

**1st Workshop on formulate the Ecological Assessment Plan for six rivers in India
(Pune, Wednesday, October 9, 2024)**

Venue: Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics

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Glimpses



Workshop Takeaways

1. The group unanimously agreed on the adopted methodology for collecting and collating biological information under the Ganga River Basin Management Plan (GRBMP).
2. There is a consensus to include all perennial channels across six river basins to provide a comprehensive assessment of aquatic and riparian life forms.
3. The assessment will utilize a 5-year return period floodplain extent as a benchmark for evaluating river space biological forms.
4. The expert committee has compiled a list of key institutes involved in the data gathering process, along with their respective representatives. This will facilitate effective collaboration and information sharing.
5. Data Collection Responsibilities:

Floral Data:

Responsible Group: Working Group at GIP, Pune

Focus: Comprehensive collection and analysis of floral data across all river basins.

Faunal Information:

Responsible Group: Working Group at IISER Tirupati

Focus: Collection and analysis of faunal data for the respective river basins.

6. Quarterly Meeting Plan

Purpose: To evaluate the progress made by the working groups in data collection and analysis for the floral and faunal assessments.

7. All 12 institutes will actively contribute to gathering information from various sources to enhance data collection efforts.
8. The Expert Panel will be finalized following the completion of the 2nd Workshop (Scheduled on 23rd Oct. 2024).