

## Minutes of Meeting

### **19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of State Ganga Committee (SGC), Uttarakhand dated 13.07.2026**

The Nineteenth meeting of Uttarakhand State Ganga Committee was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand on 13.07.2026 at Chief Secretary Meeting Hall, Uttarakhand Secretariat. The meeting was attended by Ex-officio members of SGC or their representatives, along with officials from concerned departments and special Invitees. All the Chairman of the District Ganga Committees (DGCs) of the Districts of Garhwal and Kumaon divisions attended the meeting via video conferencing from their respective NIC centers. The list of participants is annexed.

At the outset, Program Director (PD), State Mission for Clean Ganga (SMCG) welcomed the Chairman, Members of the SGC and Chairman of the District Ganga Committees and apprised the Committee about the constitution and mandate of SGC. Thereafter the agenda wise discussion held and decisions taken are as follows:

#### **Agenda 1: Proposal regarding Kumbh Mela-2027 at Haridwar to be forwarded to NMCG for approval: -**

PD, SMCG informed that the proposal pertaining to Kumbh Mela-2027 at Haridwar was received in the SMCG on 09<sup>th</sup> July, 2026 by Mela Adhikari along with the recommendations of respective District Ganga Committees (Haridwar, Dehradun, Tehri, Pauri) for obtaining further recommendations of the State Ganga Committee under Para 6(3) and 42 of the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016, prior to its submission to the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) for approval.

Mela Adhikari, Haridwar apprised the Committee that the proposal comprises various temporary works proposed to be undertaken during the forthcoming Kumbh Mela-2027, which fall within the ambit of the aforesaid provisions and, therefore, require prior approval of the NMCG as per the relevant provisions of the River Ganga Authorities Order, 2016.

Executive Director (Technical), NMCG informed that a dedicated Cell has been constituted at the NMCG to examine proposals, process and recommendations for grant of approvals in this regard. The proposals have to be recommended by DGCs & SGC for consideration by NMCG.

*After due deliberations on the proposed actions, SGC accorded in principle approval and gave recommendations for further submission of the proposal to NMCG subject to ensuring the below requirements.*

- Mela Adhikari, Haridwar to critically examine and segregate the proposed works into temporary and permanent components and ensure that the proposal is submitted strictly in accordance with the provisions of the River Ganga Authorities Order, 2016, as well as the technical guidelines issued by the NMCG for activities within the active floodplain zone.*
- The proposal shall be duly scrutinized before being forwarded for consideration of the competent authority.*

**(Action: Mela Adhikari, UDD, SMCG & NMCG)**

**Agenda 2: Recommendation from the State Ganga Committee for granting the permission to operate floating hut in Tehri Reservoir at Tehri Garhwal.**

PD, SMCG informed the Committee that a proposal pertaining to the operation of M/s Hotel Le Roi Floating Huts, located within the Tehri Reservoir, has been received for consideration. He further apprised that the matter is presently under consideration of the Hon'ble NGT in O.A. No. 131/2024 and M.A. No. 22/2025, concerning the alleged unauthorized operation of floating huts in the Tehri Reservoir on River Bhagirathi, District Tehri Garhwal.

Executive Director (Technical), NMCG informed that the proposal falls within the ambit of Paragraph 6(3) of the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016, and accordingly requires the recommendations of the District Ganga Committee (DGC), Tehri, followed by the State Ganga Committee (SGC), Uttarakhand before being placed before the NMCG for consideration.

District Magistrate, Tehri, apprised the Committee that the District Ganga Committee, Tehri, after due examination of the proposal, has recommended the same subject to the following conditions:

- No polluted water, sewage, or waste of any nature shall be discharged into the Tehri Reservoir during the operation of Hotel Le Roi Floating Huts & Eco Rooms.
- The natural flow and hydrological regime of the reservoir shall not be obstructed or adversely affected in any manner.
- The use of single-use plastic within the premises of Hotel Le Roi Floating Huts & Eco Rooms shall be strictly prohibited to ensure a pollution-free environment.
- The project proponent shall ensure strict compliance with all applicable guidelines and directions issued from time to time by the NMCG/SMCG and the provisions of the River Ganga Authorities Order, 2016, & other applicable Acts, Rules,

Regulations, and guidelines issued by the Government of India and the State Government.

*After detailed deliberations, the State Ganga Committee endorsed the recommendations of the District Ganga Committee, Tehri, and recommended that the proposal for operation of M/s Hotel Le Roi Floating Huts in the Tehri Reservoir be forwarded to the NMCG for consideration and grant of approval under the relevant provisions of the Authorities Order, 2016, subject to strict adherence to the conditions stipulated by the District Ganga Committee and all guidelines and directions issued by the NMCG from time to time. Tourism Department will inspect and submit report to Chairman, District Ganga Committee on quarterly basis and ensure that no violations are done.*

**(Action: DGC, SMCG & NMCG)**

### **Agenda Item No. 3: District Ganga Committees and Issues Related to Ongoing Projects**

PD, SMCG informed the Committee that the District Ganga Committees (DGCs) are regularly convening meetings and uploading the approved Minutes of Meetings (MoMs) on the Ganga District Project Monitoring System (GDPMS) Portal. He further apprised regarding the following project-related issues at the district level:

#### **a. 300 KLD STP at Ganga Vatika, Muni Ki Reti (District Tehri Garhwal)**

PD, SMCG informed that the construction work of the 300 KLD Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) at Ganga Vatika has been held up due to objections raised by local residents. He further apprised that multiple rounds of consultations have been held with the local residents, the Chairman, Nagar Palika Muni Ki Reti, and the elected councillors to resolve the issue.

*District Magistrate, Tehri Garhwal informed that the matter is being actively pursued and assured the Committee that the issue would be resolved and the construction work would commence by 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2026.*

**(Action: DM Tehri, UKPJN & SMCG)**

#### **b. Interception & Diversion (I&D) Works for Kalyani River, District Udham Singh Nagar**

District Magistrate, Udham Singh Nagar apprised that notices have been issued to the encroachers occupying the Right of Way (RoW) for timely removal of encroachments to facilitate execution of the project.

Executive Director (Technical), NMCG updated that the Kalyani River has been identified under Priority River Stretch-I (PRS-I) and the proposed intervention is critical for addressing pollution in the river. He further observed that the continued existence of

encroachments may adversely affect the timely approval and implementation of the project.

*Chairman directed SMCG to formally communicate with the District Magistrate, Udham Singh Nagar, for expeditious removal of the encroachments and to obtain a confirmation from the District Administration regarding the availability of the Right of Way, so that the proposal may be processed and approved by the NMCG at the earliest.*

**(Action: DM-USN, SMCG & NMCG)**

**c. Interception & Diversion Works of Nallas/Drains Discharging into River Gaula at Haldwani-Kathgodam, District Nainital**

Committee was informed that implementation of the I&D Diversion works of nallas/drains in the Rajpura area requires diversion of 0.3768 hectare of reserved forest land. It was further apprised that the proposal has already been submitted to the Forest Department for grant of the requisite forest clearance. The proposal shall be taken up by the NMCG for consideration after receipt of the statutory forest clearance.

*Chairman directed the Divisional Forest Officer, Nainital, to expedite the process for grant of the requisite forest clearance so that the proposal may be processed and sanctioned by NMCG without further delay.*

**(Action: DFO- Nainital, SMCG & NMCG)**

**Agenda Item No. 4: Flood Plain Zoning in Conformity with the Technical Guidelines on Flood Plain Zoning issued by the NMCG.**

- Irrigation Department apprised the Committee that Flood Plain Zoning (FPZ) has been completed and notified for River Ganga and its tributaries approximately 697.50 km of river stretches. Further preparation of Flood Plain Zoning for an additional 18 river stretches covering approximately 1,175.54 km, is presently under progress in accordance with the provisions of the Uttarakhand Flood Plain Zoning Act, 2013.
- Executive Director (Technical), NMCG informed the Committee that the NMCG had issued the Technical Guidelines on Flood Plain Zoning on 07<sup>th</sup> August, 2025, and requested all States to undertake Flood Plain Zoning in conformity with the said guidelines to ensure uniformity in delineation of flood plains and regulation of activities within such zones.
- Irrigation Department reiterated that the Uttarakhand Flood Plain Zoning Rules, 2026 have been drafted by incorporating provisions relating to the active Flood Plain (corresponding to a 5-year flood frequency) along with activity-specific regulations suitable for the State. The draft Rules are presently under consideration of the State Government, and their notification is expected to be issued shortly.

*After detailed deliberations, the Committee directed Irrigation Department to expedite the notification of the Uttarakhand Flood Plain Zoning Rules, 2026, and thereafter undertake the Flood Plain Zoning of the river stretches in a time-bound manner, ensuring strict conformity with the Technical Guidelines on Flood Plain Zoning issued by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, GoI/NMCG.*

**(Action: Irrigation Department, SMCG)**

## **Agenda 5: Overall status of Liquid Waste Management in the State**

### **(a) Sewage generation and its treatment**

- PD, SMCG apprised the Committee that the estimated sewage generation in the State is 534.63 MLD, against which 77 operational STPs with a cumulative treatment capacity of 469.24 MLD have been established. However, the current utilization of the available treatment capacity is 344.19 MLD, indicating the need to enhance sewer connectivity and optimize the utilization of existing infrastructure. It was further informed that the State has an assessed sewage treatment gap of 329.34 MLD. To bridge this gap, 27 STPs/FSTPs (24 STPs and 3 FSTPs) with a cumulative capacity of 124.98 MLD are under construction, while 54 additional STPs/FSTPs (13 STPs and 41 FSTPs) with a total proposed capacity of 139.44 MLD are under various stages of planning. Upon completion of these projects, the residual sewage treatment gap in the State is expected to reduce to approximately 173.76 MLD.
- Further it has been informed that as per the letter of Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India emphasized the saturation of major towns in Uttarakhand namely Haridwar, Rishikesh, Roorkee and Dehradun. The status is as follows:
- Dehradun: Sewerage infrastructure comprises 1,307.44 km of sewer network with 8 operational STPs having a cumulative capacity of 118.13 MLD. Household sewer connectivity is being augmented under the UUSDA project, with total connections expected to increase from 55,792 to 76,885.
- Rishikesh: The town has 40 km of existing sewer network, while 230 km is under execution under the KfW project. A 26 MLD STP is operational, and an additional 05 MLD STP is proposed. Household sewer connectivity will increase from 7,670 to 22,244 upon completion of the ongoing works.
- Roorkee: The city has a 100 km sewer network and one operational 33 MLD STP at Saliyar, providing sewage treatment for the urban area. Efforts are being made to improve household sewer connectivity.
- Haridwar: The city is served by 253 km of sewer network and five operational STPs with a combined treatment capacity of 145 MLD. Household sewer

connections are being expanded under the KfW projects, with total connections expected to increase from 27,628 to 45,442.

*The Chairman directed UKPJN, UJS, and SMCG to expedite the completion of the ongoing and proposed sewage treatment projects, while simultaneously ensuring saturation of sewer networks and household sewer connections to maximize utilization of the existing treatment capacity and progressively eliminate the remaining sewage treatment gap in a time-bound manner.*

**(Action: UKPJN, UJS, & SMCG)**

**(b) Live status of STPs- through State Real Time Monitoring System**

(c) The Committee was apprised that, to facilitate real-time performance monitoring of the operational STPs in the State, 42 out of 70 STPs have been equipped with Real Time Monitoring System and integrated with the Ganga Pulse Web Portal for continuous monitoring of treated effluent quality.

- Further a proposal has been submitted to NMCG for installation of Real Time Monitoring System at the remaining 06 STPs having a treatment capacity of more than 01 MLD. Additionally, a separate proposal has also been submitted to the State Government for installation of Real Time Monitoring System at 28 STPs having a treatment capacity of less than 01 MLD.

*Chairman emphasized that all operational STPs in the State shall be subjected to rigorous monitoring through Real Time Monitoring System by regular surprise inspections by the concerned authorities.*

*Program Director, SMCG, to ensure that all operational STPs are integrated into a State-level API-enabled Real Time Monitoring System platform within one month.*

**(Action: UKPJN, UJS, & SMCG)**

**(d) Status of Safe reuse of treated water (SRTW) – project discussions**

- The Committee was apprised that, in line with the National Framework on Safe Reuse of Treated Water (SRTW), the Uttarakhand State SRTW Policy has been prepared by SMCG in co-operation with GIZ. The policy has been approved by the State Cabinet and was notified by the Government of Uttarakhand on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.
- It was further noted that Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam (UKPJN) and Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan (UJS) have been designated as the nodal agencies for phase wise implementation of the State SRTW Policy. In this regard, feasible areas have been identified for which projects have been prioritized to be taken up for implementation in the first phase.

- The prioritized projects which are being planned for safe reuse of treated water includes the major STPs at Dehradun (68 MLD STP, Kargi), Rishikesh (26 MLD STP Lakkarghat, 05 MLD STP at Chorpani), Haridwar (03 STPs at Jagjeetpur and 02 STPs at Sarai) to be utilized for non-potable applications by different end users – Pond rejuvenation, Biodiversity Parks, Railways, ISBT, FRI, and Rashtrapati Niketan. Also, the applications of treated water from STPs at Haldwani, Kashipur and Bajpur is being proposed to be taken up for reuse in Paper Industry and other industries. In addition, other reuse projects are being proposed to be taken up from STPs located in other towns like Gaurikund for reuse in toilet flush.
- The Committee was informed that tertiary treatment units (TTUs) are being planned in existing STPs, wherever required, to facilitate the safe reuse of treated wastewater in accordance with the State SRTW Policy.

*Chairman directed Nodal agencies-UKPJN & UJS to do a detailed analysis and accordingly prepare the DPRs for SRTW in the identified priority areas for major STPs at Dehradun, Haridwar, Rishikesh, Haldwani, Kashipur, Bajpur and Gaurikund as per the proposed plan of SRTW projects in accordance with the State Policy.*

*UKPJN and UJS to have a thorough assessment for the establishment of Tertiary Treatment Units (TTUs) at suitable STPs as per requirement and further co-ordinate with SMCG, NMCG to be taken up under Namami Gange Program.*

*Member Secretary, Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board (UKPCB) to incorporate suitable provisions in the Consent Management System mandating the progressive use of treated wastewater by industries. The consent conditions shall specify the minimum percentage of treated wastewater to be utilized by industries and allied sectors.*

**(Action: UKPJN, UJS, Industry Department, UKPCB & SMCG)**

**Agenda Item No. 6: Drone Survey for Identification of Pollution Sources Discharging into River Ganga from Muni Ki Reti to the Uttar Pradesh Border in District Haridwar**

PD, SMCG apprised the Committee that a drone survey was conducted along the stretch of River Ganga from Muni Ki Reti (Rishikesh) to the Uttar Pradesh border for identification of pollution sources discharging into the river. Based on survey, five (05) drains in Rishikesh and six (06) drains in Haridwar were found to be discharging with Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) levels exceeding the

prescribed Hon'ble NGT standard of 10 mg/L and 04 STPs above MoEF&CC norms of 30mg/L.

Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for interception and diversion for the drains exceeding MoEF&CC norms are required to be prepared and submitted to the NMCG for appraisal and sanction.

*Chairman directed to submit the DPRs for interception and diversion of the selected drains to the NMCG within two months for obtaining necessary approval and sanction.*

*Further emphasized that drone-based survey should be a continuous process to ensure regular monitoring of pollution sources discharging into River Ganga and its tributaries and it should be done on yearly basis.*

**(Action: UKPJN, UJS, & SMCG)**

**Agenda Item No. 7: Promotion of the "Arth Ganga" Model under the Namami Gange Programme**

Program Director, SMCG apprised a proposal for has been submitted to the NMCG to facilitate implementation of the "Arth Ganga" model in Uttarakhand.

The proposal includes engagement of a Project Management Consultant (PMC) to assess the economic sustainability of assets created under the Namami Gange Programme and to develop a framework for their sustainability.

*Chairman directed SMCG to pursue the proposal with NMCG for its approval.*

**(Action: SMCG)**

**Agenda 8: Operation and maintenance of the Chandighat River Front at Haridwar.**

PD, SMCG apprised the Committee regarding the issue of operation and maintenance (O&M) of the Chandighat Riverfront at Haridwar.

*After deliberations, the SGC directed the Haridwar-Roorkee Development Authority (HRDA) to take over the operation and maintenance of the Chandighat Riverfront and ensure its proper upkeep, maintenance, and effective management in coordination with the concerned departments.*

**(Action: HRDA & SMCG)**

**Agenda 9: Create Videos & Win Exciting Prizes.**

Committee was apprised that SMCG has launched the "Create Videos & Win Exciting Prizes" campaign to encourage public participation in identifying and reporting polluted drains discharging into River Ganga and its tributaries through original video submissions.

It was further updated that the campaign aims to strengthen community participation, enhance public awareness, and facilitate timely identification of pollution sources. Eligible participants submitting original videos in accordance with the prescribed guidelines shall be awarded a cash prize of ₹2,500.

*Committee suggested SMCG to ensure wide publicity of the campaign through print, electronic and social media platforms to encourage greater public participation in Ganga conservation and pollution reporting.*

**(Action: SMCG]**

**Agenda 10: Ganga Corp - A Youth Participation-Based Initiative for Ganga Cleanliness, Conservation and Public Awareness.**

PD, SMCG apprised the Committee that SMCG has proposed the establishment of "Ganga Corps" to promote youth participation in river conservation, cleanliness, environmental awareness, and scientific monitoring. The initiative envisages selection and training of students from 43 educational institutions as certified Ganga Corps Volunteers through structured capacity-building programmes.

*The Committee appreciated the initiative and advised SMCG to implement the programme in coordination with the concerned educational institutions to strengthen community participation in Ganga conservation.*

**Agenda 11: Media Cell at SMCG**

PD, SMCG apprised the Committee that the Media Cell is undertaking regular monitoring of print, electronic, and social media to disseminate authentic information on activities under the Namami Gange Programme and to promptly address misleading information and fake news through fact-checking and coordinated communication.

*SMCG to further strengthen the Media Cell by ensuring timely monitoring, fact verification, and coordinated dissemination of accurate information in consultation with the concerned departments.*

Finally, ED-T, NMCG has raised key issues requiring attention of the SGC are as follows:

- a) Frequent overflow observed from Muni Ki Reti nalla needs appropriate engineering solution.
- b) Co-treatment facilities at Devprayag & Haridwar STPs needs to utilized optimally
- c) Forest land clearance pending for setting up of 6 & 10 KLD Johkasou Units at Sonprayag for Gaurikund Tilwara project.

- d) Response to media stories (Social + Print + Electronic) to be countered immediately, if not in real time.

*Chairman directed to ensure the optimum utilization of all septage co-treatment facilities operational in the State through ensuring regular desludging & its treatment. For the, floating materials and debris near the drains should be cleaned regularly to ensure non-contamination during rains. PD, SMCG to get the forest clearance for setting up of STPs at the earliest.*

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

**(Rohit Meena)**  
**Program Director**  
**&**  
**Member Convenor,**  
**State Ganga Committee**

**Letter No. 433 /SMCG/Namami Gange/SGC**

**Dated: 04/08/ 2026**

**Copy to: -**

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2. Principal Secretary, Environment & Forest, Government of Uttarakhand.
3. Chairman, Uttarakhand Environment Protection and Pollution Control Board.
4. Director General, National Mission for Clean Ganga.
5. Principal Secretary, Planning, Govt. of Uttarakhand.
6. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Govt. of Uttarakhand.
7. Secretary, Drinking Water & Sanitation, Government of Uttarakhand
8. Secretary, Urban Development, Government of Uttarakhand.
9. Secretary, Tourism, Government of Uttarakhand.
10. Secretary, Finance, Government of Uttarakhand.
11. Secretary, Agriculture, Government of Uttarakhand
12. Staff Officer to Chief Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand.
13. Secretary, Education, Government of Uttarakhand.
14. Secretary, Irrigation, Government of Uttarakhand.

15. District Magistrate, Dehradun, Haridwar, Tehri Garhwal, Pauri Garhwal, Rudraprayag, Chamoli, Uttarkashi, Udham Singh Nagar, Nainital, Bageshwar, Champawat, Pithoragarh, Almora.
16. Dr. A.A. Kazmi, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee.
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