

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 <u>Hybrid Annuity PPP mode</u>.

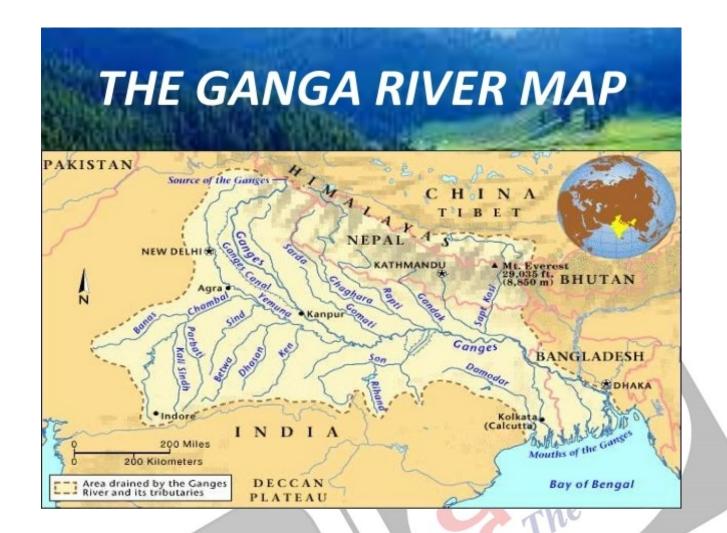
Key Points

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 <u>National Mission for Clean Ganga</u> (NMCG), and its state counterpart organizations i.e State Program Management Groups (SPMGs).
- NMCG is the implementation wing of <u>National Ganga Council</u> (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.



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