Minutes of the Review Meeting for Godavari river basin under project CAMP held on 19th December, 2025

Pursuant to the decisions taken during 2nd meeting of Stakeholder Advisory Committee held on 26th September, 2025 at IISc Bengaluru, review meeting for Godavari River Basin was held on 19th December, 2025 at O/o NMCG in N Delhi under the chairmanship of DG, NMCG & PD, NRCD. The list of participants is at Annexure.

2 . At the outset, Shri Karan Singh, Joint Secretary, NRCD welcomed all the participants, present physically during the meeting or joined online. He also briefed about the States covered under Godavari river basin and their nodal officers representing mainly Water Resources Department, D/o Environment/State Pollution Control Boards, etc.

3.1 On behalf of cGodavari team (Consortium Institutes - NEERI Nagpur & IIT Hyderabad), Dr. Rajesh Biniwale, Senior Principal Scientist, NEERI made a detailed presentation on the studies carried out by NEERI along with their consortium partner institute IIT Hyderabad, highlighting the observations and findings contained in different deliverables submitted by them so far. These included reports - Rivers at a Glance, Lithological Profile, Infrastructure & Planning Report, Geological and Agricultural Profile, River Atlas and compilation of datasets including hydraulic, hydrologic, climatological/metrological, geo-morphological mapping, etc.

A special mention was made about ***River Atlas***, wherein 2307 nos of rivers of total length 49383 km were identified in 8 sub-basins (Godavari Lower, Godavari Middle, Godavari Upper, Indravati, Manjra, Pranhita & Others, Wainganga and Wardha) in the entire Godavari basin. These rivers have been given unique 16-digit alpha-numeric coding along with digitization of all critical points along these rivers, which can be located on GIS tools.

3.2 Dr. Rakesh Kadaverugu from NEERI mentioned about the ***Smart STPs Siting Framework for Indian Cities***, developed by their team based on data layers - Population, Wastewater Generation, Sewer network, Rivers/Drains, DEM. Such an effort/output was highly appreciated by the DG, NMCG. He mentioned about the similar work carried out at IIT BHU and desired for field application by the concerned States at the earliest.

3.3 He further informed that the reports have been shared with the nodal officers and HoDs of the basin Sates - Maharashtra & MP. A presentation was also made by them on 18th December, 2025 before Secretary, D/o Water Resources, Govt of Maharashtra wherein representatives of the D/o Environment and other stakeholder were also present.

3.4 Regarding utilization of funds, he informed that out of total funds of Rs.2.09

crore received so far, Rs.72.32 lakhs has been actually spent on different admissible items. Whereas, an amount of Rs.61.45 lakhs remains the committed expenditure against procurements under process, and as such, expenditure till date stands at 64% of the funds received. DG, NMCG expressed concern over low expenditure which would otherwise reflect progress of the project. Also, the same not being commensurate with the deliverables/achievements so far, he desired to take it up on priority.

3 . 5 Prof. Asif Qureshi from IIT Hyderabad informed that their team made a presentation before Engineer-in-Chief (Irrigation), Govt of Telangana on 5th December, 2025 and delivered all the reports. DG, NMCG, however, desired to brief the Secretary of the concerned Department in the State.

In case of Chhattisgarh, virtual presentation was done before the Secretary, D/o Water Resources, Govt of Chhattisgarh on 16th December, 2025. He also informed about more briefings/presentations before Pollution Control Boards, other concerned organizations in the basin Sates, and also Central Water Commission after the meeting of Stakeholder Advisory Committee at Bengaluru. It was also clarified that Godavari Basin constitutes 12 sub-basins instead of 8, as reported earlier, and the reports need to be revised accordingly.

4. Director NEERI, while appreciating outcomes of the project to arrive at suitable interventions required for holistic conservation of river/tributaries in the basin States, acknowledged efforts of the D/o Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, and assured all possible help from his Institute. In response to the observations of DG, NMCG regarding slow pace of funds utilization, he assured to resolve the issues on priority.

5. The representatives of major basin States - Maharashtra, Telangana, Chhattisgarh and MP, confirmed receipt of many of the reports submitted by the Consortium Institutes so far and informed that the said reports were under examination. They not only assured providing all help in sharing information/dataset required for conducting the studies, but also sending their input/comments on the reports at the earliest after consultation with all the concerned organizations and other stakeholders.

In case of Chhattisgarh, the State representatives informed that basin area in their State, predominantly covers forests, and as such, may not be of much concern/relevance in the present context.

6. While summarizing/concluding the deliberations, action points were emerged as under:-

i. Based on stakeholders' consultations held so far, number of sub-basins in entire Godavari Basin to be counted as 12, against 8 nos identified earlier. All reports including River Atlas and other datasets to be revised accordingly.
(Action: Consortium Institutes)

ii. NEERI, Nagpur shall make presentation before the Additional Chief Secretary/ Secretary, D/o Water Resources Department, Government of MP at the earliest possible. The representative of the D/o Environment, Pollution Control Board and other stakeholder may also be invited to the meeting as in case of briefing in the State of Maharashtra. The nodal officers of the State Govt of MP shall facilitate the needful.

(Action: NEERI Nagpur/Govt of MP)

iii. In case of Telangana, although presented before E-in-C (Irrigation) by IIT Hyderabad, Secretary, D/o Water Resources, Government of Telangana, may also to be briefed by the CI. During the presentation, representatives of D/o Environment, State Pollution Control Board, Municipal Administration and other stakeholder may also be invited. Nodal officers of the State Government to coordinate in this regard.

(Action: IIT Hyderabad/Nodal Officers)

iv. Remaining deliverables due from Quarter-7 to 12 (October, 2025 onwards) to be fast tracked along with prioritizing the deliverables towards Mission Nirmal Dhara, to meet the revised timelines of March, 2026.

(Action: CIs/cGanga)

v. NEERI Nagpur shall submit the utilization certificate for the funds already utilized so far along with the committed expenditures, and those proposed in next 3-6 months to facilitate release of next installment of funds in FY 2025-26.

(Action: NEERI Nagpur)

7. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Annexure

List of Participants

NRCD, D/o Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation

1. Shri Rajeev Kumar Mital, DG, NMCG & PD, NRCD - In Chair
2. Shri Karan Singh, Joint Secretary
3. Shri S.K. Srivastava, Scientist F
4. Shri J.P. Singh, Director
5. Dr. Sabita Madhvi Singh, Scientist E
6. Shri Mahesh Kumar Kashyap, Under Secretary
7. Shri Jagdeep Kumar, RA

Consortium Institute - NEERI Nagpur

1. Dr. S. Venkata Mohan, Director - Online
2. Dr. Rajesh Biniwale, Sr. Principal Scientist
3. Dr. Amit Bansiwal, Chief Scientist
4. Dr. Rakesh Kadaverugu, Principal Scientist

Consortium Institute - IIT Hyderabad

Dr. Asif Qureshi, Professor, D/o Civil Engineering

cGanga Team

Prof. Vinod Tare - Online

Basin State - Maharashtra (Online)

Shri S. S. Pagar, CE, Hydrology & Dam Safety, Nashik

Basin State - Telangana (Online)

1. Shri G Shakar Naik, CE, Hydrology
2. Shri R. Venkat Ramana, SE, Irrigation & CAD Department,

Basin State - Chhattisgarh (Online)

1. Shri K. S. Bhandari, CE, Mahanadi Project, Raipur
2. Shri Jayant Kuma Bisen, DD, Hydro-Meteorology, Raipur

Basin State - MP (Online)

1. Shri Ankit Dalal, AE, WRD
2. Dr. Sitaram Taigor, D/o Urban Administration & Development
3. Ms. Raj Kumari Singh, MPPCB