

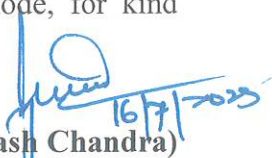
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Ministry of Jal Shakti
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National Mission for Clean Ganga

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Sub: Minutes of 64th meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga

Please find enclosed minutes of 64th meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) held on 4th July 2025 through hybrid mode, for kind information and necessary action.


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**Minutes of the 64th meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of
National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) held on 4th July 2025 at
NMCG Office, New Delhi**

The 64th meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) was held on 4th July 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. 64.1: Minutes of 63rd meeting of the Executive Committee of NMCG held on 21st May 2025 for information.

The member-secretary informed the Executive Committee that the minutes of 63rd meeting of the Executive Committee of NMCG held on 21st May 2025 were circulated among all the committee members on 27th May 2025.

Agenda Item No. 64.2: Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Executive Committee taken in the 63rd meeting held on 21st May 2025

The member-secretary informed the Executive Committee that requisite action has been taken on the decisions taken in the 63rd meeting of the EC held on 21st May 2025.

Agenda Item No. 64.3: Proposal of “Policy for Safe Reuse of Treated Water for West Bengal and Bihar and Reuse Plan for Kanpur” project under Namami Gange Program.

- Implementing Agency: National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)
- Estimated Cost: INR 74.99 lakh (inclusive of GST)
- Completion Period: 18 months

DDG, NMCG informed the Committee that the proposal was considered in the 61st meeting of Executive Committee (EC agenda item no. 61.6) and accorded in-principle approval. Further, it was also decided that the executing agency would be selected through an open tender bidding process instead of nomination basis.

Subsequently, it was proposed to allocate this project to NIUA for initiating the project through open tender. Willingness from NIUA has been received on the same. The NIUA will be the Implementing Agency for the Project.

Decision:

After detailed discussions, the EC approved the proposal for operationalizing the project by NIUA through open tender bidding process for the following four components with a total financial allocation of 74.99 lakhs:

- A. Develop SRTW policy for the state of Bihar**
- B. Develop SRTW policy for state of West Bengal**
- C. Develop a Business Model on SRTW for Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh**
- D. Develop PODCAST for NMCG Reports and Case Studies**

Agenda Item No. 64.4: Strengthening of Laboratories of UKPCB, UPPCB, BSPCB, JSPCB, WBPCB and MPPCB (Phase-II)

The project intends to upgrade the laboratory infrastructure of the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) for effective pollution assessment and water quality monitoring of the River Ganga and its tributaries.

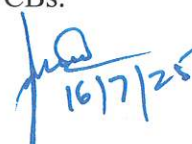
This phase(II) aims to enhance the technical capacity of laboratories across six states—Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, and Madhya Pradesh—through the provision of advanced scientific instruments, essential glassware and chemicals, refurbished laboratory infrastructure, adequate manpower, and operational support. The enhancements will enable SPCBs to reliably monitor pollution loads, assess the performance of sewage and effluent treatment plants, and effectively address emerging water quality challenges. Under this scheme, laboratories will be equipped for comprehensive monitoring of a wide range of key water quality parameters, including Core Parameters, General Parameters, Biomonitoring Parameters, Trace Elements, Pesticides, and Field Observations, along with advanced indicators such as Total Organic Carbon (TOC) and Total Organic Halides (TOX).

The Executive Committee (EC) discussed the proposal for ***“Strengthening of Laboratories of UKPCB, UPPCB, BSPCB, JSPCB, WBPCB and MPPCB (Phase-II)”*** under the Namami Gange Programme, with a total estimated cost of **Rs. 123.24 Crore** to be implemented initially upto March, 2026, and extendable upto **three years from the start**, subject to continuation of Namami Gange Program beyond March 2026. A brief presentation highlighting its components and envisaged benefits of it was made before the EC.

After detailed discussions, the EC approved the proposal upto 31st March 2026 with estimated costs of ₹ 17.88 crore and in principle up to March 2028 subject to approval of Namami Gange Program with the following conditions:

i) Project Scope and Funding:

- a) Continuation of support to **18 existing laboratories** and inclusion of **22 additional laboratories**- making a total of **40 laboratories** across the six State PCBs.


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- b) The scheme shall be funded through **100% Central Assistance** under the **Non-Externally Aided Project (Non-EAP) component** of the **Namami Gange Programme**.

ii) Manpower Requirement and Norms:

- a) **Provisions of 234 manpower** for the existing labs and **198 personnel** for the additional labs. Emoluments for Manpower shall be in accordance with **DST norms**.

iii) Implementation Guidelines:

- a) The **executing agencies** shall ensure **timely implementation** of all deliverables within the approved timeline, starting from the date of issue of AA&ES.
- b) The respective SMCGs/SPMGs in Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal shall serve as implementing bodies, while the concerned State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) shall act as executing agencies. In the case of Madhya Pradesh, the MPPCB will function as both implementing and executing agency till further orders.
- c) The disbursements from the assignment limit to the implementing agencies would be linked with well-defined quantifiable deliverables.

iv) Monitoring & Reporting:

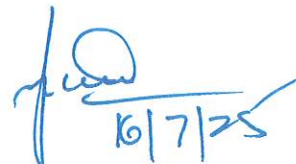
- a) Verified **monthly, quarterly, and annual progress reports** (covering both physical and financial progress including UCs) shall be submitted by the implementing bodies to NMCG.
- b) NMCG shall **constitute a Review Committee, headed by the Executive Director (Technical)** to monitor and evaluate the project progress.

Further, **ASCI, Hyderabad** will also evaluate this Phase-I of scheme as part of third party evaluation of the Namami Gange Programme. The recommendations of the third party evaluation will be suitably addressed in the Project design.

2. The EC also approved the extension of Phase-I activities from July 2023 and expenditure incurred thereon till the date of issue of AA&ES for Phase-II.

Agenda Item No. 64.5: Installation of Chlorination Unit in Rejuvenated STPs (WSP/ASP) at Bhatpara Municipal Town, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, State, under Namami Gange Program

- DPR Prepared by Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA) and SPMG West Bengal
- DPR appraised by Jadavpur University, West Bengal
- ❖ Financial Effect: Central Share as 100% of project cost



- ❖ Design Build Operate Transfer (DBOT) basis
- ❖ Completion period – 15 Months (including 3 months bidding)

Major Components:

- Installation of chlorination unit at 9.5 MLD STP (ASP), Jagaddal Bhatpara
- Installation of chlorination unit at 10 MLD STP (WSP), Madrail, Bhatpara
- Operation & Maintenance for 5 years

The DPR for the installation of a chlorination unit at existing STPs of 9.5 MLD STP (ASP-based technology), Jagaddal, and 10.00 MLD STP (WSP), Madrail, Bhatpara Municipal Area, under the Namami Gange Program, amounting to Rs. 4.91 crores were placed before the Executive Committee (EC) for consideration.

These are two existing STPs in Bhatpara town and both the STPs have consistently failed to meet the prescribed Faecal Coliform standards as per the regulatory norms. This shortfall is primarily due to the absence of a disinfection/chlorination system at these STPs. Therefore, to ensure compliance with the required standards, the installation of the disinfection/chlorination systems at both the STPs are being proposed.

Beside this, SPMG West Bengal has submitted another DPR for installation of disinfection system (chlorination unit) in 9 other existing STPs which also failed to meet the prescribed Faecal Coliform standards due to similar reason of the absence of a disinfection/chlorination system at these STPs. The DPR for installation of disinfection system (chlorination unit) in 9 other existing STPs have also been apprised by TPA and proposed to place in the upcoming EC meeting for consideration. With this, all the existing STPs in West Bengal on Ganga main town shall have the provision of disinfection facility to reduce the fecal coliforms.

Decisions:

After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee (EC) decided to approve the proposal according administrative approval and expenditure sanction (AA&ES) for the Installation of Chlorination Unit in Rejuvenated STPs (WSP/ASP) at Bhatpara Municipal Town, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, State, Under Namami Gange Program for an estimated amount of Rs 4.61 Crores under DBOT mode, subject to the following conditions:

- i. *The EC has directed that though this project is being placed as separate agenda, options may be explored to club the scope of work with the another DPR already submitted for the installation of chlorination units at 9 existing STPs, once approved. The project cost per STP is very low and hence clubbing (district wise cluster) of the multiple STPs in one project may be considered to attract sufficient participation from prospective bidders. This approach is intended to ensure administrative efficiency and streamlined execution. The SPMG may decide the clubbing of STPs as per district jurisdictions or as considered deemed fit by SPMG.*

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- ii. *It was also decided that the observations of NMCG, TPA would be complied with by the State Government/ Executing Agency at the time of finalization of the bid document/ at the time of execution and during O&M. The project has been considered to be funded under the National Ganga Plan (NGP)- Non-EAP Component of Namami Gange Program. The State Government must ensure the availability of land in its possession before awarding the works. The NMCG logo and name are to be inscribed at strategic locations, if applicable.*
- iii. *The Power connection costs of Rs 30 lakhs would be borne by the State, therefore the project cost stands revised to Rs 4.61 Cr.*
- iv. *The executing Agency shall obtain NMCG approval before making any changes in the sanctioned scope. Executing agency/SPMG must complete the work within a stipulated time. EC also directed the Executing agency/SPMG that the tender works must be awarded within four months from the date of issue of AA&ES.*
- v. *Any cost escalation over and above the sanctioned cost attributable to the State Government, including due to delay in land issue, change in scope post approval etc., will be borne by the State Government concerned.*

Agenda Item No. 64.6: “Conserving and Sustainably Managing Floodplain Wetlands of River Yamuna in Delhi”

Proposal:

Officials from the Wetland International South Asia (WISA), New Delhi presented a proposal for the effective management of floodplain wetlands in River Yamuna in Delhi to ensure sustained provision of wide-ranging ecosystem services naturally provided by these ecosystems and securing diverse habitats. The project will focus on wetlands within a 10 km buffer of the River Yamuna in Delhi. This project is designed to support the rejuvenation of the River Yamuna by conducting a comprehensive inventory and assessment of its floodplain wetlands. The initiative aims to strengthen the management of these ecosystems and enhance the overall health of the river system. The total budget of Rs. 50,24,298/- (Inclusive of GST) is proposed by WISA for a duration of nine months. The key components of the proposed project are as follows:

Component 1: Wetlands Inventory and Assessment

- Current wetlands map at 1:10,000 scale
- Decadal (20 Years) wetlands change data
- Wetlands inventory data (Physical feature, Hydrological regimes, Ecological data, Socio-economics and Institutions) for all surveyed wetlands
- Wetlands ecosystem health card for all surveyed wetlands
- Wetlands brief document in compliance with Wetlands Conservation Management Rules (2017) for all surveyed wetlands


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Component 2: Management Planning

- Wetlands prioritisation matrix
- Wetland management plans for prioritised wetlands
- Wetlands monitoring framework for River Yamuna floodplain wetlands
- Training of Wetland Managers on wetlands management planning and monitoring
- Communication products to support awareness raising on diverse values and biodiversity conservation

Discussion:

The Committee sought to know the compliances from WISA esp registration on DARPAN, signing of bond as per GFR and onboarding on TSA for assignment of funds. The representative from WISA mentioned that the organization fulfills all these requirements.

DG, NMCG enquired about the involvement of Delhi Govt. in the Project. He emphasized on the active involvement of Delhi Govt in the implementation of the project. It was decided that a Committee comprising of Delhi Wetland Authority, MoEFCC, DDA, WISA and NMCG would be set up to oversee the smooth implementation of the Project.

Decision:

After detailed discussions, the EC approved the project at a total cost of ₹50,24,298. It was decided that a Committee comprising of Delhi Wetland Authority, MoEFCC, DDA, WISA and NMCG would be set up to oversee the smooth implementation of the Project.

Agenda Item No. 64.7: Preparation of URMPs and its implementation in the member cities of the RCA (including additional scope of URMP Delhi)

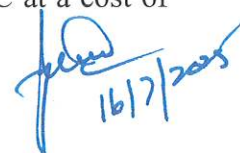
- **Implementing Agency:** National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)
- **Estimated Cost:** Cost of Additional Scope: INR 2.17 Crore (Indian Rupees Two Crore Seventeen Lakhs Eight Thousand five Hundred only)

Original Cost: INR 19.34 Crore (Indian Rupees Nineteen Crore and Thirty-Four Lakh only)

Total Revised Cost: INR 21.51 Crore (Indian Rupees Twenty-One Crore Fifty-One Lakhs only including GST) under Namami Gange Programme.

- Completion Period: 18 months
- Revised timeline: December 2026

DDG informed the Committee that a project involving preparation of 60 Urban River Management Plans (URMPs) in two phases and its implementation in the member cities of the River Cities Alliance (RCA)/Ganga Basin States was approved by the EC at a cost of



Rs 19.34 Cr. in the 50th meeting (**Agenda item 50.8**) of EC held on 31st July 2023. He stated that the present proposal intends to add the scope of preparation of URMP for Delhi, which aims to rejuvenate the Yamuna River, integrating sustainable water governance into the city's master plan in the already approved Project. He added that the SPA, Delhi has appraised the additional cost of preparation of URMP of Delhi as TPA.

After detailed discussions, the EC approved the proposal along with following conditions:

- a) **Additional scope for the preparation of URMP Delhi under the project, "Preparation of URMPs and its implementation in the member cities of the RCA" (including additional scope of URMP Delhi) under Namami Gange Mission-II,**

Cost of Additional Scope: INR 2.17 Crore (Indian Rupees Two Crore Seventeen Lakhs Eight Thousand Five Hundred only)

Original Cost: INR 19.34 Crore (Indian Rupees Nineteen Crore and Thirty-Four Lakh only)

Total Revised Cost: INR 21.51 Crore (Indian Rupees Twenty-One Crore Fifty-One Lakhs only including GST) under Namami Gange Programme.

- b) **Component of Safe Re-use of Treated Water (SRTW) in the URMP for Delhi and any other similar specialized components may be outsourced to an agency within the overall budget allocated for the project.**
- c) **IIT, Delhi will support the URMP preparation process through Centre of Excellence (CoE) set up under the "NMCG- IITD Dutch Collaboration for Intelligent River System and Clean Ganga (IND-RIVERS)" by providing technical support for the project. CoE will not charge any additional component in their budget for preparation of URMP of Delhi.**
- d) **Revision of timeline for the project to meet the additional scope and phase-2 URMP preparations till December 2026 (to accommodate approvals and reviews of key stakeholders for URMP Delhi).**
- e) **The source of financing for the proposal to be changed from NGP-EAP (World Bank) to NGP Non EAP as NIUA is yet to be on-boarded as an executing agency by DEA/World Bank for the implementation of URMP-related activities in the Second National Ganga River Basin Project (SNGRBP) of World Bank, IBRD Loan No. 9136.**
- f) **The indirect costs of Rs 19,73,500/- would be re-named as agency/institutional charges and shall not exceed 10% of the project costs.**
- g) **The manpower norms would be as per norms of NITI Aayog.**

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

