

# **Namami Gange Programme**

### Why in News

Recently, an agreement was signed for Development of 35 MLD (Mega Liters per day) **Sewage Treatment Plant** in Maheshtala (City situated on the east bank of **River Ganga**), West Bengal under **Namami Gange Programme.** 

The project was signed under <u>Hybrid Annuity PPP mode</u>.

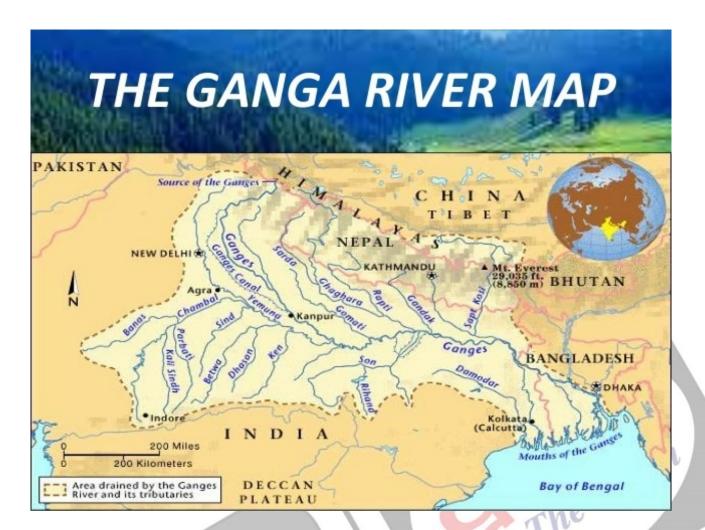
## **Key Points**

#### Namami Gange Programme:

- Namami Gange Programme is an Integrated Conservation Mission, approved as a
  'Flagship Programme' by the Union Government in June 2014 to accomplish the twin
  objectives of effective abatement of pollution and conservation and rejuvenation
  of National River Ganga.
- It is being operated under the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- The program is being implemented by the <u>National Mission for Clean Ganga</u> (NMCG), and its state counterpart organizations i.e State Program Management Groups (SPMGs).
- NMCG is the implementation wing of <u>National Ganga Council</u> (set in 2016; which replaced the National Ganga River Basin Authority - NGRBA).
- It has a Rs. 20,000-crore, centrally-funded, non-lapsable corpus and consists of nearly 288 projects.
- The main pillars of the programme are:
  - Sewage Treatment Infrastructure
  - River-Front Development
  - River-Surface Cleaning
  - Biodiversity
  - Afforestation
  - Public Awareness
  - Industrial Effluent Monitoring
  - Ganga Gram

#### The Ganga River System:

- The headwaters of the Ganga called the 'Bhagirathi' are fed by the Gangotri Glacier and joined by the Alaknanda at Devprayag in Uttarakhand.
- At Haridwar, Ganga emerges from the mountains to the plains.
- The Ganga is joined by many tributaries from the Himalayas, a few of them being major rivers such as the Yamuna, the Ghaghara, the Gandak and the Kosi.



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