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## WASTE AND WATER

A study reveals that garbage dumping remains an intractable problem, raises questions about the Clean Ganga Mission

**W**HEN THE NATIONAL Clean Ganga Mission was launched in 2015, a common criticism was that the project would come a cropper if it did not address the problem of municipal solid waste (MSW) flowing into the river. The mission did have plans of bolstering the network of waste treatment plants across the Ganga's 2,500 km stretch. However, an analysis of the river's water by the Quality Council of India has proved the naysayers right. The study points out that 66 of the 97 towns along the river have at least one drain that flows into the Ganga and notes that only 19 towns across the river's basin have a plant to treat MSW.

Data on the Clean Ganga Mission website offers some insight into where things have wrong. Till November last year, the project had completed barely a sixth of the sewage treatment plant (STP) coverage it had envisaged. The issue, however, is not just about the construction of STPs but also their performance. Such plants perform sub-optimally because a large part of India's urban population lives outside sewerage networks. This means that much of the waste they generate does not reach the STPs. The Clean Ganga Mission did aim to strengthen the urban sewerage network. But the mission's website reveals that only 31 of the 131 sewerage infrastructure projects have been completed so far.

Last year, Union Minister of Water Resources Nitin Gadkari said that the government would try to ensure a 70 to 80 per cent improvement in the Ganga's water quality by March 2019. He also spoke of a project to create a cadre of village and town-level volunteers who would help local bodies to monitor the quality of the river's water. However, by all accounts, the Clean Ganga Mission has adopted the same top-down approach which proved to be the undoing of earlier projects to clean it. The failure to reach out to local communities has been particularly telling when it comes to dealing with MSW. It's well-known that such waste is best dealt with at source — segregated into separate heaps meant for recycling or for treatment at MSW plants. But that rarely happens in India's cities. The Quality Council of India study shows how this failing has worked to the detriment of the Ganga. It found rubbish heaps close to ghats in 72 of the 97 towns along the river. The director of the Clean Ganga Mission has said that his team will take stock of the situation in mid-March. Chances are that by then, the project will miss the target set by the water resources minister.

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**NGT seeks report on  
inter-linking of A.P. rivers**

VIJAYAWADA

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the Ministry of Environment and Forest & Climate Change (MoEF) and the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board to submit to it a 'factual report' on the status of the Godavari-Krishna-Penna river linkage within a month. The NGT listed the matter for hearing on April 22.

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## Dirty Yamuna could nix plan for Delhi-Agra aeroboats

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Water resources minister Nitin Gadkari's hope to run hybrid aeroboats from Delhi to Agra may not be a reality in near future because of the poor quality of Yamuna water. The minister on Thursday said that a assessment carried out on this stretch of Yamuna showed that the water quality is so bad that starting such a service would be difficult.

"I was told that there is hardly any water in this stretch of the river. It's all sewage and waste water. We have launched several water cleaning projects under the Namami Gange scheme, which will help improve the water quality and flow in the river," the minister said while flagging off the first vessel carrying containers of Concor, a PSU under railways ministry.

Recently, Gadkari had said his ministry was looking at the possibility of using these boats during Kumbh Mela next year and on Yamuna for a visit to Taj Mahal from Delhi. He had also said the trial run could be undertaken before January 26 with Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, his deputy and all Delhi MPs boarding the boat.

Hybrid aeroboats which combine land, water and aviation technology, can run on land, water and air at speeds greater than 80 kmph.

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# इलाहाबाद-वाराणसी के बीच 26 से एरोबोट चलेंगी : गडकरी



नई दिल्ली | विशेष संवाददाता

सड़क परिवहन व राजमार्ग मंत्री नितिन गडकरी ने गुरुवार को कहा कि 26 जनवरी से कुंभ के दौरान इलाहाबाद-वाराणसी के बीच तीर्थ यात्रियों के लिए हाईब्रिड एरोबोट गंगा में दौड़ने लगेगी।

इसकी विशेषता यह है कि रूसी तकनीक आधारित एरोबोट पानी,

जमीन के अलावा हवा में तीन मीटर 80 किलोमीटर प्रतिघंटा की रफ्तार से चल सकती है।

गडकरी गुरुवार को परिवहन भवन में एक समारोह में बोल रहे थे। उन्होंने वीडियो कॉन्फ्रेंसिंग के जरिए रेलवे के उपक्रम कंटेनर कॉरपोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया (कॉनकोर) के पहले जलयान को हरी झंडी दिखाई। यह जलयान कंडला पोर्ट से तूतीकोरिन पोर्ट वाया मंगलोर, कोचीन के बीच चलेगा। समारोह में रेल मंत्री पीयूष गोयल भी उपस्थित थे। इस मौके पर गोयल ने कहा कि देश की सबसे तेज गति से चलने वाली ट्रेन-18 जल्द दिल्ली-वाराणसी के बीच दौड़ेगी।



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जल परिवहन 70 फीसदी से ज्यादा सस्ता

गडकरी ने कहा कि जल परिवहन सड़क और रेल की अपेक्षा 70% से अधिक सस्ता है। उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार के अनुरोध पर इलाहाबाद-वाराणसी के बीच 26 जनवरी से एरोबोट चलाने की योजना है। हाईब्रिड होने के कारण एरोबोट पानी-जमीन के अलावा हवा में तीन मीटर तक उड़ सकती है। इसलिए नामर विमानन मंत्रालय से इसे चलाने की अनुमति लेने की जरूरत नहीं होगी। इसमें तीर्थयात्रियों के लिए पांच और सात सितारा सुविधाएं होंगी। एरोबोट की रफ्तार 80 से 170 किलोमीटर प्रतिघंटा तक है। इसकी यात्री क्षमता 20 से 24 लोगों की है।

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## रेणुका बांध के लिए

## समझौता आज

नई दिल्ली। यमुना की सहायक नदी गिरी पर बनने वाले रेणुका बांध के लिए शुक्रवार को केन्द्रीय जल संसाधन मंत्री नितिन गडकरी की मौजूदगी में संबंधित छह राज्यों उत्तराखंड, उत्तर प्रदेश, दिल्ली, राजस्थान, हरियाणा, हिमाचल प्रदेश के बीच समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए जाएंगे। इस मौके पर सभी छह राज्यों के मुख्यमंत्री भी मौजूद रहेंगे।

इनके साथ ही नमामि गंगे परियोजना के अंतर्गत प्रयागराज में एसटीपी समेत विभिन्न परियोजनाओं के लिए हाइब्रिड एन्युटी मोड के तहत एक सिटी एक ऑपरेटर के लिए समझौते पर भी हस्ताक्षर किए जाएंगे। अभी प्रयागराज में गंगा यमुना के पार नैनी, फाफामऊ और झूसी में कोई एसटीपी नहीं है। (वि.सं.)