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## PREVENTION

# Hayana govt to upgrade 39 STPs to save rivers from pollution

NEW DELHI: HARYANA government on Thursday directed the authorities to ensure that untreated waste water reach sewage treatment plants (STPs) to prevent the rivers and canals from getting contaminated.

Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal said the state government will upgrade 39 STPs by December this year.

Apart from this, a detailed project report will be prepared under the 'Namami Gange Programme' of the Central government to clean the drains and reduce pollution.

He said that robust arrangements should be made to ensure that untreated waste water should reach STPs and common effluent treatment plants. Kaushal said it is the moral obligation of the officers to protect the canals and rivers from getting contaminated, according to an official.

The work of laying sewerage lines in two cities will also be completed by the month of December, he said. Similarly, out of 1,636 km line, 1,477 km has been laid in Yamuna catchment area, he said, adding that the work of laying sewerage lines in the remaining three cities is also going on at a fast pace.

Meanwhile, in another meeting, the chief secretary said the Haryana government will set up six automated vehicle testing stations in the state at Ambala, Faridabad, Hisar, Karnal, Gurugram and Rewari.

These stations are likely to cost around ₹116 crore, said the statement. *PTI*