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Subject: - Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Empowered Task Force (ETF) on River Ganga held on 19th March, 2021 at 12.00 Noon

A copy of the minutes of the 7th meeting of the Empowered Task Force on River Ganga held on **19th March, 2021 at 12.00 Noon** through video conferencing under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti and Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Jal Shakti is forwarded herewith for kind information and necessary action.

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- 19) Chief Secretary, Govt. of Jharkhand
- 20) Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal
- 21) Chief Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh

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Minutes of the 7th meeting of Empowered Task Force (ETF) on River Ganga held on 19th March, 2021 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti

The 7th meeting of the Empowered Task Force (ETF) on River Ganga was held on 19th March, 2021 under the Chairmanship of Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti through Video Conferencing and in the presence of Shri Rattan Lal Kataria, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Jal Shakti.

2. The list of participants is **annexed**.
3. The meeting began with an introduction of all the members present during the meeting. Shri Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, Director General, National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) welcomed the Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti, Hon'ble Minister of State (Jal Shakti), Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand and the members present in the meeting and explained the constitution of NMCG as an Authority, the powers vested in NMCG as an Authority and also highlighted the role and functions of ETF. DG, NMCG also apprised the ETF on the inputs received from various Ministries and Departments of GoI as well as from the State governments and requested all the members present to further provide latest updates on projects taken up for Ganga rejuvenation during the course of the meeting.
4. Shri Rozy Agarwal, Executive Director (Finance), NMCG made a presentation on agenda items, Action taken report and other specific issues.
5. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussion with the permission of the Chair.

Agenda No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of 6th meeting of Empowered Task Force (ETF) held on 25.09.2020

The minutes of the 6th meeting of ETF held on 25th September, 2020 were confirmed, as no comments have been received from any quarter.

Agenda No. 2: Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in 6th meeting of Empowered Task Force

As a follow up on the 6th meeting of the ETF, a number of interventions have been taken up by Ministries / Departments of the Government of India as well as the State governments towards rejuvenation of river Ganga. Some of the major outcomes achieved, in accordance with the decisions taken in the last meeting of ETF, for implementing the decisions of National Ganga Council are as under –

- Ganga Cells have been constituted in the M/o Housing and Urban Affairs, M/o Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, M/o Shipping (IWAI), M/o Tourism.
- Organic Farming has been sanctioned in Uttarakhand (50840ha), Uttar Pradesh(42180ha) Bihar(16060ha) & Jharkhand (4540 ha)

- A museum on Ganga - Ganga Avalokan has been set-up at Chandi-Ghat, Haridwar by the National Mission for Clean Ganga
- Framework for planning and management of river cities is being developed by Town and Country Planning jointly with NMCG and NIUA
- The Urban River Management Plan framework was launched by Hon'ble Minister Jal Shakti
- A dedicated long term collaborative platform "Ganga River Cities Alliance" among River cities towards a healthy river is being developed by NMCG
- Regular meetings of State Ganga Committees and District Ganga Committees are being held for taking up various agenda related to Ganga rejuvenation

Agenda No. 3: Appraisal and discussion on Agenda of 7th meeting of Empowered Task Force

The ETF thereafter took up discussion on agenda of 7th meeting and sought response from all the Line Ministries of Government of India and the State Governments: -

- (i) All Ministries and Departments were again reminded to set up dedicated Ganga cells and to hold regular meetings for taking up interventions for rejuvenation of Ganga and its tributaries. The Ministries and Departments were also asked to nominate Nodal officers for this activity.

(ii) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW)

The MoA&FW informed the ETF that the work of Bamboo Mission in the state of Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh is being carried out smoothly whereas the work of Bamboo Mission is slow in the state of Bihar and Jharkhand. No response is being received from West Bengal for Organic farming. The MoA&FW also informed that they have taken up specific projects for conservation of ecosystem and bio-diversity in several districts of Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh.

Chief Secretary, Uttarakhand informed that under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) the work is going on and in the area of 50,000-hectare organic farming has been done at a cost of Rs.37.86 crore. They are focusing on the model of Natural Farming developed by the Niti Aayog.

Hon'ble Minister of State (Jal Shakti) intervening in the discussion asked about the steps being taken by MoA&FW for Crop diversification. Hon'ble Minister of State (Jal Shakti) also inquired about the survival rate of plants. MoA&FW informed that other crops other than wheat and rice are being promoted under the National Food Security scheme. The Hon'ble Minister of State (Jal Shakti) further advised the MoA&FW to consider the model of Haryana Govt for crop diversification and adopt a strategy in this regard for country-wide implementation.

The Govt of UP informed about the progress of organic farming and also on the extensive plantation activities being taken up in UP. The Govt of Bihar informed that the Bamboo mission activities in the state have now picked up and a separate project has been taken up through the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for enhancing utilization. The Govt. of Jharkhand updated the progress of horticulture activities under the Birsa Munda Harit Gram Yojana and the efforts to promote mustard cultivation under NBM.

(iii) Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC)

DG, NMCG apprised the ETF that repeated efforts were made in the past for allocation of funds from Central CAMPA for scaling up afforestation activities under Namami Gange program which, however, have not led to any specific results due to which the comprehensive DPR developed by FRI, Dehradun has not been fully implemented. DG NMCG also inquired about the progress of Project Dolphin which was announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 15th August 2020.

It was observed that the concerned JS, MoEF&CC was not present during the meeting and a detailed review was desired separately on the issues specific to MoEF&CC.

Chief Secretary, Uttarakhand informed that 770 water bodies have been rejuvenated, 1077 Dams have completed specially utilizing funds under MNREGA. Govt of Uttarakhand also apprised of utilization of CAMPA funds for Compensatory Afforestation Program in the Last three years across the state through State Forest Department apart from the afforestation activities under the Namami Gange program. All the works has been done on the catchment of Ganga and its tributaries. In addition to afforestation, Uttarakhand CAMPA has also done the activities for catchment area treatment programs, creation of water bodies for ground water recharge and rejuvenation of Kosi River in Almora district.

Director, Wetlands Authority, U.P. apprised the ETF on the progress of conservation of Wetlands on 270 wetlands across the Ganga Belt in the State of U.P.

Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti participating in the discussions stressed on the need for conducting a Third Part Appraisal of the Afforestation project taken up under Namami Gange Program to assess the impact of such large-scale intervention and going beyond just reportage on the numbers of hectares and number of plants put in the region. The impact of afforestation activities along Ganga from Namami Gange and other programmes need to be assessed. DG, NMCG informed that IIFM, Bhopal has been engaged to carry out a Third-Party Assessment of the impact of Forestry interventions.

(iv) Ministry of Tourism;

Ministry of Tourism informed that under Swadesh Darshan Division, a dedicated Ganga Cell has been constituted. It was also informed that letters have been written to all states to identify tourists' spots along Ganga and the details are awaited from the States.

Ministry of Tourism in consultation with the State Governments has sanctioned projects covering tourism circuits on different themes under its Swadesh Darshan scheme. Currently, Swadesh Darshan Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism is under review. Once the scheme is operational the Ministry of Tourism can consider sanctioning of new projects in the districts / areas adjoining to river Ganga on Ganga Theme. A separate segment for publicity of Ganga is being developed at the website of Incredible India.

DG, NMCG observed that the review with States has been going on for quite some time without yielding much results at field level in terms of actual projects taken up, even though there is huge potential for developing tourism across Ganga belt. The Ministry of Tourism may seriously work on promoting tourism along Ganga specially as it is an important component under Arth Ganga concept enunciated by the Hon'ble PM. DG, NMCG also apprised the ETF that a meeting was taken by the Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) for Tourism and Culture in January 2021 where decision was taken to take up three circuits to begin with – namely Rishikesh, Kanpur (Bithoor) and Munger to Bhagalpur as Model Tourist circuits. Not much progress, however, has been made. There is, however, no progress in this regard. It was further informed by DG, NMCG that under a project of NMCG, Cultural Mapping of Ganga is being done by INTACH. Based upon this, certain projects for tourism promotion & cultural heritage preservation were identified and shared with Ministry of Tourism for developing detailed projects.

The State Govts of Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh informed about the specific activities taken up them on areas like river cruise, development of Eco parks (in UP); development of ghats and Kedranath and Badrinath Temple complexes, development of Char Dham road of 895 kms (in Uttarkhand) and others. CS Uttarkhand also proposed that the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) sites could be allocated to the State government to develop them as tourist centres along the Ganga in Uttarakhand.

Hon'ble Minister of State (Jal Shakti) directed that a separate meeting is to be called for Tourism along with Ministry of Culture.

Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti after listening to feedback from various Ministries and State Govts observed with concern that the Arth Ganga concept was put forth by the Hon'ble Prime Minister almost 15 months back in December 2019 but the progress made by the various concerned Ministries / Departments and the pace of work under this important socio-economic concept needs much more improvement. Even the reports from States also have not been very encouraging who have to do the major portion of work under Arth Ganga in their respective areas. The Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti desired that NMCG must hold separate and focused meetings with each Ministry/ Department to review details of interventions being taken by them, take stock of action plan and monitor the progress of projects inch by inch to ensure effective grounding.

The Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti congratulated the NMCG for carrying out a lot of work under the Namami Gange program. He, however, opined that this Mission is not only about sewage or effluent treatment but aims at complete transformation in approach to River rejuvenation, and it needs active contribution from all Ministries/Departments. The interest and involvement required from various quarters needs to improve. All the stakeholders have to gear up for taking the Mission Clean Ganga forward in the right earnest. The Hon'ble Minister desired to convene Ministry wise / sector wise meetings by NMCG in the next one month either chaired by him or by the Hon'ble Minister of State to bring greater focus on the road map ahead. All Ministries /departments were requested to take note of the impending meetings and gear up for detailed discussions sector wise.

(v) **Ministry of Culture**

Ministry of Culture has identified 136 venues for Ganga Sanskriti Yatra but could not take up due to onset of Covid-19. They promised to take up the programme once the situation permits. It was informed that there are 6 Museums under the Ministry, who are being asked to put up Ganga Galleries/ exhibitions dedicated to Ganga. The action plan in this respect will be shared with NMCG shortly. They are also working with NMCG to develop a database of archaeological and cultural sites along Ganga and its tributaries for promotion of tourism on these sites.

(vi) **Department of Fisheries/ CIFRI:**

The Department of Fisheries informed the ETF that under the 'Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana' (PMMSY) fish production will be enhanced to 220 LMT with an investment of over Rs.20,000 crores in next five years which was launched in November, 2020. A big campaign has also been started to create public awareness specially amongst the Fishermen including circulation of river ranching videos on gram panchayat portal. The department also informed of a special river ranching drive taken up in Varanasi. They were requested to share a detailed report and action plan for districts along the Ganga.

(vii) **Ministry of Power:**

It was informed that in Chhattisgarh, the NTPC is ready with the DPR of Korba Sewage Treatment Plant (35 MLD) and the project has been designed in PPP mode in which selling of treated waste water to NTPC Korba is one of the important aspects.

The state authorities have been in touch with NTPC Korba for almost a year but NTPC has not yet agreed to purchase the treated waste water from Korba as the cost of treated water is high compared to the cost being presently purchased at. As a result, no tendering of the works has become possible yet. This matter was discussed in length in the 5th Central Monitoring Committee held at NMCG on 5th January 2021. Further a follow up meeting with NTPC Korba was held on 12th January 2021 under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary. NTPC Korba has been informed that NTPC will be solely responsible if the project is not implemented time by referring the NGT order. The Ministry of Power was also requested to implement their policies

on reuse of water in power plants at more location and a separate meeting was desired to be convened with the Ministry of Power in this regard.

(viii) Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD):

The MoRD informed that the Ministry is closely monitoring the work under MNREGA for activities for Ganga rejuvenation. A lot of convergence is taking place in the Ganga districts under MNREGA specially for digging trenches, de-silting and rejuvenation of rivers, rejuvenation of traditional water bodies, plantation activities etc.

The State Govts. of U.P. and Bihar mentioned about the activities being taken by them for renovation of ponds, nalas and small rivers by converging various Central and state schemes. The states were asked to share these details with NMCG.

(ix) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA)

All 97 Ganga Towns are eligible under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) to get additional Central Assistance (ACA 35%) for Solid Waste Management (SWM) projects through the State Government as per the guidelines and states concerned are availing as per their budget plans for setting up the required infrastructure. SBM (U) is closing by 31.03.2021 but proposal for SBM (U) 2.0 is under submission to the Government. Under AMRUT scheme, work on conservation of water bodies is also under progress under Ganga towns will get special focus under the Jal Jeevan Mission – 2.0 as well.

The framework for planning and management of river cities is being developed by Town and Country Planning (TCPO) jointly with NIUA and NMCG and a Ganga City Alliance is also being developed for giving a forum for exchange of best practices and ideas.

DG, NMCG brought out that MoHUA must address the issue of dumping of solid waste by the ULBs along Ganga which is an area of concern.

(x) Ministry of Science & Technology:

The Ministry of Science and Technology informed that one of their directorate is earmarked for Namami Gange.

Ministry of Science and Technology has already included river water quality monitoring and rejuvenation as one of the focus area & promoting the application led R & D in the area for technology development & subsequent linkages of the technologies in real field (river system) for evaluating the decentralized solution. The department envisages to support Ganga rejuvenation efforts and interventions being taken up by NMCG. The SoI is also carrying out a comprehensive High-resolution mapping of Ganga project for NMCG which is at advanced stage of development.

(xi) **Ministry of Shipping:**

Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has developed inland waterways at 9 places at a cost of Rs. 28 crore as was intimated by the Ministry of Shipping during the meeting.

(xii) **Inputs on the Agenda items taken up with State Government:**

- a) **Uttarakhand:** Chief Secretary, Uttarakhand informed that out of 770 nos. of rejuvenation of water bodies proposed, 510 have been completed. In addition, 3035 check dams were proposed out of which, 1077 nos. have been completed. Out of 32 STPs with treatment capacity of 131.87 MLD, 31 STPs with treatment capacity of 129.17 MLD have been installed and functional. 131 drains were draining into River Ganga earlier and all the drains have been intercepted by 31 STPs (both existing and new). In order to take innovative measures for treatment of waste water in drains, Interim arrangements through in-situ treatment by bio-remediation technology is being adopted in 19 drains falling in tributaries of river Ganga.
- b) The States of **Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand** were requested to send in their updated details sector wise to NMCG as were brought out during the meeting along with the further action plan.
- c) The State of **West Bengal** did not participate in the meeting due to the operation of Model code of Conduct as intimated by them vide letter dated 16th March, 2021.
- d) All State governments were expected to form District Ganga Committees (DGCs) for districts along tributaries as a number of projects are now being taken up for cleaning and rejuvenation of tributaries of river Ganga. It was also informed that some of the states were not sending the nominations for DGCs as per the Authorities order, 2016 and were requested to follow the constitution as prescribed in the said order of 2016.

Agenda No. 4: Adoption of Annual Accounts of NMCG for Financial Year 2019-20

The Annual Accounts of NMCG for the Financial Year 2019-20 was placed before the Empowered Task Force. After brief discussion, the Financial Accounts of NMCG for the FY 2019-20 was adopted by the Empowered Task Force.

Agenda No. 5: EFC proposal for extension of Namami Gange Program

The ETF was apprised that the proposal for extension of Namami Gange Program seeking fresh timeline up to 31st December 2026 with a total outlay of Rs. 25,862 crores has been developed for placing before the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) and later for seeking the approval of Union Cabinet.

Table Agenda No. 1 - NGT Judgement

Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) passed the O. A. No. 673/2018 along with O. A. No. 573/2017 in order dated 22.02.2021. The salient features of the Judgement are as follows:

- (i) The River Rejuvenation Committees (RRCs) established in the States/UTs, under supervision of the Chief Secretaries.
- (ii) The monitoring mechanism introduced in the form of RRCs at the States level and CMC at the Central level is to an extent identical to the monitoring mechanism under the Notification of 2016.
- (iii) Empowered Task Force on River Ganga may exercise all powers and discharge all functions in relation to all the polluted river stretches in the same manner as the functions entrusted to it under Notification of 2016.
- (iv) The process of rejuvenation of rivers need not be confined to only 351 stretches but may be applicable to all small, medium and big polluted rivers, including those dried up. The Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs may personally monitor progress at least once every month and the NRRM every quarter.

The above order/ directions of NGT were brought to the notice of ETF.

Table Agenda No. 2 - Participation of all stakeholders in Jal Shakti Abhiyan and Ganga Quest

ETF was informed that on the occasion of World Water Day and launch of Jal Shakti Abhiyan-II, the third edition of **Ganga Quest** for the age group above 10 years is planned to be conducted on a wider scale. Registration on the website (www.gangaquest.com) will start from 22nd March 2021 (World Water Day). The quiz is open to international participants also. It is also in English as well as in Hindi to ensure wider outreach. The quiz is scheduled to commence from 7th April 2021 (World Health Day) and will conclude on 8th May 2021 (World Migratory Bird Day). Live Quiz for the winners would be conducted online on 5th June 2021 (World Environment Day). The winners of the quiz will be announced on 20th June 2021 (Ganga Dusshera) and will be awarded with exciting prizes. The schools with highest participation will also be duly recognized. The appeal for joining the Ganga Quest will be an important activity along with the call for conserving water and for 'Catch the rain' campaign under Jal Shakti Abhiyaan as part of overall protection of ecology and environment.

All the members of ETF were requested to circulate the message of the upcoming interesting 'Ganga Quest' (competition) amongst their subordinate offices and other stakeholders so that maximum people especially children and youth participate in this quest for knowledge on Ganga and become part of the most comprehensive river conservation program of the country and the world.

6. In the light of detailed discussions and the progress reported by Central Ministries and the State Governments, the following decisions were taken for follow up action-

- I. The Line Ministries / Departments and Chief Secretary's offices in States to form a dedicated Ganga Cell and appoint a Nodal officer to coordinate the activities relating to Ganga. Regular meetings must be held to review the progress on Ganga related agenda and work in a mission mode to achieve the objectives. All concerned Ministries / Departments were also requested to gear up for implementing various interventions relating to Arth Ganga concept with focused and time bound approach.
(Action: All Ministries/Departments/State Governments)
- II. Subject specific meetings - Department/Ministry wise to be conducted by NMCG under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti/ Hon'ble Minister of State (Jal Shakti) within a month's time.
(Action: NMCG)
- III. Current updates of various interventions and project related to Ganga Rejuvenation and Arth Ganga along with complete road map for next year including achievements to be made and progress made so far to be provided within 10 days' time.
(Action: All Ministries/Departments/State Governments)
- IV. Efforts to be scaled up for Organic farming and Agro-Forestry in Ganga states for sustainable agricultural growth and for innovative practices to provide better opportunities in agriculture sectors to boost farm incomes. Efforts also need to be made for improving water use efficiency in agriculture and crop diversification.
(Action: Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare)
- V. A policy for distribution of CAMPA funds to Ganga States should be decided at the earliest for up scaling afforestation activities in Ganga belt. DG NMCG should also be involved in deciding allocation of CAMPA funds in Ganga belt for forestry works. A detailed plan of action also needs to be decided on priority to take forward the 'Project Dolphin' for conservation of Gangetic Dolphin. A comprehensive list of wetlands be also developed along with action plan for their restoration and conservation.
(Action: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change)
- VI. A need was felt to give more attention for Solid waste management along Ganga towns and for increasing waste processing capacities in the States. The Liquid waste management also needs to be scaled up ensuring tapping of Nalas and provision of Jaalis at the confluence with the river. A blue print/guidance document also needs to be developed for planning a framework for planning and management of river cities. It was decided to have a separate engagement on the subject for focused action.
(Action: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs)

- VII. A comprehensive plan be worked out for developing tourist circuits along Ganga taking into account the studies conducted by INTACH. Due attention be given for promoting Heritage and Cultural aspects of Ganga. A Separate and joint meeting to be held for Tourism and Culture sectors.

(Action: NMCG, Ministry of Tourism)

- VIII. Dedicated Ganga galleries be set up in Museums to spread awareness on Ganga. An action plan in this regard be developed and shared with NMCG for taking up this work in a time bound manner.

(Action: Ministry of Culture)

- IX. Concerted efforts be made for reuse of treated water in Thermal power plants by adopting cluster approach in a region with a view to identifying more plants which could take reused water for thermal generation of power and a policy for reuse of treated water in Thermal Power Plants also needs to be formulated at the earliest. Action also needs to be taken for Korba Thermal Plant in line with NGT directions. A separate meeting to be held with the Ministry in this regard.

(Action: Ministry of Power)

- X. Efforts need to be taken for convergence of schemes particularly MNREGA for rejuvenation of small rivers and traditional water bodies in Ganga catchment areas.

(Action: Ministry of Rural Development)

- XI. All State Governments were asked to expedited execution of projects under Namami Gange program in a time bound manner and hold regular meetings on Ganga related activities. The States must also focus on revival of small rivers and water bodies and adopt policies for reuse of treated water and other by products. Focused attention is also required from State authorities for ensuring SWM along Ganga belt and promote organic farming and forestry works in Ganga catchment by converging various Central and State schemes like MNREGA. All states were also requested to send in the updated details of various interventions at regular intervals.

(Action: All States)

- XII. All State Government were directed to send the nomination for formation of District Ganga Committees (DGCs) for districts abutting the tributaries are per the composition prescribed in River Authorities Order, 2016.

(Action: All States)

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all participants and to the Chair.

List of Participants
of the 7th meeting of Empowered Task Force held on 19.03.2021 at New Delhi

1. Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Jal Shakti
2. Shri Ratan Lal Kataria, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Jal Shakti
3. Shri Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, Director General, NMCG
4. Shri Om Prakash, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand
5. Shri Arun Baroka, Additional Secretary, D/o Drinking Water & Sanitation
6. Ms. Alka Bhargava, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
7. Shri Kamran Rizvi, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
8. Shri Rozy Agarwal, Executive Director (Finance), NMCG
9. Shri D.P. Mathuria, Executive Director (Finance), NMCG
10. Shri Ashok Kumar Singh, Executive Director (Projects), NMCG
11. Shri Jagmohan Gupta, Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, D/o WR, RD & GR
12. Shri Ramesh Kumar Gangwar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
13. Shri Gyan Bhushan, Economic Adviser, Ministry of Tourism
14. Shri Rohit Kumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development
15. Shri Avinash Mishra, Adviser, NITI Aayog
16. Shri Naveen Tomar, Surveyor General of India
17. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Kassi, Chief Engineer (Thermal), Ministry of Power
18. Shri S.K. Singh, Director, Fisheries Department, Uttar Pradesh
19. Shri Rajat Sachar, Senior Economic Adviser, Ministry of Shipping
20. Shri Shiv Pal Singh, M/o Tourism, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh
21. Shri Anurag Srivastava, Principal Secretary, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh
22. Ms. Deepika Pokharna, Director, Ministry of Culture
23. Shri Prashant Kumar, Secretary, Water Resources Department, Govt. of Jharkhand
24. Shri Santosh Tiwari, APCCF, Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Patna