



NMCG's 59th Executive Committee Meeting

Why in News?

Recently, the **59th Executive Committee (EC) meeting** of [the National Mission for Clean Ganga \(NMCG\)](#) approved several critical projects dedicated to the conservation and rejuvenation of [the Ganga River](#).

- These initiatives are aimed at **promoting the cleanliness, sustainable development, and preservation of the environmental and cultural significance of the river.**

Key Points

- **Projects in Uttar Pradesh:**
 - **Chandauli Project:**
 - Construction of a 45 million liters [Sewage Treatment Plant \(STP\)](#) using the [hybrid annuity model](#).
 - Includes supporting infrastructure and ensures **operation and maintenance (O&M) for 15 years.**
 - **Manikpur Project:**
 - Development of a 15 million liters [Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant](#) and a 35 kilowatts [solar power plant](#).
 - Designed for [eco-friendly waste management](#) and effective operations for 5 years.
- **River Conservation in Bihar:**
 - **Buxar Project:**
 - Construction of a **50 million liters STP** and supporting structure.
 - Incorporates a **nature-based 1 million liters capacity STP**, three interception **pumping stations**, and an 8.68 km sewer network.
 - Ensures robust O&M for 15 years, advancing **sustainable river conservation efforts.**

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)

- **About:**
 - On 12th August 2011, the NMCG was listed **as a society** under [the Societies Registration Act, 1860](#).
 - It acted as the implementation arm of the **National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA)** which was constituted under the provisions of the [Environment \(Protection\) Act \(EPA\), 1986](#).
 - **NGRBA** was dissolved in 2016 and **replaced by the National Council for Rejuvenation, Protection, and Management of River Ganga.**
- **Objective:**
 - The objective of the NMCG is to **reduce pollution and ensure the rejuvenation** of the Ganga River.
 - [Namami Gange](#) is one of the Coveted Programmes of NMCG to clean Ganga.
 - This can be achieved by promoting intersectoral coordination for comprehensive planning & management and maintaining minimum ecological flow in the river, with the aim of

ensuring water quality and environmentally **sustainable development.**

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