



## River Cities Alliance

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The [National Mission for Clean Ganga \(NMCG\)](#) has approved a master plan for the [River Cities Alliance \(RCA\)](#) to promote **river-sensitive urban planning** through capacity building, knowledge sharing, and expert guidance in India's cities.

- **River Cities Alliance (RCA):** It has been conceptualized to help river cities in India maintain this **sympiotic relationship** with their rivers.
  - Launched in 2021, with 30 river cities, the RCA has now expanded to 145+ cities.
  - It is currently being managed by the **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** under the Ministry of Jal Shakti and the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
    - It supports the creation of [Urban River Management Plans \(URMPs\)](#).
- **Urban River Management Plans (URMPs):** The URMP framework, launched in 2020 by the **NIUA** and the **NMCG**, represents a **first-of-its-kind approach** to ensure that environmental, economic, and social dimensions are considered in the urban management of rivers.
  - Five cities, namely Kanpur, Ayodhya, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, Moradabad, and Bareilly, have developed URMPs, with **Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar's Kham River Restoration Mission** gaining global recognition from the World Resources Institute.

**Read more:** [National Mission for Clean Ganga \(NMCG\)](#)

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