

Frequently Asked Questions: Clean Ganga Fund

Q.1 What is the Clean Ganga Fund

The **Clean Ganga Fund (CGF)** was set up as a “Trust” by the Government of India in January 2015 under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882, to facilitate Resident Indians, Domestic & Overseas Corporates, and NRIs / PIOs to contribute towards the conservation efforts of River Ganga under Namami Gange Programme, a flagship program of the Government of India.

Q.2 What are the Objectives of the Clean Ganga Fund?

The objective of the fund is to complement the national efforts to rejuvenate 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:

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

However, the Fund does not support activities such as dredging.

Q.3 What is the legal framework of Clean Ganga Fund ?

Clean Ganga Fund has been registered as a trust under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 at New Delhi on 21st January, 2015 (Regd. No. 107). The copy of Trust Deed is available at <https://nmcg.nic.in/pdf/CGFTrustDeed.pdf>.

Q.4 What is the governing structure of the Clean Ganga Fund?

The 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, Government of India. The day-to-day administration of the Trust is looked after by the Chief Executive officer (CEO) of the Fund who is also the Member Secretary of the Trust. The secretariat and project implementation support is provided by the NMCG.

Q.5 Who are the Trustees of the Clean Ganga Fund ?

Composition of the Board of Trustees of Clean Ganga Fund (as on 15.12.2025) is as follows:

- i. Hon'ble Finance Minister, Chairperson
- ii. Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance
- iii. Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti
- iv. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
- v. Secretary (CPV & OIA), Ministry of External Affairs
- vi. Director General, NMCG (also the Chief Executive Officer of the CGF)
- vii. Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh
- viii. Chief Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand

Q.6 What are the powers, functions & duties of Board of Trustees?

The trustees “*have all powers, duties and functions necessary proper and incidental to the promotion and carrying out the objects of the trust*”. The powers, duties and functions have been provided in Clause 15 of the Trust Deed, which is available at <https://nmcg.nic.in/pdf/CGFTrustDeed.pdf>.

Q.7 What are the functions, duties & powers of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)?

The CEO runs the day-to-day administration of the CGF under the guidance, control & support of Board of Trustees. The functions, duties & powers of the CEO have been provided in the Clause 6 of the ‘Operational Guidelines’ which is available at <https://nmcg.nic.in/pdf/OperationalGuidelines.pdf>

Director General, NMCG is the CEO of the CGF.

Q.8 What are the projects funded by the CGF?

The information regarding the Projects funded by the CGF is available on NMCG website/portal (https://nmcg.nic.in/cgf/all_project/Completed%2031.10.2025.pdf)

Q.9. What can contribute to the CGF?

Clean Ganga Fund accepts voluntary contributions by individual resident, NRIs/PIOs as well as CSR contributions from Companies/Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Organizations.

Q.10. How does one contribute?

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 (SBle-pay/SBICollectalso) 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.

Details of the Nodal Bank are as below:-

S. N.	Name of the Bank	Branch	Account Number / IFSC	Nodal Officers (S/Shri/Ms.)
1.	State Bank of India	New Delhi Main Branch, Parliament Street, New Delhi- 110001.	Savings Bank A/C No. 41680241128 Swift Code SBININBB104 IFSC Code: SBIN0000691	Assistant General Manager Landline No. 011-23374140 Email: agmcommercial.00691[at]sbi[dot]co[dot]in

Q.11 Is there any transaction charge for online payment?

There is no transaction charge levied by Clean Ganga Fund for online payment. However some banks may levy the net-banking transaction charges, which may vary from bank to bank.

Q.12 What are the exemptions available for the contributions made to the Clean Ganga Fund?

(A) Income Tax Act, 1961

Section 80G: Donations to the Clean Ganga Fund (CGF) qualify for a 100% tax exemption under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961. The CGF has been notified under clause 80G(2)(a)(iii) 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.

(B) Companies Act, 2013 (for contributions under CSR)

Contribution to the CGF is a “CSR Activity” as per the **Schedule VII** [Clause (iv)] to the Companies Act, 2013 (Notification No. G.S.R. 741(E) dated 24 October 2014 refers). 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.

Q.13. Does Form No. 10BD/BE under the Income Tax Act, 1961 apply to CGF?

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

Q.14 Does CGF have a Permanent Account Number (PAN / TAN)

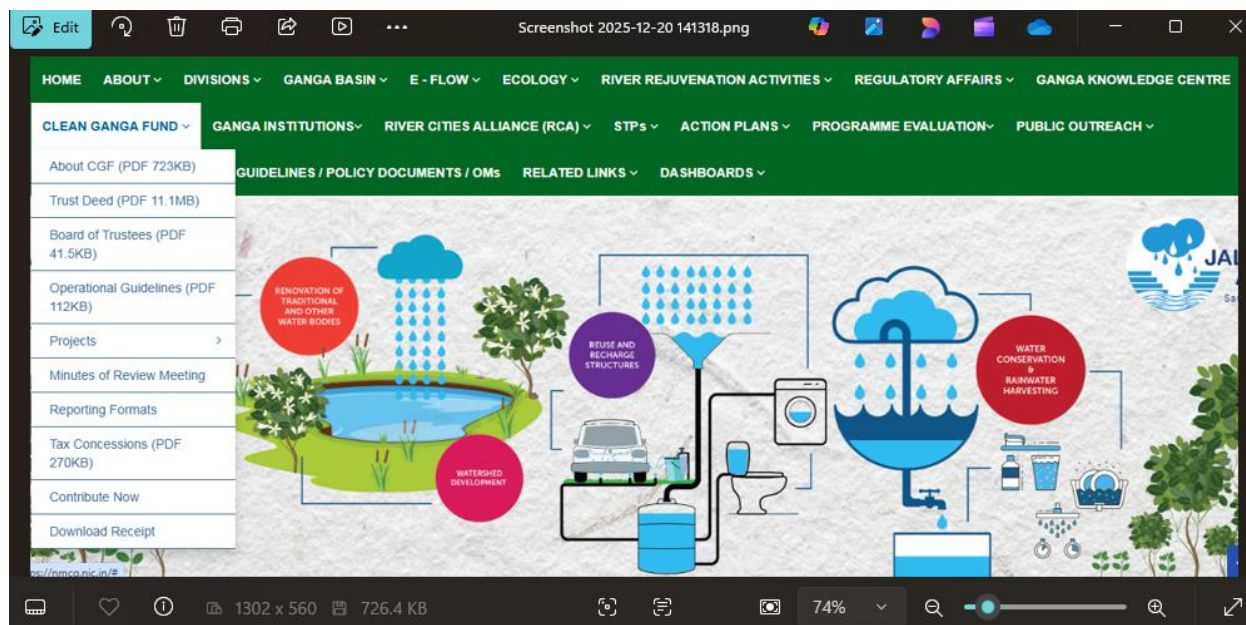
Yes, Clean Ganga Fund has been allotted a Permanent Account Number (PAN-AABTC7844F) & Tax Deduction Account Number {(TAN) –DELC1574E}.

Q.15. How to obtain receipt for donations to the CGF?

The donor can download donation receipt after successfully completing the transaction by visiting ‘Download Receipt’ Section of the Clean Ganga Tab at the NMCG portal as per the following path:

NMCG portal (<https://nmcg.nic.in>) → Clean Ganga Fund → Download Receipt

The pathway is also shown below:



The process flow and timeline of generation of receipts through various modes of transaction is given as below:-

'Download Receipt' Section → Select the Channel used for donation → Enter Mobile No. and Bank Reference Number → Enter the OTP received on Mobile number → Download Receipt

Mode of Transaction	Generation of Receipt
Donations made using https://nmcg.nic.in/ or https://nmcg.nic.in/donation_form.aspx website	The receipt for contribution can be downloaded instantly from NMCG website by using donor's mobile number, the link for which is shared for ready reference: https://nmcg.nic.in/Cleangangafundreport.aspx
Q R Code / UPI mode (i.e. BHIM/PayTM / PhonePe/Google Pay/Amazon Pay)	For obtaining receipts for contribution through UPI/ QR code, kindly share the following details: amount of donation, date of donation, PAN No & address - via e mail to: cleangangafund@gov.in
NEFT/RTGS/Online/Cheque/Demand Draft	For obtaining receipts for contribution through this mode, kindly share the following details: amount of donation, date of donation, mode of payment like NEFT/RTGS/Cheque/DD details, PAN No & address - via e mail to: cleangangafund@gov.in

Q.16 Who audits the Clean Ganga Fund?

Accounts of the Clean Ganga Fund is audited by a C&AG empaneled Chartered Accountant Firm annual basis. Internal audits are also done by a CA Firm regularly.

Q.17 Where is the Head Office of the Fund?

The Head Office of the Clean Ganga Fund is located at:

National Mission for Clean Ganga, Ministry of Jal Shakti, (Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation) Government of India, 1st Floor, Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, Near India Gate, New Delhi – 110002, Tel No. 011-23072900/91, E Mail Id : cleangangafund@gov.in & admn.nmcg@nic.in

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Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, India Gate, New Delhi – 110002

Tel No. : +91-11-23072900-901

Website link : https://nmcg.nic.in/https://nmcg.nic.in/donation_form.aspx

Or, visit NMCG portal and then click on the tab “Clean Ganga Fund” as shown below:

(NMCG portal (<https://nmcg.nic.in>) → Clean Ganga Fund)

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