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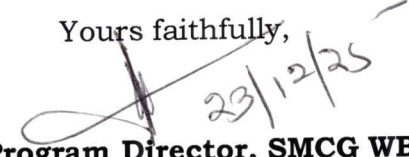
To
The Director General,
National Mission for Clean Ganga,
Ministry of Jal Shakti,
(Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation)
Government of India,
1st Floor, Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium,
India Gate, New Delhi – 110002

Subject: Minutes of the 9th meeting of the State Ganga Rejuvenation, Protection and Management Committee (State Ganga Committee), West Bengal.

Sir,

The Minutes of the **9th meeting of the State Ganga Rejuvenation, Protection and Management Committee (State Ganga Committee), West Bengal** under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal held on **27th November 2025** at Conference Hall (13th Floor), Nabanna, Howrah is forwarded herewith for kind perusal and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,


**Program Director, SMCG WB
&
Member-Convener of SGC**

Enclosure:

1. Minutes of the 9th SGC meeting

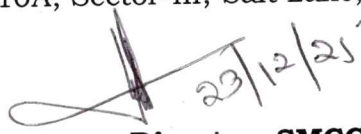
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- 1) The Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Environment & Ex-Officio, Member of the State Ganga Committee of SMCG WB, Pranisampad Bhavan, 5th Floor, LB-2, Sector-III, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 106.
- 2) The Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Finance & Ex-Officio, Member of the State Ganga Committee of SMCG WB, Nabanna, 325, Sarat Chatterjee Road, Howrah – 711102.

- 3) The Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Irrigation & Waterways & Member of the State Ganga Committee of SMCG WB, Jalsampad Bhavan, Sector - I, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700 091.
- 4) The Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Water Resources & Investigation & Ex-Officio, Member of the State Ganga Committee of SMCG WB, Khadya Bhavan, 5th Floor, Block-A, 11A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata - 700 087.
- 5) The Principal Secretary, Department of Public Health Engineering & Ex-Officio, Member of the State Ganga Committee of SMCG WB, Govt. of West Bengal, Jana Swastha Karikari Bhawan (Nizalaya), CN-8, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700 091.
- 6) The Director General, National Mission for Clean Ganga, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti - Special Invitee, *ex-officio*.
- 7) The Principal Secretary, Department of Urban Development & Municipal Affairs & Ex-Officio, Member of the State Ganga Committee of SMCG WB, 'Nagarayan', 5th Floor, DF-8, Sector-I, Salt Lake City, Kolkata- 700 064.
- 8) The Principal Secretary, Department of Forest & Ex-Officio, Member of the State Ganga Committee of SMCG WB, Aranya Bhavan, LA-10A, Sector-III, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700 106.
- 9) The Chairman, West Bengal State Pollution Control Board & Ex-Officio, Member of the State Ganga Committee of SMCG WB, Paribesh Bhavan, LA-10A, Sector-III, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700 106.
- 10) The Chief Executive Officer, Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority & Ex-Officio Member of the State Ganga Committee of SMCG WB, Unnayan Bhavan, Sector - II, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700 091.
- 11) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Department of Forest & Ex-Officio, Member of the State Ganga Committee of SMCG WB, Aranya Bhavan, LA-10A, Sector-III, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700 106.
- 12) Prof. Arunabha Majumder, Department of School of Water Resources, Jadavpur University, Member of the State Ganga Committee of SMCG WB.
- 13) The Chief Engineer, Head Quarters, Directorate of Public Health Engineering & Member of the State Ganga Committee of SMCG WB, Govt. of West Bengal, Jana Swastha Karigari Bhawan (Nizalaya), CN-8, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700 091.
- 14) Prof. Anirban Gupta, Department of Civil Engineering, IEST, Shibpur, Member of the State Ganga Committee of SMCG WB
- 15) The Chief Scientist, West Bengal State Pollution Control Board & Member of the State Ganga Committee of SMCG WB, Paribesh Bhavan, LA-10A, Sector-III, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700 106.

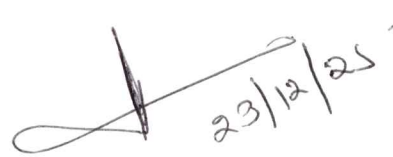

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1. The Member Secretary, West Bengal State Pollution Control Board, Paribesh Bhavan, LA-10A, Sector-III, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 106
2. The Municipal Commissioner, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, 5SN Banerjee Road, Esplanade, Dharmatala, Taltala, Kolkata, West Bengal – 700013
3. Senior Special Secretary (NG), Department of Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Government of West Bengal, Nagarayan, DF-8, Sector-I, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700064
4. Chief Engineer in Chief in charge of Secretary, Municipal Engineering Directorate (MED), Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department
5. Chief Engineer, South Circle, Municipal Engineering Directorate (MED), Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department
6. Director General, GAP Wing, KMDA
7. Director General, P&D, KMC
8. Director General, Drainage, KMC
9. Chief Engineer, GAP wing, KMDA
10. Chief Engineer, E&M, KMDA
11. Under Secretary & OSD to Chief Secretary
12. Director (Finance & Administration), SMCG WB
13. Senior P.S to the Chief Secretary, GoWB
14. OSD to Municipal Commissioner, KMC
15. Senior P.S to Principal Secretary, UD&MA Department


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Minutes of Meeting of the 9th State Ganga Rejuvenation Protection and Management Committee (hereinafter referred to as the State Ganga Committee for West Bengal) under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal and Ex-officio Chairperson of the State Ganga Committee (SGC) held on 27th November, 2025 at 11:00 A.M.

Venue: Conference Hall, Nabanna, 13th Floor.

Chairperson: Chief Secretary, GoWB and Ex-officio Chairperson of the State Ganga Committee.

List of participants: As per list enclosed (Annexure – 1)

Chief Secretary welcomed all the Members of State Ganga Committee in the Meeting and initiated the discussion.

Principal Secretary, Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department, GoWB and Executive Chairperson, SMCG WB, with the permission of the Chair, presented the status of the implementation of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) Program in the State and he requested Program Director, SMCG WB to present the status of the Liquid Waste Management (LWM) Programme being carried out in the State in details.

Agenda-wise discussions were held, and the following decisions were taken:

Agenda – 1: Confirmation of the proceedings of the 8th State Ganga Committee (SGC) Meeting on the working of the West Bengal State NGRBA program Management Group (WBSPMG) held on 6th November, 2024:

The Minutes of the 8th State Ganga Committee (SGC) Meeting held on 6th November, 2024 were read, reviewed and confirmed.

Agenda – 2: Compliance to decisions taken in the Last SGC Meeting:

The Compliance Report on the decision taken in the Last SGC Meeting were presented by the Program Director, SMCG WB.

The renaming of West Bengal State NGRBA Program Management Group (WBSPMG) has since been done as - State Mission for Clean Ganga West Bengal (SMCG WB) with inclusion of Name in Bengali as “পশ্চিমবঙ্গ গঙ্গা পরিবেশ-পরিচ্ছন্নতা রক্ষা করার প্রকল্প”।

The new name, “State Mission for Clean Ganga West Bengal (SMCG WB) পশ্চিমবঙ্গ গঙ্গা পরিবেশ-পরিচ্ছন্নতা রক্ষা করার প্রকল্প” is being used in all official records, documents including all printed & IEC materials.

On the presentation of Compliance Report on the decision taken in the last SGC Meeting, the Chairperson of the SGC wanted to know whether there is any issue raised by the CAG Audit in issuing Audit Certificate for the Financial Year 2023-24 on the World Bank Funded EAP Projects.

The Program Director, SMCG WB pointed out that one minor issue was there raised by the CAG Audit with regard to the use of Vehicle on the Sundays, Holidays & Saturdays. She also mentioned that the work of monitoring &

supervision of the NMCG Projects run on 7 x 24 hours basis and hence plying of vehicle are required accordingly.

On this point the Chairperson, SGC and other Members suggested that the audit objections should be addressed as per existing financial norms.

Agenda – 3: Adoption of Annual Accounts of West Bengal State NGRBA Program Management Group (WBSPMG) for the Financial Year, 2024-2025.

The Audited Annual Accounts for the Financial Year, 2024-2025 was placed before the State Ganga Committee for perusal which were adopted and approved.

Point raised by the Statutory Auditor (CA Firm) regarding Inter Fund Transfer of Rs.3,69,000/- during the Financial Year-2024-25 came under discussion and it is clarified that the amount pertains to Salary Payment of the 9 District Project Officers of 9 District Ganga Committees for the month of April, 2024 paid from Bank Account and subsequently on availability of Fund in the TSA during the Year 2024-25, replenishment was made by drawing Fund from the TSA Account during the Year. The Dy. DG (DDG), NMCG opined that such Transactions when it is incurred for Salary Payment is admissible for Adjustment and the Committee Members expressed their accordence.

Agenda – 4: Authorization of the Management Committee of SMCG WB to adopt the Annual Accounts of SMCG WB provisionally:

The State Ganga Committee resolved to authorize Management Committee, SMCG WB consisting of i) Principal Secretary, UD & MA Department, GoWB-Chairman, ii) Program Director, SMCG WB-Member and iii) the Director, Finance & Administration, SMCG WB-Member, to adopt provisionally the Annual Accounts of SMCG WB for taking up the matter of Certification Audit for World Bank Funded Project. Ratification of the Annual Accounts in this respect will be done by the State Ganga Committee, West Bengal as per norms.

Agenda – 5: Review of work on Liquid Waste Management in Ganga Towns (Under OA No. 200/2014 of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal)

The Program Director, SMCG WB presented the status of implementation of the Liquid Waste Management (LWM) Programme in the State, highlighting the following key achievements:

- 1) Since last SGC Meeting, Sewage Treatment capacity of the State has enhanced for a Total of 66 MLD due to commissioning of 3 STPs at Jangipur, Maheshtala and Rania. The State is presently treating 688 MLD Sewage in its 42 operational STPs.
- 2) The Electric Crematorium (EC) at Barrackpore based on new Eco-green Cremation Technology funded under NMCG was commissioned in September, 2025 and presently it is under Operation and Maintenance.
- 3) The State has formulated and introduced "Integrated Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM) Policy" for Co-treatment of Sewage & Septage. The UD&MA Department has brought out an advisory *vide* memo no. 1241-UDMA-11014(49)/16/2023 dt. 12.06.2025 for mapping the ULBs with the nearby functional STPs.

- 4) With the sustained efforts in Solid & Liquid Waste Management coupled with intensive Mass Awareness Campaigns & Programmes, the State has been able to improve the Water Quality of River Ganga from Priority III to Priority V (BOD Level is less than 3 mg/L in all the stations) as per the annual report of WBPCB.
- 5) Regional Waste Management Centre (RWMC) at Baidyabati with total capacity of 120.00 KLD has been rejuvenated by KMDA for treatment of Faecal Sludge of nearby 6 Municipal Towns (Uttarpara-Kotrung, Konangar, Rishra, Serampore, Champdany & Baidyabati).
- 6) With the improvement in the Water Quality of the River Ganga, a greater number of Gangetic Dolphins have been sighted over the last couple of years, particularly along the stretches of the river in Murshidabad, Nadia, Purba Bardhaman, and Purba Medinipur districts. This has led to the growth in the tourism industry in the districts.

➤ **Sewage Management in the Ganga Towns, West Bengal:**

Program Director, SMCB WB presented the details of Sewage Generation in Ganga Towns as below:

- a) Estimated Sewage Generation (based on Estimated Population in Urban Areas in the year, 2022 taking 2011 Census as base.)

Kolkata-	356.10 MLD
DGCs-	1044.90 MLD
Total-	1401.00 MLD

- b) Details of Sewage Management in Ganga Towns:

➤ Capacity of 42 Operational STPs:	688.00 MLD
➤ Capacity of 12 STPs under Construction:	187.25 MLD
➤ Capacity augmentation through renovation of Garden-Reach STP and the Keorapukur STP:	13.00 MLD
➤ Capacity of 14 STPs under Proposal/Tendering Stage: (it includes augmentation of Katwa STP for 9.64 MLD)	364.64 MLD
➤ Capacity of Existing Private STPs (as per list received From WBPCB):	78.00 MLD

Total Treatment Capacity: **1330.89 MLD**

➤ **Water Quality of River Ganga:**

- During the year 2018, River Ganga was Prioritized under Polluted River Category III with maximum BOD level 12.0 mg/L.
- In the year 2022, it was in the Category IV with maximum BOD 8.0 mg/L.
- In September, 2025 River Ganga is now in Priority Category V in terms of BOD Parameter with maximum BOD Level 2.95 mg/L (Source: WBPCB report).

The Water Quality of the River Ganga with respect to BOD level has improved due to the sustained and continuous efforts under the LWM programme; however, Faecal Coliform levels remain a concern.

Chairperson, SGC directed that the reasons for increase in FC levels at some of the water quality monitoring stations namely at Farraka, Berhampore, Tribeni, Palta-Shitalatala, Serampore, Dakhineswar, Howrah Shiwpur, Uluberia and Durgachak, (despite several STPs have been made functional over the past one year) should be recorded. He further instructed that the causes should be identified and action taken report should be discussed in the next 10th State Ganga Council Committee meeting.

[Action: SMCG WB, WBPCB]

PD, SMCG reported that some of the rejuvenated STPs lack Chlorination facilities for Treatment of Wastewater. NMCG has recently sanctioned 11 Chlorine Contact Tank (CCT) units for some of these rejuvenated functional STPs, and it is expected that the operation of these installations will significantly help to reduce Faecal Coliform (FC) levels in the River Ganga.

As an interim measure, and in line with the State's FSSM policy, Co-treatment of Septage and Sewage in the functional STPs is being carried out to reduce Faecal Coliform (FC) levels in the River Ganga.

The DDG, NMCG informed that in several other Ganga States as well, although BOD levels have decreased, Faecal Coliform (FC) levels in river Ganga in certain places remain beyond permissible limits. NMCG is sanctioning CCT units for these STPs to facilitate the reduction of FC levels in the river Ganga.

[Action: SMCG WB]

➤ Ganga Towns

Presently, 43 Ganga towns are in the State.

- The incremental progress of ongoing STP projects over the last SGC meeting held on 06.11.2025:

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Progress as on last review meeting	Progress as on October, 2025	Incremental Progress
1	Jangipur & Raghunathgunj	62.20%	Jangipur: 98.50% Raghunathgunj: 87.00%	Commissioned
2	Berhampore	57.26%	81.00%	23.74%
3	North Barrackpore	42.853%	87.561%	43.708%
4	Chakdah	17.20%	82.10%	64.90%
5	Garden Reach	Work just started	54.42%	54.42%
6	Krishnanagar	-	2.50%	2.50%
7	Adi Ganga (Tolly's Nullah)	-	Work just started	-
8	Beliaghata Circular Canal	-	20.04%	20.04%

❖ Under Tendering / LOA issued Projects:

Sl. No.	Projects Details	Value of the Project (Rs. in Crore)	Present Status
1	Murshidabad STP (5 MLD SBR-New & 2 MLD WSP-Renovation)	92.85	LOA issued on 23.09.2025
2	Keorapukur STP (50 MLD)	114.74	LOA issued on 24.09.2025
3	STP in Katwa (15 MLD)	133.46	Financial Bid Evaluation Report (FBER) is under examination of NMCG
4	FSTP in Burdwan (50 KLD)	10.35	LOA will be issued shortly
5	Uttarpara-Kotrung FSTP (22 KLD)	8.04	Technical Bid Evaluation Report (TBER) is under examination of NMCG
6	Electric Crematoria (PBIG): Chakdah, Garulia, Santipur	2.89	Technical Bid Evaluation Report (TBER) is under examination of NMCG
7	Pujali FSTP (8 KLD)	5.77	Under Tendering (Technical Bid Evaluation is under process.)

8	CCT at Bhatpara (ASP & WSP)	4.61	Draft Bid document will be sent to NMCG shortly for clearance for invitation of Tender
9	Chlorination Unit at 9 STPs	18.93	Draft Bid document is under preparation stage.

❖ **Upcoming Projects:**

Sl. No.	Projects Details	Present Status
1	Santipur STP (18.10 MLD)	Third-party Agency visit completed on 17.11.2025
2	Serampore STP (115 MLD)	Revised DPR is under preparation and will be submitted by 15.12.2025
3	STP at Kestopur (41 MLD)	Revised DPR is under preparation and will be submitted shortly
4	Ranaghat FSTP (15 KLD)	Will be considered for sanction in the forthcoming EC meeting, MCG
5	Haldia FSTP (47 KLD)	Third-party Agency engaged
6	Bhadreswar FSTP – PBIG (10 KLD)	Revised DPR is under examination of NMCG
7	Garulia FSTP – PBIG (15 KLD)	Revised DPR is under examination of NMCG
8	STP at Jiagunj-Azimgunj	DPR is under preparation and will be submitted by 15.12.2025

➤ **Status of Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring System (OCEMS) & PRAYAG under Ganga Tarang Portal:**

OCEMS installations have been completed in 20 functional STPs, while installation in 6 additional STPs is currently in progress. Under PRAYAG, for establishing real-time monitoring and comprehensive surveillance of STP units, installations have been completed in 6 STPs, and work is ongoing in 3 more STPs, which are expected to be completed by December 2025.

[Action: SMCG WB]

➤ **Status of STP at Mayapur:**

Chairperson, SGC enquired about the status of setting up of Mayapur STP under NMCG Programme.

PD, SMCG WB informed that NMCG has accorded in-principle approval in June 2023 for setting up a STP at Mayapur. The Chief Engineer, KMDA, along with his team, identified two plots measuring 2.41 acres of vested land for this purpose. However, BL & LRO, Nabadwip later informed that these plots are classified as Khal and Bil. District Magistrate, Nadia requested Secretary, Land and Land Reforms & RR Department GoWB, to consider a change in the land classification, provided the project is found viable without affecting the waterbody.

KMDA examined the matter and opined that establishing an STP at Mayapur on these plots would not be feasible without impacting the existing waterbody.

Chairperson, SGC, directed Principal Secretary, UD & MA Department, to convene a meeting involving District Magistrate, Nadia, ISKCON authority, and the concerned Departments to facilitate the availability of an alternative land parcel for the STP at Mayapur.

[Action: Principal Secretary, UD&MA Department]

➤ **Budgetary provision under NG-II:**

Out of the budgetary provision of ₹2,885 crore for NG-II, ₹2,241.13 Cr. has been sanctioned so far, including two projects under HAM-mode —North Barrackpore STP and the Mahananda STP projects.

Besides this, STP projects amounting to ₹241.66 Cr. are under examination of NMCG, and proposal for ₹1,258 Cr. are under revision or under preparation. In total, the budgetary provision for the State under NG-II needs to be augmented.

Chairperson, SGC directed to take up the matter with NMCG for augmentation of the budgetary provision for the State.

[Action: NMCG and SMCG WB]

➤ **River Ghat Development projects (RFD) and Electric Crematoria:**

- Out of 14 sanctioned Ghat projects, 13 have been completed and completion of work in Prabhupada Ghat is in progress.

The Chairperson, SGC, directed to complete the Prabhupada Ghat latest by March 2026.

[Action: SMCG WB]

- Out of 9 EC projects, 4 have been completed; the Kalyani EC is scheduled to be completed by December 2025, and 3 EC projects under PBIG scheme are under tendering.

The ACS, Finance (Member of SGC) desired that more Ghat development projects along the River Ganga should be considered under Namami Gange Programme.

DDG, NMCG informed that the development of conventional Ghats along the River Ganga has not been prioritized at this moment, as such structures adversely affect the river's e-flow. However, NMCG is considering the development of Eco-friendly Ghats without concrete structures at non-tidal locations along the river Ganga.

In this regard, KMC informed that an Eco-friendly Pilot Ghat on the EKW has already been constructed using bricks and tiles, and replication of this model to other waterbodies in KMC is under consideration.

Chairperson, SGC expressed that NMCG may consider developing such Eco-friendly Ghat at other suitable locations, if feasible and directed SMCGWB to take up the matter with NMCG for necessary sanction and funding.

[Action: NMCG and SMCG WB]

Agenda – 6: Re-alignment of State Policy for ‘Safe Re-use of Treated waste water’ with the National Policy.

The State has brought out a policy for the reuse of treated wastewater in urban areas. The UD & MA Department has constituted a committee for its upgradation and alignment with the National Policy.

In its last meeting held on 24 November 2025, the committee discussed in detail the following two issues:

1. Mapping of functional STPs with the use patterns of treated wastewater.
2. Fine-tuning the provisions available in the State Policy in line with the National Policy and norms.

The next meeting is scheduled on the first week of January 2026, during which all reports will be placed.

Chairperson, SGC, directed UD&MA Department to expedite submission of the report for further consideration.

[Action: UD&MA Department]

Agenda – 7: Ratification of Engagement/ Extension of Contractual Officials & Employees of SMCG WB made since the holding of the last State Ganga Committee Meeting:

The terms of Extension of Engagement of 12 Officials & Employees made for 1 year term has been Ratified.

Advertisement for recruitment in 7 posts was published in the Newspapers during the period after the last State Ganga Committee Meeting was held & Selection in 4 posts was made on receipt of recommendation from the Interview Board. Recruitment in another 3 posts could not be completed due to want of suitable Candidates.

Fresh Advertisement has again been issued seeking applications for engagement in the remaining 3 posts.

IEC Activities for the State of West Bengal

- PD, SMCG WB mentioned that multiple events have been conducted as part of IEC activities since last SGC meeting under the pollution abatement programme of the River Ganga across nine DGCs, including educational tours to operational STPs for school and college students,

outdoor campaigns, and sensitization workshops on the conservation of Gangetic Dolphins, among others.

SL No	Name of Events	Number of Events held	Remarks
1	Exposure – Educational Visits of Students to the Functional STPs	9	724 students
2	Out Door Campaign (Display of Hoarding / Flex / Banner etc.)	169	33,22,679 (estimated footfall)
3	Sensitization Workshop on Conservation of Gangetic Dolphin	2	180 participants

- She further indicated that, as a result of the sustained and continuous efforts under the LWM programme, Gangetic Dolphins have been sighted over the last couple of years along stretches of the River Ganga in Murshidabad, Nadia, Purba Bardhaman, and Purba Medinipur. This has contributed to tourism growth, local development, and livelihood generation in these districts. DDG, NMCG pointed out that NMCG has undertaken Dolphin-Centric Tourism initiatives in other Ganga states.

[Action: SMCG WB, DGCs of Murshidabad, Nadia, Purba Bardhaman, and Purba Medinipur]

- As SMCG has started taking students to the STP sites as educational tour, ACS, I&W Department desired to explore whether the IEC Campaign under the NMCG Programme in the State can be carried out in collaboration with that undertaken under **Samagra Shiksha Mission**, under Department of School Education, GoWB.

[Action: SMCG WB, Department of School Education]

Chairperson, SGC, directed SMCG WB to coordinate with NMCG to examine whether any stretch of the River Ganga in the districts of Nadia, Murshidabad, Purba Bardhaman, or Purba Medinipur can be developed as a Dolphin-Centric Tourism Centre on a pilot basis.

[Action: SMCG WB]

Agenda – 8: Miscellaneous

i) Encadrement of the Post of Director, Finance & Administration, SMCG WB in the West Bengal Audit & Accounts Service under the Finance Department, GoWB:

It is resolved to encadre the Post of Director, Finance & Administration, SMCG WB in the West Bengal Audit & Accounts Service (WBA&AS) under the Finance Department, GoWB & SMCGWB has been directed to submit a proposal to the Finance Department, GoWB through the UD & MA Department, GoWB for necessary encadrement.

[Action: SMCG WB, Department of UD&MA, Finance Department]

ii) Proposal for Rejuvenation of old STPs under KMC area inline with Mursidabad, Katwa & Garden Reach STPs under Namami Gange Programme, NMCG:

PD, SMCG informed that the old STPs in KMC—namely Bangur, Hatisur, and Baghajatin—are now functional; however, their rejuvenation and upgradation need to be undertaken to ensure the treated wastewater meets the latest standards and effectively addresses Faecal Coliform levels in the River Ganga with funding support from NMCG.

Chairperson, SGC and other Committee Members agreed to this proposal and directed KMC to prepare a suitable report and proposal in this regard.

[Action: SMCG WB & KMC]

iii) DDG, NMCG has been nominated by DG, NMCG (Ex-officio Member of SGC) to participate in the 9th State Ganga Committee Meeting West Bengal, on behalf of DG, NMCG:

- DDG, NMCG presented the working of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) Programme being implemented in the West Bengal through the Power Point Presentation & appreciated SMCG WB's effort in implementation of the Ganga Pollution Abatement Work in the State.

DDG, NMCG highlighted certain issues related to the four ongoing STP projects. The matters were discussed and the resolutions are noted against each in the table below:-

SL No	Name of the Project	Issues/ Observations	Resolution taken
1	North Barrackpore STP	○ Land for the second STP is yet to be cleared. ○ Coordination with the Defence Ministry is required for transfer/NOC of the land for 2nd STP.	Department of UD&MA will review.
2	Chakdah STP	○ Land for LS1 is not yet cleared; if land clearance is delayed.	UD&MA will take up the matter.

3	Howrah-Bally-Baranagar STPs	○ Risk of recontamination of treated effluent; Minor RoW and permissions pending; need to be expedited, ○ Influent parameter is much below than the lower limit of parameters specified in agreement, resulting into exemptions to concessionaire to quoted GEC. This shall result into additional power expenditures.	Technical Committee in the UD&MA Department will address this issue.
4	Hooghly-Chinsurah	○ HDD (Trenchless) work permissions required from KMDA and ULB	KMDA will coordinate with ULB, District and Police Administration in the Hooghly district for early implementation.

- The status of the Urban River Management Plans (URMPs) for six cities—Asansol, Durgapur, Howrah, Nabadwip, Siliguri, and Kalyani—was also presented.

ACS, I&W Department, desired that while framing the URMP for Nadia District, provision for Capacity building of the River Research Institute (RRI) in Nadia at Haringhata & Institutional development required for this Institute may be considered for funding from NMCG and the same will be included URMP and DGP of Nadia district.

Chairperson, SGC, directed that URMP of Nabadwip and DGP of Nadia may be taken up together (River Basin of Jalangi also included) to ensure a holistic approach of the entire district.

- District Ganga Plans for 9 (nine) DGCs, along with their status of preparation, were likewise presented during the meeting.

[Action: SMCGWB and DGC, Nadia]

Regarding development of Bio-diversity Parks-

- Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Environment, informed that the Department of Environment has declared 'Char Baliadanga' at Nadia as Biodiversity Park. She requested NMCG, if any funding is available for the development of Bio-diversity park.
- The issue of mapping and development of riverine islands was also raised by the DDG, NMCG. On this point, ACS, Finance, (Member) proposed for the inclusion of Riverine Island Development Programme of the Sundarban area for consideration of funding from NMCG.

Chairperson, SGC, directed SMCG WB to coordinate with the concerned Departments to prepare a comprehensive proposal for development of Bio-diversity Parks and the development of Riverine Island in the State for consideration of funding under NMCG.

[Action: Department of UD&MA and SMCGWB]

iv) Prof. Anirban Gupta pointed out in the meeting that the drains and channels carrying wastewater to the EKW need to be dredged, and NMCG may be requested to provide funding for these dredging works.

Chairperson, SGC directed that a proposal for wetland conservation alongwith dredging of channels, particularly for the EKW, should be prepared by the concerned authority for consideration in this regard.

[Action: SMCG WB & KMC]

Having no other issues to discuss, the Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



**Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal
&
Chairperson, State Ganga Committee
State Mission for Clean Ganga, West Bengal**

**Members attended the 9th Meeting of the State Ganga
Rejuvenation, Protection and Management Committee (State
Ganga Committee), West Bengal held on 27th November 2025**

1	Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal & Ex-Officio, Chairman of the State Ganga Committee, SMCG WB
2	Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Environment & Ex-Officio, Member of the State Ganga Committee, SMCG WB
3	Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Finance & Ex-Officio, Member of the State Ganga Committee, SMCG WB
4	Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Irrigation & Waterways & Member of the State Ganga Committee, SMCG WB
5	Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Water Resources & Investigation & Ex-Officio, Member of the State Ganga Committee, SMCG WB
6	Principal Secretary, Department of Public Health Engineering & Ex-Officio, Member of the State Ganga Committee, SMCG WB
7	Principal Secretary, Department of Urban Development & Municipal Affairs & Ex-Officio, Member of the State Ganga Committee, SMCG WB
8	Principal Secretary, Department of Forest & Ex-Officio, Member of the State Ganga Committee, SMCG WB
9	Member Secretary, West Bengal State Pollution Control Board, Member of the State Ganga Committee, SMCG WB
10	Municipal Commissioner, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Member of the State Ganga Committee, SMCG WB
11	Chief Executive Officer, Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority & Ex-Officio Member of the State Ganga Committee, SMCG WB
12	Program Director, SMCG WB & Member-Convener of the State Ganga Committee, SMCG WB
13	Chairman, West Bengal State Pollution Control Board & Ex-Officio, Member of the State Ganga Committee, SMCG WB
14	Deputy Director General, NMCG on behalf of the Director General, NMCG-Member of the State Ganga Committee, SMCG WB
15	Prof. Arunabha Majumder, Department of School of Water Resources, Jadavpur University, Member of the State Ganga Committee, SMCG WB
16	Prof. Anirban Gupta, Department of Civil Engineering, IEST, Shibpur, Member of the State Ganga Committee, SMCG WB
17	Chief Scientist, West Bengal State Pollution Control Board & Member of the State Ganga Committee, SMCG WB

**Other Officials participated in the 9th meeting of the State
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2025**

1	P.Kamalakanth, MS, WBSFDA, Forest Department, GoWB
2	C.R. Barman, Secretary (In Charge), MED
3	S. Choudhuri, Chief Engineer (South Zone), MED
4	Ranjan Kumar Jana, Director (Finance & Administration), SMCG WB
5	Amitava Pal, Director General (P&D), KMC
6	Subhamay Sarkar, Senior Civil Engineer, SMCG WB
7	Pausali Mukherjee, Special Law Officer, Environment Department
8	Kamalesh Basak, Director General, KMDA
9	Prantik Ray, Chief Engineer, GAP, KMDA
10	M. Rahaman, SE (HQ), MED
11	Avishek Maji, Asst. Enginner, KMC
12	Sunil Kumar Shaha, Dy. Chief Engineer, KMC