

Minutes of the Meeting of 20th River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC), West Bengal under the Chairmanship of the Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Control Board (WBPCB) and Chairman of RRC held on 31st August, 2026 at the Conference Room of West Bengal Pollution Control Board.

List of Participants: As per list enclosed (Annexure-I)

The Member Secretary, WBPCB and Chairman of RRC, West Bengal welcomed all the members of River Rejuvenation Committee in the meeting attended physically & virtually and initiated the discussion.

Program Director, SMCG WB set the tone of the meeting by presenting the status of LWM Program in the State and proceeded with agenda wise issues.

- At the outset Program Director, SMCG WB presented that out of total sewage generated of 2758 MLD in the urban area, State has 59 Operational STPs with their capacity 2082.27 MLD, 11 nos. of under construction STPs with the capacity of 179.75 MLD and 5 nos. of under rejuvenation stage with capacity 71.90 MLD.
- ❖ **Agenda - 1: Currently listed and de-listed Pollution River Stretches (PRS) in West Bengal by CPCB and their proposed Action Plans by the representative Executing Agencies:**
 - **Exclusion of 3 polluted river stretches from the State:** Program Director, SMCG WB stated that there was 17 polluted river stretches in the year of 2018 in the State, 13 river stretches in the year of 2022 and 11 river stretches in the year 2025 including Silabati, Karola and Jaldhaka. Chief Scientist, WBPCB informed that they have already requested Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) for exclusion of these 3 polluted river stretches from the PRS list of CPCB with proper justification which is still pending at CPCB. Member Secretary, WBPCB directed Chief Scientist, WBPCB to send a reminder letter to CPCB in this regard.
- ❖ **Agenda - 2: Review of Water Quality of different PRS:**

Program Director, SMCG WB has given a comparison chart of PRS showing that river Mahananda is in priority - I, Vidyadhari & Churni /Matha Bhanga are in priority - III, Dwarka is in priority - IV and rest are in priority - V category including river Ganga.

 - **Pollution Mitigation Status of River Mahananda:** Program Director, SMCG WB presented that the status of under construction/rejuvenation STPs/FSTP, and also highlighted that STP - III of capacity 32 MLD will be completed very shortly and STP - II of capacity 24 MLD is expected to be completed by February, 2027. She also informed that a NMCG project consisting of 2 STPs with the capacity of 27 MLD and 22 MLD respectively is currently under tendering stage which will be executed by KMDA. With the completion of these projects pollution load of River Mahananda will definitely be reduced.

- **Pollution Mitigation Status of River Vidyadhari:** Program Director, SMCG WB presented the status of operational and under construction/proposal STPs which will help to reduce the pollution load of River Vidyadhari.
- **Pollution Mitigation Status of River Churni:** It was stated that 2 STPs I Ranaghat are in operational stage for mitigation of the pollution of river Churni, and PD SMCG also informed that DPR for another STP is under preparation by MED which will be sent to NMCG for sanction and funding. Member Secretary, WBPCB directed MED to prepare and submit the DPR to SMCG at the earliest.
- **Pollution Mitigation Status of River Dwarka:** PHED informed that one STP with the capacity of 4.25 MLD is under operational stage and also informed that one sewage collecting pit is under construction stage which will be completed by December, 2026. They also informed that the interconnection of this STP is being done by Tarapith-Rampurhat Development Authority.
- **Pollution Mitigation Status of River Ganga:** Program Director, SMCG WB stated that 44 STPs are in operational stage and 11 nos. of STPs are in under construction/rejuvenation stage to mitigate the pollution the load of River Ganga. With continuous efforts & monitoring the BOD level of river Ganga is consistently remains below 3mg/l which is within the bathing standard as per the latest water quality report of WBPCB.

❖ **Agenda – 3: Review of the quality of the treated water at different STPs:**

Program Director, SMCG WB apprised the house that:

- According to reports of CPCB for the period of December, 2025 – March, 2026
- No of STPs non-Complying with respect to Faecal Coliform (FC) – 16
- No of STPs non-Complying with respect to BOD – 4
- No of STPs non-Complying with respect to pH – 1
- No of STPs non-Complying with respect to TSS – 1

To reduce the FC of River Ganga, NMCG has sanctioned 11 CCT units for operational STPs which are in tendering stage, and will contribute towards mitigating the issue.

❖ **Agenda – 4: Status of old STPs under KMC / PHED:**

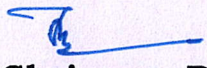
- Program Director, SMCG WB stated that Garden Reach and Keorapukur under KMC are currently in rejuvenation stage funded by NMCG.
- KMC to prepare rejuvenation proposal of old operational STPs namely, Baghajatin, Hatisur and Bangur. Member Secretary, WBPCB directed KMC to prepare these proposals and submit it to SMCG WB at the earliest.
- Program Director, SMCG WB informed the committee that the DPR of Diamond Harbour STP Project is under preparation by MED. Member Secretary, WBPCB directed MED to expedite the preparation of DPR and submit it to SMCG WB.

❖ **Agenda – 5: other issues:**

- Program Director, SMCG WB informed that the flow measurement report for EKW is long pending which was discussed in last RRC meeting (19th RRC). Member Secretary, WBPCB directed KMC to submit the report to SMCG WB at the earliest.
- **Information regarding Flood Plain Zone demarcation:** Program Director, SMCG WB stated that with respect to civil appeal 3367 of 2020 filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, I&WD, GoWB has to prepare the details of Flood Plain Zoning demarcations and provide complete details of the chart sent by NMCG to the State. Member Secretary, WBPCB directed SMCG WB to take up the matter with I&WD, GoWB to know the latest report in this regard.

As there are no other issue to discuss, the meeting ended with thanks from and to the Chair.


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Program Director, SMCG WB

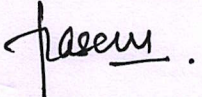

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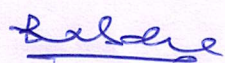
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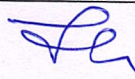
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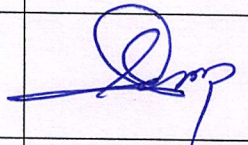
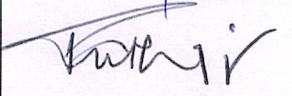
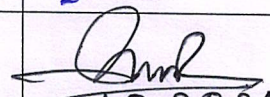
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Date & Time : 31-08-2026 & 10.00 A.M.

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