

Minutes of Meeting

First Meeting of JRC of CAMP Project for Mahanadi River Basin

Date: 17.05.2024

Venue: NIT Raipur

Time: 10:00 AM – 01:00 PM

Chair: Project Director, NRCD & Director of the Host Institute

Convenor: Head, cGanga, IIT Kanpur

Offline mode Attendance:

1. Mr Rajeev Kumar Mittal, IAS, DG NMCG
2. Mr Pradeep Kumar Agrawal, IAS, JS NRCD
3. Mr N Ashok Babu, IRS, Director, NRCD
4. Dr Sushil K Shrivastava, Scientist F, NRCD
5. Dr. N V Ramanna Rao, Director, NIT Raipur
6. Dr. Samir Bajpai, Coordinator, cMahanadi, NIT Raipur
7. Dr. K K Khatua, Coordinator, cMahanadi, NIT Rourkela
8. Er. Aashutosh Dash, Special secretary and E&C, WRD, Orissa.
9. Dr. K. C. Patra, Prof., NIT Rourkela
10. Er. I.J. Uikey, Engineer -in -Chief, WRD Chhattisgarh
11. Er. Mukesh Santoshi, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Basin, Chhatisgarh
12. Dr. P. K. Nayak, Regional Director, CGWB
13. Dr. S V Deo, HoD, Civil Engg., NIT Raipur
14. Dr. P Diwan, Dean (R&C), NIT Raipur
15. All Team Members of cMahanadi (NIT Raipur & NIT Rourkela)

The meeting of Joint Review Committee of Condition Assessment and Management Plan project for Mahanadi River Basin was conducted at NIT Raipur with the agenda to review the progress of work carried out after the Memorandum of Agreement, dated 28.02.2024. In the meeting following items/Agenda were discussed:

Agenda:

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks Director, Host Institute
2. Introduction of Participants
3. Expectations from NRCD JS, NRCD

4. Healthy Rivers Programme NRC
5. Assessment of Ecological Status of Some Peninsular Rivers for Conservation Planning
6. Institutional Framework for Centers & CAMP Consortium Institutes
7. Team for Various Tasks & Deliverables
8. Plan and Progress of Various Tasks in First Year of CAMP
9. Progress on River at a Glance
10. Discussion on River Atlas
11. Discussion on Data/Information Gathering on CAMP at District Level

Closing Remarks were given by NRC.

In the meeting the following points were also discussed:

1. Consortium Institutes must make a dedicated website of cMahanadi.
2. All the data related to study must be aligned on GIS platform from starting onwards.
3. Consortium institutes are urged to designate team members for the formation of subject-specific expert groups.
4. Consortium institutes are required to conduct weekly meetings to evaluate the progress of tasks.
5. Consortium institutes are mandated to identify the sources for gathering secondary data necessary for all missions.
6. All the missions of the CAMP Project must be achieved within the allotted timeframe.
7. Committee suggested on prioritization of the prevailing issues at Mahanadi Basin from the available soft and hard copy of secondary data from the different government and private agencies.
8. Pollution abatement plans under Nirmal Dhara have been given more emphasize
9. Tasks and sub tasks under each mission should be delivered in time bound manner, at least monthly evaluation is required.
10. For each state i.e. Chhattisgarh and Odisha there will be separate nodal officer appointment for smooth data collection
11. NRC has given assurance to provide all possible support from their side to accelerate the work flow.
12. In association with River cGanga activities and plan the task force should also focus on Global River management activities and plan
13. Purchase procedure should be faster and follow the institute rule
14. Separate website should be developed to upload all the data and activities related to CAMP. PPTs and technical and financial progress reports should be uploaded in this website on time to time basis. These data will be available for all the committees including Technical Committee, Joint review Committee and Stakeholder advisory committee
15. IISC Bangalore has already developed some data storage system which need to be discussed and implemented if possible
16. Dr. Tanveer Ahamed and his team from WII Dehradun are working on Ecological status of Mahanadi. They can be consulted for this project also.

17. Separate office space should be dedicated for managing all activities related CAMP project
18. Special subject group experts should be suggested for creating subject groups in each mission
19. Each activity under CAMP project should be linked to social media including newspaper, website and other platform
20. Whole project data should be present in combined form i.e NIT Raipur and NIT Rourkela for each mission.
21. There will be a stakeholder's committee meeting to be held at Nagpur on 31st May, 2024. Project coordinators should be present in that meeting