



Memorandum of Understanding

BY AND BETWEEN

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), constituted under the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016, under the administrative control of the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GB), Ministry of Jai Shakti (MoJS), with aims to take measures for effective abatement of pollution and rejuvenation of the river Ganga and its tributaries, having its office at Ist Floor Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium India Gate New Delhi -110002 (herein after referred to as NMCG) which expression shall, unless it be repugnant to the meaning or context thereof, be deemed to mean its legal representatives and permitted assigns and represented by Director General of NMCG.

AND

Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), a charitable trust registered under the Registration Act, 1908, governed by the Indian Trusts Act, 1882, and having its registered office at ISID Campus, 4 Vasant Kunj Institutional Area, New Delhi - 110070, India (hereinafter referred to as "CEEW"), which expression shall, unless it be repugnant to the meaning or context thereof, be deemed to mean its legal representatives and permitted assigns and through its authorized representative /signatory CEO).

(Hereinafter individually called as the "PARTY" and collectively called as "PARTIES")

This Memorandum of Understanding is made into on 13.03.2025, by and between the parties

1. Recitals:

- 1.1 National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) aims to ensure rejuvenation of the river Ganga and its tributaries in an integrated and holistic manner.
- 1.2. NMCG is engaged in implementation of the 'Namami Gange Programme', which is an integrated conservation mission, approved as 'Flagship Programme' by the Union Government to accomplish the twin objectives of effective abatement of pollution, conservation and rejuvenation of the National River Ganga.
- 1.3. CEEW claims to be one of the Asia's leading not-for-profit policy research institutions and among the world's top climate think tanks. It uses data, integrated analysis, and strategic outreach to explain — and change — the use, reuse, and misuse of resources.
- 1.4 CEEW aims to provides support for independent research on its high-quality research work, partnerships with public and private institutions, and engagement with the wider public.
- 1.5. The Parties wish to enter into the present Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as MoU) to convey the intent for collaborative framework.
- 1.6. Both parties have shown common objectives towards promoting sustainability using robust data and analysis, scope of activities, and working with potentially complementary methodologies.
- 1.7. The parties have agreed to enter into this MoU to provide a framework for collaboration between the parties for the opportunity to develop and implement commonly beneficial and agreed upon activities, terms and conditions set out in the articles following here under.



2.OBJECTIVES:

The objective of the MoU is to achieve:

(i) Collaboration between the parties within any field of common interest, however, special emphasis, will be laid in the fields related to the water sector, climate change, mainstreaming circularity in wastewater management including reuse of treated water and river rejuvenation.

3. COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

- i) To provide research support on the development of the treated used water reuse plan, activities during the course of the development of the integrated urban river management plans.
- ii) Support for development of city-level treated used water reuse plans in accordance to the provisions of statutory laws
- iii) To develop a Municipal Used Water Management Index for Urban Local Bodies in Class I and Class II cities of the states sharing the Ganga River Basin.
- iv) To assist in gaining knowledge support in convening stakeholders across various relevant government departments, academia, and civil society organizations to generate awareness and build capacity on the above activities.

4. ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

CEEW will provide research support to NMCG through primary and secondary research, data analysis, process documentation, and the development of strategies and frameworks. Further, CEEW will provide knowledge support for capacity building of relevant stakeholders for improving used water management in the Ganga river basin cities.

The activities will be taken up once both the parties develop and mutually agree on the annual work programme.

NMCG will facilitate access to data and information required by CEEW to perform various analyses, facilitate interactions between CEEW researchers and key government and non-government stakeholders, and review deliverables and results of the analyses carried out by CEEW.

Any events (workshops, conferences, training programmes) organised under the cooperation will be the joint responsibility of both parties.

5. FUNDING AND FINANCE

1) The collaboration under this MoU is completely non-financial. Both the Parties will bear their own respective expenses. There is absolutely "NO FINANCIAL COMMITMENT WHATSOEVER" under MOU and nothing in this MOU shall obligates the parties for entry into any contract or other financial obligation.

6. DATE OF SIGNING, EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION

(i) Date of signing: The date of signing in Memorandum of Understanding shall be the date on when all parties sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

(ii) Effective date: The effective date of Memorandum of Understanding is the date of signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).



(iii) Duration of Memorandum of Understanding: The duration of this Memorandum of Understanding is for a period of two (2) years commencing from the effective date.

The Memorandum of Understanding may be extended with mutual consent for the period agreed by both the parties\

7. FORCE MAJEURE EVENT Any failure or delay of the Parties to perform any of their obligations under this Memorandum of Understanding solely by reasons of acts of god, governmental acts/restrictions, riots, wars, strikes, lockouts, fire, flood, power failures or other causes beyond its control (a "Force Majeure Event") shall not be deemed to be a breach of this Memorandum of Understanding provided, however that the Party so prevented from complying shall continue to take all action within its power to comply as fully as possible with the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding.

8. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

(1) Rights in relation to any results, inventions, software, know-how findings and methods (and the intellectual property rights pertaining thereto) out of joint activities during the MoU will be determined by the Parties on an activity-by-activity basis, and documented in specific terms and conditions, if so warranted. For the avoidance of doubt, however, it is clarified that no rights or licenses whatsoever, either express or implied, are granted hereunder by one Party to the other Party as to any pre-existing or post MoU with regard to the intellectual property rights.

9. Dispute Resolution

9.1 Any disputes arising out of or in connection with this MoU shall be resolved amicably through mutual consultation. It shall be obligatory to first make an attempt to settle amicably through negotiations and dialogue in good faith. If dispute(s) cannot be sorted out within 2 months, the same shall be referred to Sole Arbitrator to be appointed by the parties as per the provisions of Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. However, in case any dispute arises which cannot be resolved by mutual consultation and or arbitration, the courts at Delhi only shall have the jurisdiction.

9.2. Neither party shall be considered in breach of their responsibilities to the extent that performance of their respective obligations is prevented by an Event of Force Majeure that arises after the Effective Date of the MoU.

9.3. In the event of arising any disputes and or initiated by any third party, the respective party shall only be responsible to defend such dispute and incur expenditure which may be incurred in this regard

10. Duration and Termination & Other conditions:

5.1. The MoU shall remain effective for a period of two (2) years from the date of signing unless terminated earlier by either party with one month's written notice. The MoU may, however, be extended by mutual written agreement of the parties.

5.2. No Party will make any press release and/or public announcement, nor disseminate any other communications product/collateral regarding the activities/projects or its outcomes within the scope of this MoU without the prior written approval (email communication is acceptable) of the other Party, the consent for which will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Any



communications material/announcement/press release/collateral related to the MOU will be discussed and agreed upon by both Parties prior to dissemination.

All outreach efforts, as well as sharing of information, data, learnings and publications, communication material, collaterals etc. within the scope of this MOU will be jointly branded as collaborative efforts between the two Parties. The communication related to all activities conducted under this collaboration will include the branding of both parties.

5.3 The information required to be held in confidential unless attracted in accordance with the provisions of any statutory laws. The parties will maintain utmost confidentiality in maintaining the correspondence and /or official records maintained in the course of the activities.

11. Amendments

11.1 Any amendments to this MoU shall be made in writing with the concurrence of the competent authority and shall be signed by authorized representatives of parties.

12. Appointment of Nodal Officers.

12.1 Parties shall designate a Nodal Officer to represent the fulfillment of the objectives mentioned hereunder:

- (a): Senior Programme Lead, Sustainable Water Programme Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW),
- (b) Deputy Director General (DDG), National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG),

13. Signatories

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