

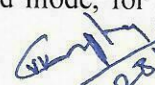
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National Mission for Clean Ganga

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Dated: 28th August 2026

Sub: Minutes of 73rd meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga

Please find enclosed minutes of 73rd meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) held on 18th August 2026 through hybrid mode, for kind information and necessary action.


28/08/26

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1. The first part of the paper discusses the importance of the study and the objectives of the research.

2. The second part of the paper describes the methodology used in the study and the data collection process.

3. The third part of the paper presents the results of the study and discusses the findings.

4. The fourth part of the paper discusses the implications of the study and the conclusions drawn from the research.

5. The fifth part of the paper discusses the limitations of the study and the areas for future research.

6. The sixth part of the paper discusses the contributions of the study to the field of research.

7. The seventh part of the paper discusses the practical applications of the study and the recommendations for practice.

8. The eighth part of the paper discusses the ethical considerations of the study and the measures taken to ensure ethical standards.

9. The ninth part of the paper discusses the funding of the study and the acknowledgments to the funding bodies.

10. The tenth part of the paper discusses the dissemination of the study and the plans for future work.

11. The eleventh part of the paper discusses the overall impact of the study and the final conclusions.

12. The twelfth part of the paper discusses the references and the sources used in the study.

13. The thirteenth part of the paper discusses the appendices and the supplementary materials.

14. The fourteenth part of the paper discusses the index and the table of contents.

15. The fifteenth part of the paper discusses the overall structure and organization of the paper.

16. The sixteenth part of the paper discusses the final remarks and the closing statements.

**Minutes of the 73rd meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of
National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) held on 18th August 2026 at
NMCG Office, New Delhi**

The 73rd meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) was held on 18th August 2026 at 03:00 PM at NMCG office, Delhi through hybrid mode under the Chairmanship of Director General (DG), NMCG.

Executive Director (Admin.), NMCG welcomed the Director General, NMCG, members of the Executive Committee and other officials present in the meeting. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

Agenda Item No. 73.1: Minutes of 72nd meeting of the Executive Committee of NMCG held on 23rd July 2026 for information

The Executive Committee was informed that the minutes of 72nd meeting of the Executive Committee of NMCG held on 23rd July 2026 were circulated among all the committee members on 5th August 2026.

Agenda Item No. 73.2: Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Executive Committee taken in the 72nd meeting held on 23rd July 2026

The Executive Committee was informed that requisite action has been taken on the decisions taken in the 73rd meeting of the EC held on 23rd July 2026.

Agenda Item No. 73.3: Status of In-Principle Approved Cost Variations in Projects by the Executive Committee of NMCG

Background:

The Executive Committee (EC) of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) accords in-principle approval to projects involving significant cost variations prior to their final approval, subject to completion of the prescribed procedures, including independent Third-Party Appraisal (TPA), wherever applicable. This mechanism is intended to avoid post-facto approvals by apprising the EC in advance of anticipated project variations, thereby facilitating timely review and, where necessary, appropriate corrective interventions. Accordingly, this agenda item has been included to maintain a consolidated record of projects accorded in-principle approval and to provide the EC with periodic updates on their status and progress.

Discussion:

The Executive Committee (EC) was apprised of the status, aa on date, of



variations project mentioned in the Agenda Item. The Committee was informed that the **9 sewerage infrastructure projects** were accorded in-principle approval, involving cumulative cost variations amounting to **₹115.92 crore**.

The EC was further apprised that, out of the 9 projects, the following two projects had subsequently received final approval:

- i. Garden Reach HAM Project, West Bengal – approved in the 71st EC Meeting held on 13.07.2026.
- ii. Hooghly–Chinsurah Sewerage Project, West Bengal – approved in the 71st EC Meeting held on 13.07.2026.

Accordingly, **7 projects** presently remain at the in-principle approval stage in the 73rd EC meeting. The Committee was informed that the Chhata Sewerage Scheme (I&D and STP Works), Uttar Pradesh has been placed in the 73rd EC Meeting for consideration and final approval.

Consequently, upon consideration of the Chhata Sewerage Scheme in the 73rd EC Meeting, **6 projects** would continue to remain pending at the in-principle approval stage. The current status of these projects is as follows:

- i. I&D and STP at Muni Ki Reti: TPA report received under examination, in principle approval accorded in the 69th EC
- ii. I&D and 13 MLD STP works at Vrindavan City: Letter is yet to be issued to state, in principle approval accorded in the 71st EC
- iii. Agra Sewerage Scheme (I&D and STP Work): Letter is yet to be issued/under process, in principle approval accorded in the 72nd EC
- iv. "I&D and STP at Jamui, Bihar: Letter issued to State on 06.08.2026, in principle approval accorded in the 72nd EC
- v. I&D of drains and STP at Dehri-On-Sone: Letter issued to State on 10.08.2026, in principle approval accorded in the 72nd EC
- vi. Phusro I&D and STP Variation Proposal: Under TPA -IIT Roorkee, in principle approval accorded in the 68th EC

In addition to these projects, the proposals accorded in-principle approval during the 73rd Executive Committee (EC) meeting will also be included in the above list and placed before the Executive Committee for consideration in its next meeting.

The EC noted the status as above.

Decision:

After detailed deliberations, the Executive Committee decided that the status of projects accorded in-principle approval shall be included as a standing agenda item in every subsequent EC meeting to keep the Committee apprised of their progress and current status until their final consideration.

Agenda Item No. 73.4: "Revised Administrative Approval & Expenditure

Sanction towards the additional cost for sewerage scheme and STP of Rajmahal town", Jharkhand, under Namami Gange Program

1. **Project** - Sewerage scheme and STP of Rajmahal town
2. **Original Sanctioned Cost** - Rs 56.76 crore, including GST, with 100% central funding as per AA&ES dated 06.06.2018.
3. **Original Award Cost** - Rs 52.99 crore, including GST.
4. **Project Status** – Operational.
5. **State Proposed Cost Variation** – Rs. 14.35 crore, including GST.

6. Variation Proposal –

- i. The project is under operation & maintenance since November 2021. The proposed additional cost of ₹14.35 crore is mainly attributable to site-specific constraints, design modifications, statutory requirements, and contractual admissibility encountered during project execution as detailed by the State Government. Major variations include adoption of the trenchless HDD method for sewer laying and the change of methodology of construction, MPS, etc.
- ii. Further, expenditures were incurred towards OCEMS, permanent power connections, NHAI/Railway permissions, and reimbursement of electricity-related charges. The proposal also includes admissible price escalation and differential GST (12% -18%). At the same time, savings under certain components, such as reuse facilities, effluent channel, and drain lining, have been adjusted against the overall variation.

Discussion:

The Committee enquired about the delay in submission of the variation proposal. SMCG-JH admitted that, in this particular project, the preparation and submission of the variation proposal was delayed at the State level. It was advised that such delays should be avoided in future.

The Committee enquired as to why the HDD rates were adopted from the RUIDP SOR and why the SORs of other States were not considered. JUIDCO informed that, at the time of execution, the applicable HDD rates for the laying of the network were available only in the RUIDP SOR; accordingly, the rates were adopted from the RUIDP SOR.

NITI Aayog observed that the capacity utilization of the STP is only 34% and suggested that the State may explore co-treatment of septage at the STP, considering the surrounding Nagar Panchayats and other nearby areas. NMCG informed that the STP was constructed in October 2021, operational since November 2021, and the infrastructure required for co-treatment was not created at the time of construction. Therefore, additional funds would be required for the creation of the necessary co-treatment infrastructure. Further, the STP has been designed considering a 15-year design period, and the water supply scheme in Rajmahal is presently under implementation. Accordingly, the utilization of the STP is expected to improve progressively with the augmentation of water supply and generation of sewage in due course. It was advised to the implementing agency explore the co-treatment facility, if it leads towards optimal utilization of infrastructure and adds to the improvement in the river water quality.



Decisions:

After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee (EC) decided

- a. **to approve the revised administrative approval and expenditure sanction (AA&ES) for the sewerage scheme and STP of Rajmahal town, Jharkhand, at the revised cost of ₹70.99 crores, including 15 years O&M period.**
- b. **implementing agency to explore the possibility of co-treatment facility or tapping of any drains for optimal utilization of infrastructure and accordingly submit a Prefeasibility report.**

Agenda Item No. 73.5: Variation and additional cost for the project "42 MLD Naini STP and 14 MLD Phaphamau STP Facilities in Prayagraj, in Uttar Pradesh HAM Project" under Namami Gange Programme

1. **Project** - I&D and STP works at Naini (District G), Phaphamau (District F) and Jhunsi Area of Prayagraj.
2. **Original Sanctioned Cost** – Rs 767.59 crore (Rs 378.09 crore for Naini STP, Rs 165.45 crore for Phaphamau STP, and Rs 224.06 crore for Jhunsi STP), including GST, with 100% central funding as per AA&ES dated 19.05.2017.
3. **Original Awarded Cost** – Rs 335.27 crore (Rs 176.51 crore for Naini STP, Rs 68.82 crore for Phaphamau STP and Rs 89.94 crore for Jhunsi STP), including GST.
4. **Project Status** – Operational.
5. **State Proposed Cost Variation** – Rs 13.13 crore, including GST.
6. **PU Recommended** – Rs 11.31 crore (Rs 7.91 + Rs 3.40 crore), including GST.
7. **Variation Proposal – 42 MLD Naini STP**
 - i. Scope/cost variations have been proposed by the state on account of (a) additional bituminous concrete road on the full width as per directions of the district administration, (b) Reimbursement of STP approach road (earth filling & GSB) constructed by the concessionaire along the stretch from Old Yamuna Bridge to Mahewaghat Gate, and (c) trenchless laying of sewage pipelines due to construction of ghats on the alignment post submission of bids and bund crossing.
 - ii. **14 MLD Phaphamau STP**

Scope/cost variations have been proposed by the state on account of (a) differential cost for Shantipuram MPS and pipeline works from Basana Nalla SPS due to increased depth of MPS and sewerage pipeline to align with the sewerage network being laid under AMRUT, (b) claim arising due to inflation beyond the rates available in SOR 2020-21, and (c) reimbursement of vetting charges paid to MNNIT, Prayagraj, against the additional drawings.

Discussion:



The State indicated that the additional bitumen concrete road claim is not required as the same has been constructed by the State from the Kumbh Budget. As the approach road, as per CA, was to be provided by the State, the reimbursement claims for the same can be considered as part of the project cost, subject to the condition that the same needs to be borne by the State from the State budget. The state representatives clarified that variation claims for trenchless work and differential cost for Shantipuram MPS and pipeline works from Basana Nalla SPS are because of post-bidding changes in site conditions and the need to integrate the AMRUT sewerage network with the STP constructed under Namami Gange Program.

The committee expressed displeasure over the significant delay in submission of the variation proposal by the state and highlighted the need for submission of the scope/cost variation claims in a timely manner.

Decision:

After detailed deliberations, the Executive Committee (EC) decided to approve the variation proposal at the cost of Rs. 11,81,23,027/- under the Prayagraj HAM project as under

- a. **Additional cost variation of Rs. 8,40,91,328/-, including GST, for the 42 MLD Naini STP Facilities, subject to the condition that part of this variation cost towards the approach road amounting to Rs. 49,98,533/-, including GST, shall be borne by the State from the State budget.**
- b. **Additional cost variation of Rs. 3,40,31,699/-, including GST, for the 14 MLD Phaphamau STP Facilities in Prayagraj.**
- c. **Execution of scope variation and payment in EPC mode.**
- d. **Issuance of revised AA&ES after accounting for all the approved variations and a certificate from the state government certifying the rates as per the State schedule of rates.**

Agenda Item No. 73.6: Proposal on "Participatory Conservation of Sarus Crane and Wetland Habitats in Etawah and Mainpuri Districts under the Namami Gange Programme under Namami Gange Mission-III" submitted by the Society for Conservation of Nature (SCoN), Etawah, Uttar Pradesh

The Executive Committee (EC) was informed that a project proposal titled "Participatory Conservation of Sarus Crane and Wetland Habitats in Etawah and Mainpuri Districts under the Namami Gange Programme under Namami Gange Mission-III" has been submitted by the Society for Conservation of Nature (SCoN), Etawah, Uttar Pradesh, for consideration under Namami Gange Mission-III. The proposed project has a duration of two years, covering 2026-27 and 2027-28, with a total estimated cost of ₹380.80 lakh. The Committee discussed the proposal and noted that the project aims to contribute to the conservation of the Sarus Crane and its associated wetland habitats through habitat restoration, community participation, scientific monitoring, and awareness generation.

Discussion

The EC sought details of the comprehensive and integrated strategy for the

conservation of the Sarus Crane and its associated wetland habitats. SCoN was requested to provide details on the baseline status of the Sarus Crane population, the number of wetlands proposed for restoration, and the proposed strategies and approaches for Sarus Crane conservation, as well as the restoration and management of the identified wetlands.

The EC also sought clarification regarding the scope and feasibility of notification of the wetlands proposed for restoration and enquired whether there would be any duplication or overlap of activities with the Sarus Crane eco-tourism project being implemented by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

It was decided that SCoN shall submit a concise two-page note covering the baseline study on the population status of the Sarus Crane, the number of wetlands proposed for restoration, the proposed strategy and approach for Sarus Crane conservation, and the proposed strategy for restoration and management of the identified wetlands.

It was further decided that, prior to placing this agenda again in the EC meeting, a meeting shall be convened with the Tourism Department and Forest Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, to examine the synergy, convergence, and coordination among the proposed activities related to Sarus Crane and wetland conservation. The meeting shall be chaired by the Executive Director (Admin), NMCG.

Decision

After detailed deliberations, the Executive Committee deferred the project titled "Participatory Conservation of Sarus Crane and Wetland Habitats in Etawah and Mainpuri Districts under Namami Gange Mission-III", at a total estimated cost of ₹380.80 lakh. The Executive Committee directed following actions:

1. SCoN to submit a 2-page strategy note covering the Sarus Crane population status, wetlands proposed for restoration, and the proposed conservation and restoration strategy.
2. NMCG to schedule a meeting with the Tourism Department and Forest Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, to ensure convergence and avoid duplication of activities between both the projects of Sarus conservation and eco-tourism.

Agenda Item No. 73.7: Variation and revision in the awarded project cost for "I&D of balance 13 drains and augmentation of Salori STP (Sewerage District C) at Prayagraj, in Uttar Pradesh" under Namami Gange Programme.

1. **Project** – I&D of balance 13 drains and augmentation of Salori STP (Sewerage District C) at Prayagraj, approved in the 47th EC Meeting.
2. **Original Sanctioned Cost** – Rs 331.75 crore, including GST, with 100% central funding as per AA&ES dated 14.03.2023.
3. **Original Awarded Cost** – Rs 204.39 crore, including GST.
4. **Project Status** – STP construction completed on 31st Dec 2025.
5. **State Proposed Cost Variation** – Rs 2.45 crore, including GST.
6. **Variation Proposal** – The scope/cost variation proposal submitted by the state is on account reinstatement of the river front road (developed post bid submission during Mahakumbh-2025 by the Irrigation Department,



Government of Uttar Pradesh.) demolished for laying the interceptor sewer and rising main.

Discussion:

In the EC meeting the basis of rates for the variation proposal was sought from the officials representing the State Government and implementing agency. The officials of the State Government clarified that the variation cost has been estimated based on the latest SOR of the irrigation department, Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Decision:

After detailed deliberations, the Executive Committee (EC) decided to

- a. approve the scope/cost variation proposal for the reinstatement of the river front road by Irrigation Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh under the project "I&D of balance 13 drains and augmentation of Salori STP capacity by 43 MLD (Sewerage District C) at Prayagraj, in Uttar Pradesh State" under Namami Gange programme (NGP-Non-EAP) at an estimated cost of Rs 2.45 crores, including GST.***
- b. The approval is subject to the condition that payments shall be made as per actual measured quantities and a certificate regarding basis of SoR used for framing the variation proposal.***
- c. Issuance of revised AA&ES after accounting for all the approved variations.***

Agenda Item No. 73.8: PRARAMBH – Preservation of River, Aquatic Resources and Managing Biodiverse Heritage: "A District-led Model for Resilient Himalayan Rivers"

Implementing Agency: District Administration, Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand

Project Locations: Gangotri and Yamunotri

Project Duration: 03 years

Estimated Cost: ₹3,26,80,000/- (Rupees Three Crore Twenty-Six Lakh Eighty Thousand only), exclusive of GST

The proposal titled "PRARAMBH – Preservation of River, Aquatic Resources and Managing Biodiverse Heritage: A District-led Model for Resilient Himalayan Rivers" was presented before the Executive Committee by the District Magistrate, Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand.

The project aims to strengthen environmental sustainability and river conservation at the Gangotri and Yamunotri pilgrimage sites through improved management of religious offerings, plastic waste and other solid waste, while promoting community participation and livelihood generation.

The major components of the project are as follows:

1. Reduction of pollution at Gangotri and Yamunotri Dhams through systematic



- collection, segregation, processing and recycling of religious offerings and plastic waste.
2. Prevention of direct disposal of waste into rivers and water bodies by promoting appropriate management of puja materials, single-use plastics and polythene waste generated at the pilgrimage sites.
 3. Improvement in environmental sustainability and cleanliness of the pilgrimage areas, along with generation of awareness among pilgrims and visitors regarding conservation of the Ganga and Yamuna river ecosystems.
 4. Establishment of a sustainable waste management and circular economy mechanism at the pilgrimage sites, with active participation of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in collection, recovery, processing and recycling of waste.
 5. Promotion of local livelihoods and community participation through processing and value addition of recovered materials, including production of agarbatti and dhoopbatti from religious waste and preparation of recycled cloth products such as files, folders, bags, mats, etc.

Considering the importance and strategic significance of the project for Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham, the Director General, NMCG, advised the Project Director, SMCG, Uttarakhand, that the matter should also be taken up at the State level. The State Government should closely monitor the implementation of these projects and provide the necessary support and guidance to ensure their timely and effective execution.

The Executive Committee noted that the Namami Gange Mission II (NGM II) has concluded on 31 March 2026. The EFC note seeking approval for NGM III was circulated on 28 November 2025 for Inter-Ministerial Consultations. The proposal was discussed with the Department of Expenditure (DoE) in a meeting held on 3 February 2026. Based on the advice communicated vide OM dated 4 February 2026, the EFC note has been revised and submitted to DOE. The EFC meeting was held on 9th July 26 and Minutes of the meeting were issued on 28th July 26. The cabinet note is under preparation for seeking approval of recommendations of the EFC. Pending final approval, the NGM has been accorded an interim extension until 30 September 2026. So far as the new sanctions under NGM III are concerned, it was noted that new sanctions can be issued for Projects/ activities within the approved framework of the NGM II and the approved expenditure limits for Q-1 and Q-2. Sanction value of such projects will be adjusted against the approved outlay of NGM III.

Decision of the Executive Committee:

After detailed deliberations, the Executive Committee (EC) approved

- a. the project proposal for implementation under Namami Gange Programme (NGP- Non- EAP) under Namami Gange Mission-III (subject to the approval of Namami Gange Mission-III) at an estimated cost of ₹3,26,80,000/- (Rupees Three Crore Twenty-Six Lakh Eighty Thousand only), exclusive of GST, for a period of three (03) years.
- b. The signage methodology prepared by NIUA can be incorporated during the execution of this project

Agenda Item No. 73.9: Variation and revision in the awarded project cost for "I&D of balance 07 drains and augmentation of Rajapur STP capacity by 90 MLD (Sewerage District D) at Prayagraj, in Uttar Pradesh" under Namami Gange Programme

1. **Project** – I&D of balance 07 drains and augmentation of Rajapur STP capacity by 90 MLD (Sewerage District D) at Prayagraj, approved in the 46th EC Meeting.
2. **Original Sanctioned Cost** – Rs 475.98 crore, including GST, with 100% central funding as per AA&ES dated 27.01.2023.
3. **Original Awarded Cost** – Rs 309.73 crore, including GST.
4. **Project Status** – Under construction and has achieved an overall physical progress of 85%.
5. **State Proposed Cost Variation** – Rs 137.76 lakh, including GST.
6. **Variation Proposal** –

The scope/cost variation proposal submitted by the state is on account of reinstatement of the river front road (developed post bid submission during Mahakumbh-2025 by the State PWD and Irrigation Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh) demolished for laying the interceptor sewer and rising main.

Discussion:

In the EC meeting the basis of rates for the variation proposal was sought from the officials representing the State Government and implementing agency. The officials of the State Government clarified that the variation cost has been estimated based on the latest SOR of the irrigation department, Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Decision:

After detailed deliberations, the Executive Committee (EC) decided to

- a. ***approve the scope/cost variation proposal for the restoration of the river front road by the State Public Works Department and Irrigation Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh under the project "Interception & Diversion of balance 07 drains and augmentation of Rajapur STP capacity by 90 MLD (Sewerage District D) at Prayagraj, in Uttar Pradesh State" under Namami Gange programme (NGP-Non-EAP) at an estimated cost of Rs 137.76 lakh, including GST.***
- b. ***The approval is subject to the condition that payments shall be made as per actual measured quantities and a certificate regarding basis of SoR used for framing the variation proposal.***
- c. ***Issuance of revised AA&ES after accounting for all the approved variations.***



Agenda 73.10 Proposal for Lake Restoration & Sewage Treatment (NBS) at Gomti Udgam Sthal, Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh

1. The Master Plan for the rejuvenation and integrated development of Gomti Udgam Sthal, Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh, was approved by the NMCG Executive Committee on 24 December 2025. WAPCOS Ltd. was assigned to prepare three DPRs covering infrastructure development, lake restoration and sewage treatment through Nature-based Solutions (NbS), and turtle habitat restoration with Panchvatika development.
2. The present proposal concerns Lake Restoration & Sewage Treatment through NbS. Based on field assessments and subsequent Third Party Appraisal, WAPCOS Ltd. prepared the DPR for consideration by the EC. The project is located at the origin of the Gomti River in Pilibhit and has an estimated cost of ₹12.26 crore, inclusive of GST and consultancy fees. It is proposed to be completed within 24 months, excluding the bidding process.

The present project proposal has two main objectives:

- a. Restore and rejuvenate the degraded lake ecosystem at the Gomati's origin.
- b. Treat sewage using Nature-based Solutions (NbS) to protect the ecological and hydrological integrity of the Gomti River.

Discussion:

In the EC meeting the issue of the implementation mechanism was brought to the fore by the executive committee members and officials from the State Government. It was apprised to the EC that the implementation of the components will be carried out by the concerned District Ganga Committee under the active supervision of the State Mission of Clean Ganga with technical guidance of the M/s WAPCOS, a Government of India PSU who will act as Project Management Consultant for the masterplan. It was also clarified that appropriate listed and empanelled agencies will be selected for execution of works based on bidding process adopted under Namami Gange Program. The fund flow will be through State Mission for Clean Ganga to the implementing agency i.e. District Ganga Committee. The issue of ecological sensitivity of the pond origin of river will also be implemented under technical guidance of expert technical institutions like National Institute of Hydrology and others; and measures to be adopted for enhancement of e flow will be with the approval of the Irrigation Department of Uttar Pradesh. If need be, a steering committee at State Government level will also be constituted for effective and appropriate implementation. The tender documents will be prepared based on model bid document adopted in National Mission of Clean Ganga with applicable schedule of rates of the concerned departments for preparation BoQs.

The Executive Committee noted that the Namami Gange Mission II (NGM II) has concluded on 31 March 2026. The EFC note seeking approval for NGM III was circulated on 28 November 2025 for Inter-Ministerial Consultations. The proposal was discussed with the Department of Expenditure (DoE) in a meeting held on 3 February 2026. Based on the advice communicated vide OM dated 4 February 2026, the EFC note has been revised and submitted to DOE. The EFC meeting was held on 9th July 26 and Minutes of the meeting were issued on 28th July 26.

The cabinet note is under preparation for seeking approval of recommendations of the EFC. Pending final approval, the NGM has been accorded an interim extension until 30 September 2026. So far as the new sanctions under NGM III are concerned, it was noted that new sanctions can be issued for Projects/ activities within the approved framework of the NGM II and the approved expenditure limits for Q-1 and Q-2. Sanction value of such projects will be adjusted against the approved outlay of NGM III.

Decisions:

After detailed deliberations, the Executive Committee (EC) decided to

- a. **approve the first DPR for Master Plan for the rejuvenation and integrated development of Gomti Udgam Sthal "Lake Restoration & Sewage Treatment (NBS) at Gomti Udgam Sthal, Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh" under Namami Gange programme (NGP-Non-EAP) under Namami Gange Mission-III (subject to the approval of Namami Gange Mission-III) at an estimated cost of ₹12.26 crore, inclusive of GST and consultancy fees of M/s WAPCOS.**
- b. **the implementation will be carried out by the concerned District Ganga Committee under the active supervision of the Steering Committee with representation from members of SPMG, NMCG, Experts etc. along with technical guidance of the M/s WAPCOS.**

Agenda Item No. 73.11: Scope Variation and additional cost for the project "Chhata Sewerage Scheme (I&D and STP works) along with 15 years O&M in Mathura district, in Uttar Pradesh" under Namami Gange Programme

1. **Project** – Chhata Sewerage Scheme (I&D and STP works) along with 15 years O&M in Mathura district, approved in the 45th EC Meeting.
2. **Original Sanctioned Cost** – Rs 56.15 crore, including GST, with 100% central funding as per AA&ES dated 25.10.2022.
3. **Original Awarded Cost** – Rs 48.98 crore, including GST.
4. **Project Status** – Under Construction.
5. **State Proposed Cost Variation** – Rs 106.11 lakh, including GST.
6. **Variation Proposal** - The variation proposal was on account of increased HFL (183.60 m instead of 183.33 m) observed at the STP site due to flooding of the Bahrauli branch of Kosi drain (irrigation channel).
7. **Third Party Appraisal (TPA)** – The detailed variation proposal has been appraised by Aligarh Muslim University and recommended at the cost of Rs. 97.36 lakh

Discussion:

The representative from the state indicated that it has started the process for seeking funds from the State Government for the additional works to be taken up from the state budget, as per in-principle approval accorded in the 69th meeting of the EC.



Decision:

After detailed deliberations, the Executive Committee (EC) decided to approve the scope/cost variation proposal for the project " Chhata Sewerage Scheme (I&D and STP works) along with 15 years O&M in Mathura district, in Uttar Pradesh State" under Namami Gange programme (NGP-Non-EAP) at an estimated cost of Rs. 278.36 lakh, including GST. Out of the approved variation cost, Rs. 97.36 lakh, including GST, shall be borne by GOI towards approved additional flood protection measures, while Rs. 181 lakhs shall be borne by the State from the State budget towards additional works of (i) approach road with filling and RCC Toe, and (ii) pumping arrangement of treated effluent during flooding, if required.

Agenda Item No. 73.12: Approval towards the scope variation and additional cost for the project "Pollution Abatement works (I&D with STP) for Khoh River at Kotdwar" Uttarakhand, under Namami Gange Programme

1. **Project** – Pollution Abatement works (I&D with STP) for Khoh River at Kotdwar" Uttarakhand, approved in the 52nd EC Meeting.
2. **Original Sanctioned Cost:** ₹135.27 crore (Central share ₹133.07 crore & State share ₹2.20 crore). including 15 years O&M with GST @18%, as per AA&ES dated 05.12.2023.
3. **Original Awarded Cost** – ₹91.03 crore, including GST, electricity (@ ₹6.90 per unit, excluding fixed charges and other additional charges), but excluding fuel costs.
4. **Project Status** – Under Construction.
5. **State Proposed Cost Variation** – ₹10.96 crore, including GST.
6. **Variation Proposal** – Due to shifting of the STP site approximately 1,000 m upstream and at a higher elevation than the originally allotted STP site (as per DPR), along with changes in design of manhole in Paniyali Gadera due to design considerations arising from site-specific conditions, variations in scope and cost have become necessary as per the actual site conditions.
7. **Project Wing Recommendation:** Additional cost of ₹10.46 crore, including GST

Discussion:

The State representative indicated that the proposed scope/cost variation have arisen due to the change in the STP site and site specific design considerations leading to change in the manhole and sewer line to be laid in Paniyali Gadera. It was observed that the scope/cost variations are attributable to the State Government, as per the conditions of the AA&ES. In view of the targeted completion of the project by December 2026, the State was advised to expeditiously seek funds from the State budget for implementation of the variations.

Decision:

After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee (EC) resolved to accord

- a. ***approval to the variation proposal at the cost of Rs. 10.46 crore subject to the condition that the cost of variation shall be borne by the State Government from the state budget.***
- b. ***Issuance of Revised Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES).***

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.



