing positive health behaviors for improving awareness on sanitation through an integrated learning environment and enable children to serve as Agents of Change for their siblings and communities at large.

Whereas Rotary India WASH in Schools Committee wishes to integrate the theme of clean river and environment along with WASH in Schools program in the Ganga river basin and has approached NMCG for facilitating the same.

Whereas Rotary India and NMCG have agreed in principle to cooperate and facilitate the initiative of integrating the theme of Ganga Rejuvenation in the WASH in Schools program to be undertaken by Rotary India and to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the purpose.

This Memorandum of Understanding is witnessed as follows:

I. Article I. Purpose of the Memorandum:



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1. The main objective of this MoU is to extend Rotary's WASH in Schools, program to create awareness about the objectives of National Mission for Clean Ganga and Ganga rejuvenation thereby motivating the communities/stakeholders to engage in the efforts of Ganga rejuvenation that can lead to increased ownership and behavioral change resulting in reduced pollution in the river.
2. Acting in a spirit of shared values and collaboration, Rotary India will undertake following activities, in addition to the activities pertaining to WASH, in Government schools and communities located in the Ganga river basin in the states of Bihar, Jharkhand and Nadia District of West Bengal and other states where Rotary has a strong presence.
 - Mobilize a dedicated team of local Rotarians, groups or civil society partners, to create awareness about the NMCG and pollution abatement in the River Ganga.
 - Integrate the concept of a clean river Ganga in training and orientation programs for stakeholders including school teachers, school management committees, gram panchayats, community leaders, parents, children, etc. and equip them with the necessary skills & knowledge of pollution abatement in River Ganga.
 - Engage students in the targeted schools to act as nodal schools of river Ganga so as to create awareness about various facts and waste water treatment, challenges in river conservation, water re-use/ recycle, water conservation, rain water harvesting, protection of wet land etc., in the community.
 - Educate the community about the need for a clean river through mass activities and campaigns involving students in targeted schools and communities surrounding the target schools.
 - Organize 'Clean Ganga and Water Conservation day/week' to promote the cause of Ganga rejuvenation on a continuous basis.
 - Undertake communication activities/campaign for sustained behavior change and healthy hygiene habits in the selected schools and the surrounding communities for keeping the river Ganga clean, water conservation, environmental conservation, rain water harvesting etc.
3. The MoU is not intended to be, and shall not constitute in any way, a legal agreement, or impose any legal obligations on the parties.

II. Article II – Responsibility of the Parties:

1. The parties will meet as often as necessary to review the progress of implementation of the partnership.
2. That in addition to the matters referred to above, the parties will explore further ways to collaborate and support each other's activities pursuant to this MoU.

3. Not with standing any other provision of this MoU, all activities under this MoU will be conducted in accordance with and are subject to all applicable laws and to all executive orders, guidelines and policies of the Government of India and State Government.

III. Article III- Financial Arrangements:

1. In accordance with the principle of equality and reciprocity, each party shall bear its own individual full costs it incurs in performing, managing and administering its own efforts under this MoU unless and otherwise some specific financial support/arrangement has been extended by any of the parties exclusively for the purpose.
2. That this MoU does not involve any transfer of financial or material resources among the parties and does not prescribe financial or material inputs into areas of common interest.
3. Not with standing anything contained herein, this MoU shall not be construed as a funding document and all funding shall be subject to separate agreements/documents signed/agreed between the parties and /or other implementing agencies identified by the parties and availability of funds.

IV. Article IV- Disputes

1. Any disputes regarding the interpretation or implementation of this MoU or its associated implementing agreements or arrangements will be resolved through mutual discussion and negotiations between the parties.

V. Article V- Entry into Force and Term:

1. The MoU shall be effective from the date of signing of this document and shall remain in force for 2 years. Thereafter, it will be renewed for any additional period as per mutual agreement.
2. Either party upon ninety days written notice to the other party in advance, may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding at any time.
3. Unless otherwise agreed, termination or expiration of the MoU shall not affect the validity or duration of projects or programs under this Memorandum of Understanding that have been initiated prior to such termination.

VI. ARTICLE VI- AMMENDMENTS:

1. This MoU may be amended or extended by mutual agreements of the parties. All such amendments/extensions shall be in writing and signed by both the parties. All amendments/modifications/additions agreed upon by the parties shall become part of this agreement from the date of signing by the parties, signatory to this MoU.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF both the parties have executed this **MoU** on the date, month and year first above written.

For and on behalf of National Mission for Clean Ganga



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**Date: 2nd March, 2017
Place: New Delhi**

For and on behalf of Rotary India WinS



**Name: P.T. Prabhakar
Designation: Vice Chairman,
Rotary India WinS Committee**

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