

Actions undertaken by CPCB for Prevention of Pollution of River Ganga.

- Training cum Awareness programme on Saltless Preservation of Hides/ skins was organized by CPCB at Lucknow and Kanpur, which was attended by representatives from slaughter houses, tannery & allied units and officers of UPPCB. The programme was oriented towards the ongoing efforts pursuing basin-wise approach for reduction of dissolved solids in wastewater from leather processing industries in particular by invoking saltless preservation of hides/ skins.
- CPCB has initiated a Techno-Economic Feasibility for setting up of Common Recovery Plant & Common Effluent Treatment Plant for Pulp & Paper Industries identified clusters at Muzaffarnagar, Moradabad and Meerut.
- CPCB also made a reconnaissance survey from Gomukh to Uluberia (West Bengal) for identified the point source and its impact on River. This reconnaissance survey is conducted in association with Shri Rajinder Singh, Member, NGRBA.
- CPCB issued direction to UPPCB and Uttarakhand PCB in the matter of Prevention and Control of Pollution from agro based Pulp & Paper Sector Mills. As a result 31 industries have been issued directions in U.P., 25 digester sealed at Uttarakhand, 8 industries were directed and 4 were stop chemical pulping.

CPCB conducted monitoring of 26 industrial units in the stretch of river Ganga between Kannauj to Varanasi in the month of September 2010. Of these 7 were found closed during inspection, 2 were complying to the prescribed discharge norms, 9 were requiring minor improvements, 4 have been issued directions (under section 5 of Environment Protection Act 1986) for closure, 3 have been issued directions for corrective measures (under section 5 of Environment Protection Act 1986) and 1 have been issued Show Cause notice for closure (under section 5 of Environment Protection Act 1986).

- Pollution Load Assessment study is ongoing from the outfall of major sources with the help of Pollution Control Research Institute at Haridwar, Centre for Environment & Nature Conservation, Patna University and Jadavpur University, Kolkata. The major outfalls on Ganga between Uttarkashi (Uttarkhand) to Balia-Uttar Pradesh stretch is enclosed at *Annexure – I*. Location of drains in Bihar Stretch is given at *Annexure – II* and the location of drains discharge to river Ganga in West Bengal State is given at *Annexure – III*. Besides above, pollution load due to industrial wastes at Uttarakhand and U.P. is given at *Annexure – IV* and that of Bihar is given at *Annexure – V*.