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Haryana told to identify, shut units polluting Yamuna at once

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PANIPAT, APRIL 11

Untreated industrial waste is polluting the Yamuna in Yamunanagar, Panipat and Sonapat districts, says a report of the Yamuna Pollution Monitoring Committee constituted on the directions of the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

Acting on the report, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has ordered the Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) to identify and shutting units in Yamunanagar, Panipat and Kundli in Sonapat district with immediate effect for not complying with the norms prescribed under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

A joint team of the CPCB and the Central Council for Industrial Research (CSIR)-National

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A tanker releases industrial waste into a Yamuna drain in Panipat.

Untreated industrial waste going into the river, says panel constituted on NGT directions

SAMPLES FROM SONEPAT, PANIPAT, Y'NAGAR

- A Central team monitored water quality in Sonapat, Panipat & Yamunanagar from Dec 24 to 27 last year without informing state pollution board officials
- It was found that industrial waste was being directly released into the river without treatment, says its report
- The river water failed to meet the primary criterion — bathing water quality standard — at all monitored locations

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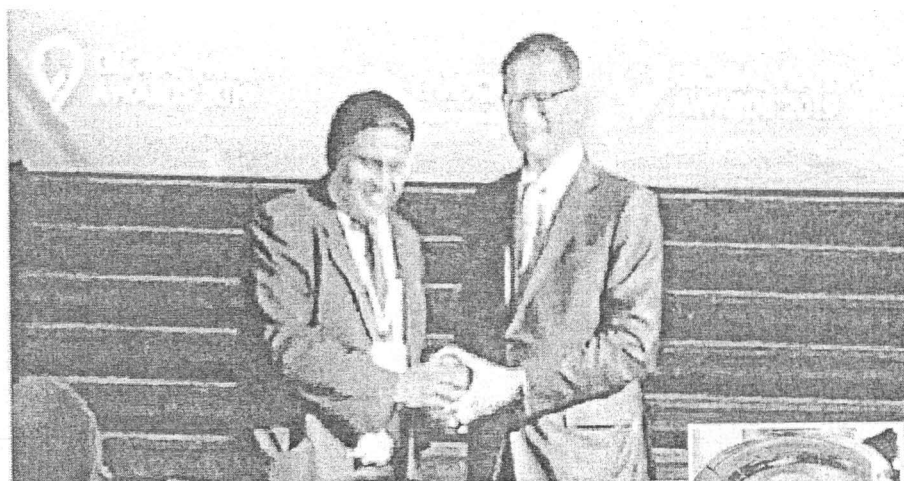
Namami Gange receives international recognition

By Mail Today Bureau in
New Delhi

National Mission for Clean Ganga has received 'Public Water Agency of the Year' award by Global Water Intelligence at the Global Water Summit, the major business conference for the water industry worldwide, in London. The award recognises excellence across international water industry and rewards initiatives in the water, wastewater and desalination sectors which bring remarkable improvements in the lives of the people.

The Namami Gange programme is an integrated mission for Ganga rejuvenation which has a comprehensive multi-sectoral intervention with multi-stakeholders involvement and adopts a basin-based approach which includes Ganga and its tributaries. The programme aims at providing comprehensive and sustainable solutions for major pollution hot spots along the stretch of 97 towns and 4,465 villages on the Ganga stem. This mission also includes rehabilitating the old and dilapidated STPs as well as ensuring Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of all assets created.

A total of 289 projects have been sanctioned at a cost of ₹28,377 crore out of which 87 projects have been completed. 151 sewerage projects, 112 on the main stem of the Ganga and 39 projects on the tributaries, at a sanctioned cost of ₹23,158.93 crore have been approved for the creation of 3,732 million litres per day (MLD) new Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) capacity, 1,114 MLD rehabilitated STP capacity and laying of approximately 4,971.01 km sewerage networks. Till date, 37 projects of pollu-



tion abatement have been completed, which has resulted in laying of 2,565 km sewer networks and of 575 MLD of STP capacity in the Ganga basin. 63 projects are under execution and 51 are under various stages of tendering. 35 projects are expected to be completed in 2019 and 65 by 2020.

The 10 cities including Haridwar, Kanpur, Varanasi, Prayagraj and Kolkata which contribute more than 64 per cent of the pollution in Ganga have been comprehensively covered in all aspects under the mission.

Key milestones achieved:

- Issue of the notification regarding minimum e-flow in river Ganga addressed the apprehensions regarding drought. The notification also emphasised on water conservation and improving water efficiency by adopting scientific practices such as efficient methods of irrigation, reuse and recycle of water and regulation of ground water withdrawal.

- Over-exploitation of river water is being tackled through recycle/reuse of treated sewerage for the first time. Re-use of two crore litre of treated wastewater in Mathura refinery

is an important step in propagating waste-to-wealth approach and saving the water-stressed Yamuna river.

- Ensuring Swachh Kumbh by checking polluted flows from 53 drains using bio-remediation, financial assistance for 27,500 toilets, 20,000 urinals and 16,500 dustbins with lining bags, construction of six ghats and active public outreach through Paint My City campaign.

- 28 sewerage infrastructure projects with 643 MLD treatment capacity taken up in 18 towns of Bihar at a cost of ₹5,220.81 crore.

- 162 ghats, 55 crematoria in addition to river front development in Patna and Haridwar have been sanctioned and 87 ghats and 24 crematoria have been completed.

- Afforestation and biodiversity conservation campaigns were conducted.

- Marking a major shift in implementation, the mission is focusing on involving people living on the banks of the river to attain sustainable results.



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NGT forms monitoring panel to prepare national plan for polluted rivers

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The NGT has formed a Central Monitoring Committee to prepare and enforce a national plan to make over 350 river stretches across the country pollution free as it has caused serious threat to safety of water and environment.

A bench headed by Nation Green Tribunal (NGT) Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel said the committee would comprise a representative of NITI Aayog; secretaries of Ministry of Water Resources, Ministry of Urban Development and Ministry of Environment; the director general of National Mission for Clean Ganga and the Central Pollution Control Board chairman.

The Central Monitoring Committee will also co-ordinate with the River Rejuvenation Committees of the states and oversee the execution of the action plans, taking into account the timelines, budgetary mechanism and other factors. Chief secretaries of states will be the nodal



agency at state level.

"The chief secretaries of the states may undertake review of progress of RRCs by involving concerned secretaries of Department of Urban Development, Environment, Industries, Irrigation and Public Health, Health etc.," the bench said.

The tribunal also directed the Ministry of Environment to consider a policy for

giving environmental awards to outstanding persons (national and juristic) and institutions or states and introducing "dis-incentives" for non compliant states and asked it to frame such scheme before June 30.

"First meeting of the Central Monitoring Committee may be held by June 30. The Central Monitoring Committee may consider iden-

tifying experts, best practices and models for use of treated water, including plan to supply untreated sewage for a price or otherwise so that the concerned needy party can treat and utilise such water as is reportedly being done at Surat in Gujarat, Nagpur in Maharashtra and Bhilwada in Rajasthan or any other place," it said.

Use of treated water for

agriculture or other purpose may save potable surface and ground water, it said.

The NGT directed the Central Monitoring Committee to give its report by July 31.

"We direct the CPCB and state pollution control boards to launch nationwide programme on biodiversity monitoring and indexing of the rivers to assess the efficacy of river cleaning programme. Further, for safety of human health and maintaining sanctity of the rivers, regular hygienic surveys of the rivers should be carried out with reference to fecal coliform and fecal streptococci, as indicated in the primary water quality criteria for bathing waters," the NGT said.

The tribunal noted that due to use of polluted water in irrigation, there is threat to the health of human beings apart from the aquatic flora and fauna.

"It is therefore necessary to have regular hygienic survey of the rivers particularly with reference to pathogenic organisms having

impact on human health directly or indirectly. It is also important to note that biological health of the rivers is an important aspect. Much of the important biodiversity is lost on account of severe pollution in the rivers.

"There has to be a regular study of the Indian rivers with regard to biological health and its diversity. We understand that biomapping of rivers and setting biological goals/criteria is part of River Rejuvenation Programmes in some countries. There is threat to the environmental rule of law of the country," it said.

The tribunal's direction came after taking note of a news item in 'The Hindu' under the heading "More river stretches are now critically polluted: CPCB".

According to the news item, 351 polluted river stretches have been noted by the CPCB and 117 such stretches are in the states of Assam, Gujarat, and Maharashtra. The CPCB has apprised the concerned states of the extent of pollution in the rivers.