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**Sub: Minutes of 68th meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga**

Please find enclosed minutes of 68th meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) held on 24th December 2025 through hybrid mode, for kind information and necessary action.

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# Minutes of the 68th meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) held on 24th December 2025 at NMCG Office, New Delhi

The 68th meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) was held on 24th December 2025 at 02:30 PM at NMCG office, Delhi through hybrid mode under the Chairmanship of Director General (DG), NMCG.

Executive Director (Admin.), NMCG welcomed the Director General, NMCG, members of the Executive Committee and other officials present in the meeting. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

**Agenda Item No. 68.1: Minutes of 67th meeting of the Executive Committee of NMCG held on 14th November 2025 for information**

The member-secretary informed the Executive Committee that the minutes of 67th meeting of the Executive Committee of NMCG held on 14th November 2025 were circulated among all the committee members on 1st December 2025.

**Agenda Item No. 68.2: Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Executive Committee taken in the 67th meeting held on 14th November 2025**

The member-secretary informed the Executive Committee that requisite action has been taken on the decisions taken in the 67th meeting of the EC held on 14th November 2025.

**Agenda Item No. 68.3: Project proposal for in-situ remediation of Shastri Park Drain, Guashala Drain & Kailash Nagar/ Ramesh Nagar Drain using the simplified Constructed Wetland System (NBS)**

1. The Kailash Nagar drain extends for approximately 400–500 m within the floodplain, comprising both lined and open sections, of which about 100 m does not require stone pitching. The drain has an average cross-section of 1 m width and 0.5 m depth, expanding within the floodplain to 8 m width and 3 m depth, while maintaining a water depth of ~0.2 m. It conveys an estimated sewage discharge of 5–10 MLD, indicating significant wastewater loading into the floodplain system.

2. The Shastri Park drain comprises a residential stretch (primary drain) of about 1000 m, partly covered, and a floodplain stretch (secondary drain) of about 800 m, with widths increasing significantly in the floodplain. The drain carries sewage with water depths ranging from 0.2–0.6 m, and receives additional discharge from the Goshala Shastri Park drain. Overall, it carries an estimated 5–10 MLD of sewage, indicating substantial wastewater loading into the floodplain system.

3. The in-situ remediation technique uses stone masonry wall, rock filters, and aquatic plants to treat the drains.

4. The treated water that will be discharged into river Yamuna will have the water quality parameters between the discharge standards of STP water prescribed by MoEF&CC (2017) and CPCB/NGT (2019).

5. The total cost of the project (CAPEX and O&M cost for 5 years) is 4.4 crores including GST.

***Decisions:***

***After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee (EC) accorded approval to the project with a condition that Institutional Charges @ 5% of capex instead of 20%. will be provided.***

**<u>Agenda Item No. 68.4</u>: Proposal for scope variation and revision in the awarded project cost for the project "Construction of 10 KLD Faecal Sludge & Septage Treatment Plant for Pollution Abatement in River Ganga at Chunar (District Mirzapur), Uttar Pradesh"**

**Background:**

1. Project Name: Construction of 10 KLD Faecal Sludge & Septage Treatment Plant at Chunar (District Mirzapur), UP
2. Sanctioned Cost: Rs. 270.32 Lakh, excluding GST vide AA&ES dated 07.03.2019.
3. Sanctioned cost put to bid: Rs. 214.57 Lakh (Capex: Rs. 189.48 Lakh; Opex-25.09 Lakh), excluding GST
4. Award Cost: Rs. 204.76 Lakh (Capex- Rs.180.30 Lacs; 5 years Opex Rs.24.46 Lacs), excluding GST.
5. Status: Construction completed and under O&M
6. Variation Proposal Cost - Rs. 8,64, 924/-, excluding GST as per following break-up:
   a. Change in base slab from PCC (as per contract) to RCC in planted drying beds (PDB) – Rs. 92,124/-

b. Construction of stone masonry embankment wall between PDB (set nos. 2 and 3) and Integrated Settler & Anaerobic Filter (ISAF) – Rs. 6,91,700/-
c. Additional works of the parapet wall of the office building, toilets and operator room, tiles in the office building, screeding at the slab of the office, toilet & operator room, etc. – Rs. 81,100/-

7. Reasons for variation in scope:
    a) Change in base slab from PCC (as per contract) to RCC in planted drying beds to prevent seepage of the liquid into the ground.
    b) Construction of stone masonry embankment wall (not in original contract) between PDB (set nos. 2 and 3) and Integrated Settler & Anaerobic Filter (ISAF) to prevent soil from collapsing and to provide stability to the structures at the PDB level, which is nearly 4 m above the ISAF level.
    c) Additional works of the parapet wall of the office building, toilets and operator room, tiles in the office building, screeding at the slab of the office, toilet & operator room, etc., not envisaged in the original contract.
8. Revised Award Cost: Rs. 213.41 Lakh (Capex- Rs.188.95 Lakh; 5 years Opex Rs.24.46 Lacs).
9. Impact on AA&ES Cost: Revised project cost within the AA&ES Cost

***Discussion:***

DG, NMCG enquired about the amount of sludge generated and status of its disposal. The State clarified that till now the amount of sludge generated from the plant is negligible as only 01 cess pool tanker (3KLD) of faecal sludge is brought to the FSTP for processing on a daily basis. As this FSTP is the 1st one in operations under Namami Gange, it was felt prudent that an assessment of the FSTP may be carried out by CSE (Knowledge Partner) to find out if any improvement is needed in the future FSTP projects design.

***Decision:***

***After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee (EC) decided to accord the approval of the scope and cost variation amounting to Rs. 8,64,924/-, excluding GST for the project "Construction of 10 KLD Faecal Sludge & Septage Treatment Plant at Chunar, District Mirzapur, UP".***

***The EC also directed that an evaluation of the FSTP be carried out by 'Centre of Science and Environment' to assess its performance vis-à-vis design standards and suggest measures for further improvements (if any) for future FSTP projects. Further, the EC asked the State to decide the modalities of the O & M of the FSTP and make provisions for budgeting of funds after its handing over to the State next year.***

***The EC also directed, that project wing should also prepare an annual chart of projects which are/will be handed over to respective state agencies and seek clarity from state regarding budget provision and proper handover and apprise EC on annual basis.***

**<u>Agenda Item No. 68.6:</u> Additional Work in the Project 'Rehabilitation of Existing Sewerage Infrastructure, Development of 30 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant (Pankha), and 15-year O&M on Hybrid Annuity PPP Basis at Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, under 'Namami Gange' Programme'**

***Background:***

1. Project Name: Rehabilitation of Existing Sewerage Infrastructure, Development of 30 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant (Pankha), and 15-year O&M on Hybrid Annuity PPP Basis at Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
2. Project Sanctioned Cost: ₹967.23 crore (Capex - ₹248.39 crores; 15 years Opex - ₹718.84 crores).
3. Project Award Cost: ₹689.16 crores (capex-₹195.93 crores; Opex- ₹493.23 crores)
4. Additional Work Proposal Cost: ₹4,93,96,768/- including taxes towards rehabilitation/development of 33/11 KV electric substation at Jajmau Kanpur.
5. Reason for Additional Work: The Jajmau campus at Kanpur has 3 operational facilities (130 MLD Jajmau STP, 43 MLD Jajmau STP, and 159 MLD common sewage pumping station (CSPS)) under Namami Gange programme, along with 36 MLD (9+27) CETP cum STP operational from State budget. The power to these facilities is being supplied through 33/11 KV main substation at Jajmau. This substation is in dilapidated condition, causing frequent breakdowns affecting power supply to the STPs / CSPS and thus impacting the operations of the STPs and causing overflow of the untreated sewage to the river Ganga.
6. Agency to Execute Additional Work: KESCO, Kanpur

**Decision:**

***After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee (EC) decided to approve the proposal for additional work of renovation of 33/11 electric substation at Jajmau at an estimated cost of Rs. 4.94 crores, including taxes, with the following conditions:***

i. ***The renovation works shall be completed within 6 months.***
ii. ***The proposal shall be referred to an independent Third-Party Appraisal (TPA) agency for cost appraisal (IIT Kanpur).***
iii. ***The State Government shall be responsible for ensuring operations, repair and maintenance of the renovated 33/11 KV electric substation through KESCO (during Defect Liability Period(DLP) and for major repair / replacements) and Concessionaire for routine operations and maintenance at no additional cost. NMCG shall not bear any additional cost towards O&M of the renovated electric substation.***
iv. ***The agency charges of Rs 36 lakhs would be borne by the State.***

**<u>Agenda Item No. 68.7:</u> AA&ES Revision of the Project 'Procurement of Trash Skimmer/Drain Master Machine for River Surface Cleaning at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh'.**

**Background:**

1. Project Name: Procurement of Trash Skimmer/Drain Master Machine for River Surface Cleaning at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
2. Sanctioned Cost: ₹1 crore plus applicable GST vide AA&ES dated 30.01.2025
3. Revision Sought: Cost revision from ₹1 crore to ₹1.83 crore, excluding GST.
4. Reason for Cost Revision:
5. The lowest cost discovered during bidding was ₹1.83 crore plus GST. Further, the justifications received by VNN indicates that in the recent past the machines have been procured at the rates comparable to the lowest bid discovered prices.

**Decision:**

***After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee (EC) approved the proposal for according Revised Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) for the project "Procurement of Trash Skimmer/Drain Master Machine for River Surface Cleaning at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh" under the Namami Gange Programme (NGP – Non-EAP) at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.83 crores plus applicable GST subject to the condition that additional cost if any will be borne by the VNN/State Government from its own budget.***

**<u>Agenda Item No. 68.8</u>: Revised Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction towards additional cost for Saidpur Sewerage Network scheme, Bihar**

On the request of the State, the proposal was not taken up for discussions and was deferred to the next EC.

**<u>Agenda Item No. 68.9</u>: Revised Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) towards additional cost for the "Rehabilitation of existing 50 MLD STP at Keorapukur, Kolkata, West Bengal"**

**Background:**

1. The project for "Rehabilitation of the existing 50 MLD STP at Keorapukur, Kolkata, West Bengal", amounting to Rs. 114.74 crores (including centage), was sanctioned in the 58th EC meeting held on 13.11.2024.

2. Bids were invited as per the approved scope of the DPR after obtaining NOC from NMCG. Two bidders participated in the bidding and subsequently, NOC on the Technical Bid Evaluation Report (TBER) was accorded by NMCG on 24.06.2025, with instructions to open the financial bids of both technically qualified bidders.

3. Upon opening of the financial bids by KMDA, it was observed that the L1 bidder quoted Rs. 120.27 crores, which is 8.71% above the bid cost put to tender, i.e., Rs. 110.63 crores. The KMDA and SMCG West Bengal recommended the award of works to L1 bidder and sought NMCG's approval on market discovered price.

4. Based on the decision taken during the 15th EC Meeting of NMCG (applicable where the quoted rate exceeds 5% but is less than 10% of the bid cost), NMCG accorded approval to the quoted rate on 11.09.2025. Subsequently, KMC issued the Letter of Award (LoA) on 24.09.2025. The contract agreement has been signed.

5. As the award cost and corresponding AA&ES cost has exceeds the originally issued AA&ES, the revision of the AA&ES is required. The Executive Committee was requested to consider approval of the Revised AA&ES amounting to Rs. 124.38 crores, against the originally issued AA&ES of Rs 114.74 crores.

***Decision:***

***After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee (EC) decided to accord approval of the revised project cost of Rs. 124.38 crores for the project "Rehabilitation of the existing 50 MLD STP at Keorapukur, Kolkata, West Bengal." The revised cost is an increase of Rs. 9.64 crores over the originally sanctioned amount.***

**<u>Agenda Item No. 68.10</u>: Master Plan for Rejuvenation of Gomti Udgam Sthal, Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh**

**Background**

1. Gomti Udgam Sthal is a sacred site, revered in Hindu scriptures and is a key pilgrimage site surrounded by agricultural land, forest area, and religious establishments.

2. The vision focuses on eco-sensitive development to preserve the sanctity of the Gomati's origin while balancing conservation and use. It aims to improve amenities for pilgrims, tourists, and local communities and restore the ecological health and connectivity of ponds. The project also seeks to highlight the cultural and mythological heritage of the Gomti River.

3. The proposed interventions focus on enhancing river flows and improving water quality through treatment, sewage management, and solid waste control. They emphasize ecological restoration and cultural infrastructure, including lakefront development, pond rejuvenation, landscaping, and temple area upgradation.

4. The development of Gomti Udgam Sthal is planned in two phases, integrating ecological restoration, wastewater management, and cultural infrastructure under Phase-I (₹43.87 crore, Namami Gange/NMCG). Phase-II (₹13.01 crore, UP PWD) focuses on pilgrim- and visitor-oriented amenities such as pathways, lighting, food facilities, and recreation. The total project outlay is ₹56.88 crore, combining conservation with sustainable tourism and public use.

***Decisions:***

***After detailed discussions, it was decided to accord In-principle approval to the proposal. The Interpretation Centre will be shifted to Phase-II and would be the responsibility of the State Government for execution. The EC decided that WAPCOS would be the Project Implementing Agency (PIA). It was also decided that a governance mechanism and appropriate executing agencies for different work components shall also be finalized for effective implementation of the masterplan during both construction and operation phase. Further, the State SMCG would be taken onboard for smooth implementation of the project. The DPRs of all the components would be prepared and appraised by TPA after bunching them into similar groups.***

**Agenda Item No. 68.11: Approval for Change of Site Location for the 5 MLD CAMUS-SBT Pilot Plant under the Project "CAMUS-SBT Pilot Plants over Shahdara Drain for Treating Liquid Pollutants to Achieve NGT Water Quality Standards".**

**Background:**

1. The project titled "CAMUS-SBT Pilot Plants over Shahdara Drain for Treating Liquid Pollutants to Achieve NGT Water Quality Standards" was approved in the 61st Executive Committee (EC) Meeting held on 7th April 2025.

2. The project, with a total estimated cost of Rs. 27.12 Crore (including GST), involves the establishment of three Continuous Advanced Mite Utilizing System - Soil Bio-Technology (CAMUS-SBT) pilot plants for in-situ treatment of 5 MLD wastewater in Shahdara Drain to meet National Green Tribunal (NGT) standards.

3. The initially approved 5 MLD plant at IP Extension, East Delhi was deemed ineffective due to the very high combined flow (>300 MLD) of Shahdara and Ghazipur drains, making its water quality impact negligible. Therefore, an alternative site was identified with representative pollution loads, where a 5 MLD treatment would yield visible water quality improvement.

4. After joint site visits by NMCG and NABCONS teams, a suitable parcel of land (approximately 5,000 sq.mts, Parcel No. 871) at RD 180 on the left bank of RD180 Drain, Madanpur Khadar Village, under the jurisdiction of Uttar Pradesh Irrigation Department, was identified as the most appropriate location.

5. The allocation of land for intervention on RD 180 has been agreed upon by the Irrigation Department, Uttar Pradesh and, now, a request is being made by NMCG for waiver on land related fee/charges.

***Decisions:***

***The EC decided that the change in location be dealt with internally in NMCG and the proposal for revised DPR, if required be brought before EC.***

**Agenda Item No. 68.12: Revised Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction towards the additional cost for Phusro I&D and STP Project", Jharkhand, Under Namami Gange Program**

**Background:**

1. The Phusro I&D and STP project was sanctioned in the 30th EC meeting dated 29th October 2020, amounting to Rs. 61.05 crores, and AA&ES issued on 15.12.2020. The project was awarded to the L1 bidder, amounting to Rs. 52.82 crores.
2. The physical progress of the Phusro I&D and STP project up to November 2025 is 85%. The civil work of the STPs and associated infrastructure has been completed, and E&M work is in progress. The scheduled completion timeline for the balance work was June 2025.
3. The project has been delayed due to slow progress and the non-finalization of the variation proposal. The Extension of Time (EOT) request from the State was received on 11.12.2025, wherein the State has requested the granting of the EOT till June 2026.
4. However, after the examination, it is observed that the target dates given in the EOT proposal need to be revised. The project was reviewed by NMCG on 12.12.2025 wherein JUIDCO & SMCG has confirmed that the 10 MLD STP commissioning will start by 15th Jan 2026 and 4 MLD STP will start by 15th Feb 2026.

5. JH-SMCG has submitted a cost variation proposal for the Phusro I&D and STP project, which is under consideration in NMCG. According to JUIDCO, the MPS for both the STPs 10 MLD and 4 MLD was not part of the scope of work, and the contractor has constructed these components additionally.
6. JUIDCO has informed that the other variation is due to the peak factor. In the tender document, peak factor was mentioned with a value of '2', and as per CPHEEO, it comes to 2.25 for 10 MLD and 2.5 for 4 MLD STP.
7. Further variations are due to the upgraded structural specifications, concrete grade from M20 to M30, inclusion of carriage costs, supplementary electromechanical components, site-based revisions, and price adjustment etc.
8. The total revised project cost proposed by the State is ₹72.29 crore, inclusive of centage, ESMP, GAAP, GST, etc., against the originally sanctioned cost of ₹61.05 crore. The additional cost on account of scope variation and price adjustment works out to ₹11.24 crore, and the State has requested that in-principle approval may be accorded for the additional cost.

***Decisions:***

***After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee (EC) decided to accord in-principle approval to the proposal for additional cost on account of scope variation amounting to ₹11.24 crore. The EC further decided that the proposal shall be referred to an independent Third-Party Appraisal (TPA) agency for detailed technical and financial evaluation, including examination of the admissibility of the proposed additional scope. The matter shall be placed before the Executive Committee again after completion of the appraisal for consideration and formal approval of the additional scope and its associated cost. Accordingly, the revised Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) will be issued.***

**Agenda Item No. 68.13: Proposal on "Safeguarding breeding habitats of Indian Skimmer and sympatric birds through monitoring and community participation in the Ganga Basin" under Namami Gange Mission–II**

**Proposal**

The Executive Committee was informed that a project proposal titled *"Safeguarding breeding habitats of Indian Skimmer and sympatric birds through monitoring and community participation in the Ganga Basin"* has been submitted by Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) under Namami Gange Mission–II for consideration. The proposal is for a period of two years (FY 2025–26 to 2026–27) with a total project cost of Rs. 3,81,06,390/-.

The Committee was apprised that the project aims at protection of nesting and breeding habitats of the Indian Skimmer and other sympatric sandbar-nesting bird species through systematic monitoring and community participation, covering Chambal, Prayagraj, Bijnor, Narora, and Vikramshila and adjoining areas.

**Discussion**

The EC sought details of project deliverables. BNHS informed that the deliverables include species distribution maps, baseline information, threat assessment, improved nest survival, trained nest guardians, and behavioural change among local communities.

The EC recommended that BNHS would collaborate with WII and involve the cadre of Ganga Praharis for guarding the nests in the project in the implementation. The EC also sought clarification on coordination with the Irrigation Department, wherein BNHS informed that regulation of water releases during the nesting period (April–July) is required.

**Decision**

After detailed deliberations, the EC approved the project at a total cost of Rs. 3,81,06,390/-, subject to the condition that the following recommendations shall be incorporated into the project for its effective implementation:

1) Conservation of Indian Skimmer and other similar habitat bird species(sympatric), including Black-bellied Tern, River Tern, River Lapwing, Great Thick-knee, Little Pratincole, and Little Tern, shall be undertaken under the project.
2) BNHS shall collaborate with WII and involve Ganga Praharis and other volunteers under NGP under the WII–NMCG programme for guarding the nests after undertaing capacity building through training and awareness programmes.
3) Regulation of water releases during April–July shall be undertaken in coordination with the Irrigation Department, and a framework along-with SOP for coordination with Water Resources/Irrigation Deptt. of State shall be included in the scope of the project.

**<u>Agenda Item No. 68.14</u>: Revised Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) towards additional cost for Danapur, Phulwarishariff and Fatuha I&D and STP Projects, Patna, Bihar under the Namami Gange Programme**

1. Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) was accorded by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) for the following projects:
   a) **Danapur I&D and STP Scheme** at a cost of **Rs.103.27 crore**,
   b) **Phulwarishariff I&D and STP Scheme** at a cost of **Rs.46.25 crore**, and
   c) **Fatuha I&D and STP Scheme** at a cost of **Rs.35.49 crore**,

   vide NMCG letters dated **08.02.2018** (Danapur and Phulwarishariff) and **24.12.2018** (Fatuha).

2. The above three projects were clubbed and bided together as single project. The project was subsequently awarded at a **consolidated cost of Rs.176.19 crore**.
3. The project has been completed and under O&M now. The Danapur, Phulwarishariff, and Fatuha projects were completed in **September 2024**, **December 2024**, and **March 2025**, respectively.
4. NMCG received Variation–01 for the Danapur STP towards flood protection works and rising main pipeline works, which was approved vide NMCG letter dated 22.01.2024 for an amount of Rs.12.39 crore plus applicable GST.
5. Variation–02 proposals were received for de-scoping of one STP of 7 MLD capacity at Phulwarishariff and for additional costs in the Danapur and Fatuha STPs due to increased BOQ quantities. The proposals were reviewed by NMCG and found to be in order.
6. Subsequently, the State Government submitted Variation–03 proposals amounting to Rs.19.66 crore. Upon examination, NMCG assessed the admissible cost as Rs.18.85 crore (including GST on the Capex component) and noted that applicable GST on O&M (non-power component) to the tunes of Rs.7.86 crore has been missed out by state. Thus the GST on O&M has been considered and recommended. The cost proposed towards Madhubani painting has been proposed to consider under state head, similar on the lines of previous projects.
7. After incorporating the above variations, the revised AA&ES cost of the project stands at Rs.204.51 crore, with NMCG's share limited to Rs.203.32 crore and the State Government's share amounting to Rs.1.19 crore, towards Madhubani painting works. The proposal includes GST impact of Rs 25.2 Crores (Rs 17.34 crores on capex + Rs 7.86 crores on Opex), which was not part of original AA&ES as the GST was excluded in the original AA&ES.
8. The EC was requested to consider the approval of variations (variation 1, 2 & 3) having the revised AA&ES of Rs.204.51 crore. The difference between the original AA&ES cost & revised AA&ES is Rs 19.50 crores. (Rs 204.51 – Rs 185.01 = Rs 19.5 crores), the state share shall be Rs 1.19 Crores.

**Decision:**

***After detailed deliberations, the Executive Committee (EC) approved the proposal for according Revised Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) for the project titled "Danapur, Phulwarishariff and Fatuha I&D & STP Project, Patna, Bihar" under the Namami Gange Programme (NGP – Non-EAP) at an estimated cost of Rs 204.51 crore, with NMCG's share limited to Rs 203.32 crore and State Government's share of Rs 1.19 crore. The difference between the original AA&ES cost & revised project cost is Rs 19.50 crores. (Rs 204.51 – Rs 185.01 = Rs 19.5 crores). The approval is subject to the following conditions:***

I. ***The proposal includes GST impact of Rs 25.2 Crores (Rs 17.34 crores on capex + Rs 7.86 crores on Opex), which was not part of original AA&ES as the GST was excluded in the original AA&ES.***

II. ***The DPR supervision cost amounting to Rs 0.52 crore shall not be reimbursed to the State due to the de-scoping of one STP of 7 MLD capacity at Phulwarishariff.***

III. ***The State Government shall bear the cost of ₹1.19 crore towards Madhubani painting works for all STPs/MPS/IPSs.***

***Operation & Maintenance (O&M) beyond 15 years shall be the responsibility of the State Government/ULBs at their own cost. Further, O&M provisions shall be reviewed after 7 years based on compliance with the General and Specific conditions of AA&ES by the State Government/SMCG, including insurance of assets created, reuse of treated wastewater, levy of user charges, sewage Cess, etc.***

**<u>Agenda Item No. 68.21</u>: In- principle approval of variation proposal towards additional cost for Garden Reach I&D and STP Project, West Bengal, under the Namami Gange Programme**

1. The project "Pollution Abatement Works for River Ganga at Kolkata (Garden Reach Municipality – I&D with STP) in West Bengal" was approved by the NMCG in the 44th Meeting of the Executive Committee at an estimated cost of Rs 289.02 crore, to be implemented under the Hybrid Annuity (PPP) Mode. The Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) was issued on 7 September 2022.
2. Subsequently, the tender was called and after successful bidding, the project was awarded to M/s Traders and Engineers at a cost of Rs. 243.364 crore (excluding centage, ESAMP, GAAP & CPO). The Effective Date of the concession was declared on 21st October 2024, and the construction period is 24 months, including 3 months of trial run.
3. As per the Monthly Progress Report (MPR) of November 2025, cumulative physical progress stands at 58%.
4. WBSPMG vide email dated 02.12.2025, submitted a cost variation proposal due to change in diameter and material of construction of the treated effluent pipeline, from 750 mm diameter DI pipe to 900 mm diameter MS pipe. The proposed additional cost also includes, Civil works for foundations and VCB panel rooms at existing pumping stations (on a lump-sum basis); and Replacement of outdated HT VCB and LT panels with APFC-compatible systems, along with installation of full-bore electromagnetic flow meters. The design changes proposed has been vetted by IIT Kharagpur. The variation proposal amounting to Rs. 14.17 crore and the State has requested that in-principle approval may be accorded for the additional cost.

5. The total variation amount of Rs. 14.17 crores were placed before the Executive Committee for consideration and in-principle approval. The proposal has been examined and vetted by IIT Kharagpur, however the cost appraisal has not been done, thus the proposal is placed for in-principle approval. The proposal is to be referred to an independent Third Party Appraisal (TPA) agency for cost estimation appraisal, after which the matter will be placed before the EC again for formal approval.

**Decision:**

***After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee (EC) decided to accord in-principle approval to the proposal for additional cost on account of scope variation amounting to Rs 14.17 crore. The EC further decided that the proposal shall be referred to an independent Third-Party Appraisal (TPA) agency for detailed appraisal. The matter shall be placed before the Executive Committee again after completion of the appraisal for consideration and formal approval of the additional scope and its associated cost. Accordingly, the revised Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) will be issued.***

***It was also decided by the EC that an explanation call would be sought from the Third Party Agency for not including the dilapidated items (effluent line) in the assessment of brown field project which has necessitated the present variation in scope and associated cost.***

**Agenda Item No. 68.22: Assessment of the impact of anthropogenic interventions on the ecological habitat and floodplain dynamics of the Ganga River using an integrated approach based on remote sensing and hydraulic geometry**

The proposal of "Assessment of the impact of anthropogenic interventions on the ecological habitat and floodplain dynamics of the Ganga River using an integrated approach based on remote sensing and hydraulic geometry" was approved in 66th meeting of Executive Committee held on 18th September 2025. The Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) for the above-mentioned project was issued on 21.10.2025 and acknowledged by Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Bhopal on 22.10.2025. The project has been sanctioned at a total cost of ₹2,50,26,896/- (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Lakh Twenty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Six only) with a duration of 36 months.

The following amendments to the project due to movement of PI was submitted to EC for information:

| Component | Original Provision (as per AA&ES dated 21.10.2025) | Proposed Revised Provision |
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| **Implementation Responsibility for Objective: Development of automated web-based application for** | Assigned to **IIT Goa** through Co-PI Dr. A. V. Sreejith. | Implementation responsibility transferred to **IIT Palakkad** with effect from **01.01.2026**, as |

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| **processing multi-temporal satellite images** | | the Co-PI is transitioning to that institute. |
| **Manpower – Position 1** | **Project Scientist–I,** IISER Bhopal | Re-designated as **Junior Research Fellow (JRF)** |
| **Manpower – Position 2** | **Project Scientist–II,** IISER Bhopal | Re-designated as **Senior Research Fellow (SRF)** |
| **Additional Manpower Requirement** | No provision for Field Assistant in the sanctioned manpower structure. | Engagement of **Field Assistant** @ ₹18,000 + 18% HRA per month for **36 months** using ₹7,56,000 from existing manpower budget. |
| **Financial Implications** | Total project cost: ₹2,50,26,896/- with detailed manpower structure as per AA&ES. | **No additional financial implications.** All changes accommodated within existing sanctioned budget. |
| **Allocation to Partner Institutions** | Funds allocated to IISER Bhopal, IIT Goa, and ITI Kanpur (as per annexures). | No change in total allocation; only activity related to one objective shifted from IIT Goa → IIT Palakkad. |
| **Project Scope / Objectives** | Scope and objectives defined as per AA&ES Annexure (unchanged). | **No change in scope or objectives**—only administrative/implementation adjustments proposed. |

**EC Decision:** EC took note of these amendments to the originally sanctioned project in 66th EC.

***Agenda Item Nos. 68.5, & 68.15 to 68.20 were not taken up for discussions due to paucity of time and deferred to the next EC.***

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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