

CSIR-NEERI named nodal agency for cleaning of Chandrabhaga River

Source: The Hitavada Date: 03 Aug 2016 11:45:21

THE ambitious project of cleaning Chandrabhaga river by Government of Maharashtra will be launched soon. CSIR-NEERI has been identified as the Nodal Agency for the project called 'Namami Chandrabhaga'.

Namami Chandrabhaga is an initiative taken to revive and rejuvenate the river Chandrabhaga and to restore its historic glory. Considering the religious, social and economic importance of the river Chandrabhaga, the Government has decided to prepare a comprehensive plan for cleaning of the river on the lines of 'NamamiGange'. In this context, the Government has identified CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-NEERI) as 'Nodal Technical Expert Agency' the project. Bhimariver originates in Bhimashankar in Pune district. But when it reaches Pandharpur, it appears like a crescent moon, thus deriving the name Chandrabhaga. It flows in a 370-km stretch between Pune and Solapur districts. CSIR-NEERI was already involved by the Maharashtra Government to provide technological solutions for sanitation and sewage treatment at important cities and pilgrim centers like Nashik and Pandharpur. Furthermore, is retained CSIR-NEERI for technological interventions during the execution of the Project 'Namami Chandrabhaga'.

Director General, CSIR, New Delhi has also directed CSIR-NEERI to act as 'Nodal Technical Expert Agency' in the Namami Chandrabhaga Project. Accordingly, CSIR-NEERI has proposed to undertake a comprehensive technical study on sewerage and sanitation; industrial pollution and solid waste management with regard to water quality of Chandrabhaga river. The proposed study would lead to rejuvenation of the river with respect to water quality and its ecology. CSIR-NEERI has prepared the related comprehensive technical and financial proposal in this regard, which would be submitted to the Government shortly.

The Maharashtra Government intends to cleanse and make the holy river Chandrabhaga pollution free by the year 2022.