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Date: 25 Nov, 2024

To,

Member Secretary,
Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board,
Building No. TC-12 V, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar,
Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 226010

DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 18 (1) (b) OF THE WATER (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1974 REGARDING MAHA KUMBH, 2025

WHEREAS, Maha Kumbh, 2025, an important religious congregation, is scheduled to be held in Prayagraj from January 13 to February 26, 2025. This religious ritual involves a holy dip (bathing) in the Ganga River, and therefore, the water quality of river Ganga should be maintained according to the notified Outdoor Bathing Water Quality Standards; and

WHEREAS, the Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad, during the hearing of PIL No. 4003/2006, River Ganga Pollution vs. State of UP and Ors, issued orders to maintain adequate flow in the River Ganga and keeping it pollution free. PIL No. 4003/2006 was transferred to the Hon'ble NGT by an order dated 21.07.2023, where the Hon'ble NGT is currently hearing O.A. No. 515/2023, River Ganga Pollution vs. State of UP and Ors; and

WHEREAS, the Member Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB), vide letter dated 23.10.2024, has forwarded a roster in which industries located in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand are advised to operate either on Zero Liquid Discharge or on dry process; and

WHEREAS, UPPCB vide letter dated 23.10.2024, requested Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to plan joint monitoring of river Kosi, Dhela and Ramganga by CPCB, UPPCB and Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board (UKPCB) during Maha Kumbh to ensure water quality of river Ganga as per Outdoor Bathing Water Quality Standards;

AND NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, UPPCB is hereby directed to take following pollution control measures and also direct concerned authorities/industries for ensuring pollution free condition of river Ganga at Prayagraj during Maha Kumbh, 2025:

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1. UPPCB shall take immediate necessary action to effectively control all polluting sources having potential to adversely impact the water quality of river Ganga at Prayagraj.
2. Industrial Pollution Control:
 - i. UPPCB should enforce roster for operation of water polluting industries in the catchment of river Ganga and its tributaries up to Prayagraj.
 - ii. UPPCB shall setup surveillance squad for grossly polluting industries/CETPs for compliance check on weekly basis and ensure that no industry/CETP disposes untreated/partially treated effluent, into any drain/tributary/river Ganga so that river Ganga does not receive any coloured/untreated/partially treated effluent which will effects its quality at Prayagraj.
 - iii. UPPCB shall also direct concerned District Administration that no black liquor/spent wash/coloured effluent shall be transported through tankers. In case of illegal discharge through tankers, immediate FIR should be lodged and prosecution be launched.
 - iv. Tanneries located in Jajmau tannery cluster which do not have individual full-fledged Effluent Treatment Plant (Primary, Secondary and Tertiary) shall be directed to ensure connection to newly commissioned 20 MLD CETP conveyance within 15 days, failing which, such individual tanneries to be closed down, till their connectivity to CETP is ensured.
 - v. UPPCB shall arrange monitoring of CETPs located at Jajmau, Rooma, Banthar and Unnao on weekly basis.
3. Drain monitoring and remediation of wastewater
 - i. UPPCB shall ensure regular monitoring of untapped drain falling in river Ganga & Yamuna in Prayagraj.
 - ii. UPPCB shall direct the concerned agencies to ensure no untreated wastewater discharge through from untapped drains. Ensure tapping/installation of interim remedial measures in all untapped drains falling in river Ganga & Yamuna in Prayagraj to achieve drain water quality as BOD<20 mg/l, TSS<100 mg/l, and FC <1000 MPN/100ml, before confluence.
 - iii. UPPCB shall direct the concerned agencies to ensure stoppage of overflow from tapped drains.
4. STP Monitoring and wastewater treatment
 - i. UPPCB shall direct the concerned agencies to ensure proper functioning of pumping stations so that untreated sewage should not be discharged through tapped drains.
 - ii. UPPCB shall direct the concerned agencies to take necessary measures so that STPs shall operate to their maximum designed capacity regularly and in no case

their operation should be stopped. The disinfection units installed at all STPs shall also operate properly and treated sewage shall meet the prescribed sewage discharge norms.

iii. UPPCB shall monitor the performance of STPs on weekly basis.

5. River Water Quality

- i. UPPCB shall arrange monitoring of water quality of the river Ganga and its tributaries at Prayagraj on daily basis during Maha Kumbh period and on other locations on daily/weekly/before auspicious bathing days.
 - ii. UPPCB shall arrange monitoring of water quality of River Ramganga, Kali-East, Garra and Pandu and adjoining drains at least on daily/weekly basis as per the monitoring plan enclosed at Annexure-I and coordinate with UKPCB for joint monitoring.
 - iii. UPPCB shall co-ordinate with concerned agencies to ensure the adequate release of flow to maintain the water quality of river within bathing standards (BOD < 3 mg/L and color < 20 Hazen) in:
 - a. River Ganga d/s of Narora Barrage
 - b. River Yamuna and its major tributary, the Chambal River, downstream of the Kota barrage
 - iv. UPPCB shall ensure no dumping of solid waste in flood plain zone of river Ganga & Yamuna
6. UPPCB shall upload the monitoring data on web-portal as well as forward the same to CPCB on daily basis (Email: mscb.cpcb@nic.in, vidyarthi.cpcb@nic.in, wq.ngrba@gmail.com). Monitoring shall commence from 1st December, 2024.
7. UPPCB shall enforce regulatory measures for control of pollution so that bathing water quality is maintained in river Ganga, particularly at Prayagraj, during Maha Kumbh, 2025.


The action taken report shall be submitted by UPPCB to CPCB within 15 days from the date of receipt of these directions along with a time bound action plan for compliance of the directions. UPPCB shall also acknowledge the receipt of these directions to CPCB.



(Bharat Kumar Sharma)
Member Secretary

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5. **Managing Director (Rural),**
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STPs and to take necessary
measures to effectively
control discharge of trade
effluent causing adverse
impact on water quality of
river Ganga at Prayagraj,
please.
6. **Managing Director (Urban),**
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Annexure-I

Monitoring schedule of river Dhela, Kosi, Ramganga, Malni, Bagad, Sot, Kali-East, Garra, Pandu, Hindon, Karawan, Chambal, Sindh, Betwa & Ken

S. No.	Name of the River	Monitoring location	Frequency of sampling and agency	Parameters	
1.	Dhela	At Faridnagar, Thakurdwara, (U. P.)	Weekly (Jointly by UPPCB and UKPCB) Fortnightly (Jointly by CPCB)	pH, Color, DO, Conductivity/TDS	
		Near Bhojpur Bridge, U. P.	Daily (Jointly by UPPCB and UKPCB) Fortnightly (Jointly by CPCB)		
2.	Kosi	a/c of river Bahela and b/c Rampur drain	Daily (Jointly by UPPCB and UKPCB) Fortnightly (Jointly by CPCB)		
		a/c of Rampur drain and b/c river Ramganga	Weekly by UPPCB Fortnightly (Jointly by CPCB)		
3.	Ramganga	b/c river Dhela at Agwanpur (U.P.)	Daily (UPPCB) Fortnightly (Jointly by CPCB)		
		a/c of river Dhela at Katghar (U.P.)	Daily (UPPCB) Fortnightly (Jointly by CPCB)		
		a/c of river Kosi at Shahbad (U.P.)	Daily (UPPCB) Fortnightly (Jointly by CPCB)		
4.	Ganga and Yamuna at Prayagraj	Yamuna b/c to river Ganga, Ganga b/c of river Yamuna & Ganga at Sangam, Prayagraj	Daily/twice in a day on auspicious bathing days (UPPCB)		pH, Color, DO, Conductivity/TDS, BOD, FC & FS
5.	Ganga and Yamuna in the stretch of Uttar Pradesh	Monitoring locations to be	Daily/Weekly/before auspicious bathing days (UPPCB)		

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S. No.	Name of the River	Monitoring location	Frequency of sampling and agency	Parameters
		decided by UPPCB		
6.	Malni, Bagad, Sot, Kali-East, Ramganga, Garra, Pandu, Hindon, Karawan, Chambal, Sindh, Betwa, Ken and adjoining drains b/c to river Ganga & Yamuna	Monitoring locations to be decided by UPPCB	Daily/Weekly/ before auspicious bathing days (UPPCB)	pH, Color, DO, Conductivity/TDS

* Weekly monitoring of BOD, COD, FC and FS at all above mentioned locations by concerned monitoring agency.

** UPPCB may also increase the frequency and parameters as per the requirement.

Monitoring schedule of Rampur drain

S. No.	Name of the Drain	Monitoring location	Frequency of sampling and agency	Parameters
1.	Rampur drain	b/c to river Kosi (U.P.)	Daily (UPPCB) Weekly (Jointly by UPPCB and UKPCB) Fortnightly (Jointly by CPCB)	pH, Color, BOD, COD, TDS, TSS pH, Color, BOD, COD, TDS, TSS

Note: Proposed monitoring should be commenced from 1st December, 2024.

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