

## **Namami Gange projects worth Rs. 295 crore approved by NMCG**

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has approved five projects worth Rs. 295.01 crore. Three projects pertain to sewage management in West Bengal at an estimated cost of Rs 278.6 crore, one relates to sewage management in Uttarakhand at an estimated cost of Rs 4.68 crore and one project worth Rs 11.73 crore is related to *ghat* improvement works in Varanasi.

With these approvals, all projects related to sewage management in high pollution load towns along river Ganga have been sanctioned.

In West Bengal, sewage management works in Kamarhati and Baranagar Municipalities (60 MLD STP, de-silting of sewer lines etc.) at an estimated cost of Rs 172.10 crore under PPP-based Hybrid Annuity mode, pollution abatement works for river Ganga in Berhampore Municipality (3.5 MLD STP and sewer network) at an estimated cost of Rs 52.2 crore and sewage management works in Nabadwip Municipality (9.5 MLD STP and renovation of 10.5 MLD STP) at an estimated cost of Rs 54.3 crore have been approved.

In Uttarakhand, approval was given to one project for laying of sewer lines in some of the uncovered areas in Haridwar at an estimated cost of Rs 4.68 crore.

In Varanasi, a project worth Rs 11.73 crore for repair and retrofitting of various *ghats* was approved. This project aims to strengthen the poor condition of *ghats* through bolder pitching and stone steps to ensure improved life of *ghats* apart from avoiding risk and inconvenience to the visitors and pilgrims.

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