



Namami Gange Programme

Why in News

Recently, an agreement was signed for Development of 35 MLD (Mega Liters per day) **Sewage Treatment Plant** in Maheshtala (City situated on the east bank of **River Ganga**), West Bengal under **Namami Gange Programme**.

- The project was signed under [Hybrid Annuity PPP mode](#).

Key Points

▪ Namami Gange Programme:

- Namami Gange Programme is an **Integrated Conservation Mission**, approved as a **'Flagship Programme'** by the Union Government in June 2014 to accomplish the **twin objectives of effective abatement of pollution and conservation and rejuvenation of National River Ganga**.
- It is being operated under the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, [Ministry of Jal Shakti](#).
- The program is being implemented by the [National Mission for Clean Ganga \(NMCG\)](#), and its state counterpart organizations i.e State Program Management Groups (SPMGs).
- NMCG is the implementation wing of [National Ganga Council](#) (set in 2016; which replaced the National Ganga River Basin Authority - NGRBA).
- It has a Rs. 20,000-crore, **centrally-funded, non-lapsable corpus** and consists of nearly 288 projects.
- The **main pillars** of the programme are:
 - Sewage Treatment Infrastructure
 - River-Front Development
 - River-Surface Cleaning
 - Biodiversity
 - Afforestation
 - Public Awareness
 - Industrial Effluent Monitoring
 - Ganga Gram

▪ The Ganga River System:

- The headwaters of the Ganga called the 'Bhagirathi' are fed by the Gangotri Glacier and joined by the Alaknanda at Devprayag in Uttarakhand.
- At Haridwar, Ganga emerges from the mountains to the plains.
- The Ganga is joined by many tributaries from the Himalayas, a few of them being major rivers such as the Yamuna, the Ghaghara, the Gandak and the Kosi.

THE GANGA RIVER MAP



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