



Central Government Approves Eight New Projects for Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

On October 7, 2022, an official spokesperson of Uttar Pradesh informed that the central government has approved eight new projects, including sewerage management, in the state under the National Mission for Clean Ganga Project.

Key Points

- The spokesperson said that in the 45th meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Mission for Clean Ganga, four projects for sewage management have been approved, including one in Varanasi.
- The project also includes construction of 55 MLD capacity STP for exploitation of Assi Nullah. The total estimated cost of the project is Rs 308.09 crore.
- A government spokesperson said the Varanasi project aims to achieve the target of zero untreated discharge from three drains — Assi, Samne Ghat and Nakhi.
- Other projects include construction of 13 MLD STPs and renovation of existing structures. These Mathura-Vrindavan projects envisage blocking and diversion of 11 drains polluting the Yamuna river. Sewage treatment plants (STPs) will be constructed at Vrindavan and Kosi Kalan in Mathura.
- A mega project to set up Bio-diversity Parks in four districts- Hapur, Bulandshahr, Budaun and Mirzapur has also been approved. These are Mohanpur Biodiversity Park in Mirzapur, Ramghat Biodiversity Park in Bulandshahr, Alamgirpur Biodiversity Park in Hapur and Ujhani Biodiversity Park in Badaun.
- The spokesman said that these four places are located on the flood plains of river Ganga. The proposed parks are part of the reserve forests along with the floodplains of the Ganga and will play an important role in rejuvenation of the river and biodiversity conservation.
- Bio-diversity parks will provide unique landscapes to the forest with a combination of native plant and animal species, creating self-sustaining biological communities created in an area. The overall outcome of Ganga bio-diversity parks will help maintain ecosystem services, bio-diversity and rejuvenation of river Ganga at basin scale.