

# RIVER CITIES ALLIANCE

*Updates about the alliance activities*



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Managing urban rivers is an emerging paradigm in India. The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) along with other partners have pioneered the work in this regard and have created several enabling frameworks and guidance documents for proliferating river-sensitive development in our cities. The stage is now set for on-the-ground action.

As cities start to implement the river-sensitive development agenda, there is a unique opportunity for them to learn from each other, while at the same time inspire others to take up progressive action on this front. The River Cities Alliance (RCA) has been conceptualized to serve as an avenue for precisely this purpose.

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#### Everything you need to know about the River Cities Alliance

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## Purpose

The core objective of RCA is to provide the member cities with a **platform to discuss and exchange information** on aspects that are vital for sustainable management of urban rivers.

The supplementary objective of RCA is for NMCG, NIUA and partners to **provide dedicated technical and handholding support** to the member cities as they implement interventions for river-sensitive development.

The activities that RCA will fall under three broad themes:



## Activities

## Launch of the Alliance

25 November 2021

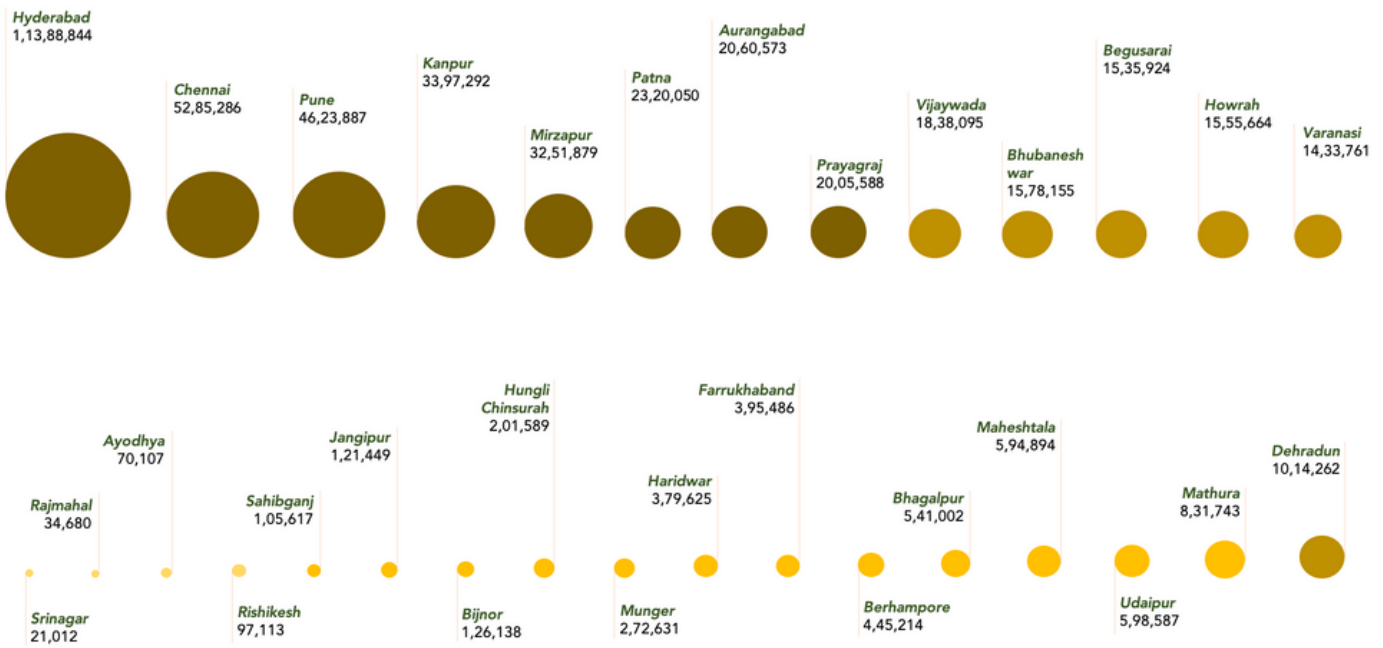
The River Cities Alliance was formally launched on 25 November 2021, in the presence of Sh. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti; Sh. Durga Shanker Mishra, Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs; and Shri Pankaj Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti.

## Member Cities

Currently, the Alliance comprises of **30 cities across India** that include Aurangabad, Ayodhya, Begusarai, Berhampore, Bhagalpur, Bhubaneswar, Bijnor, Chennai, Dehradun, Farrukhabad, Haridwar, Hooghly Chinsurah, Howrah, Hyderabad, Jangipur, Kanpur, Maheshtala, Mathura-Vrindavan, Mirzapur, Munger, Patna, Prayagraj, Pune, Rajmahal, Rishikesh, Sahibganj, Srinagar, Udaipur, Varanasi, Vijayawada.



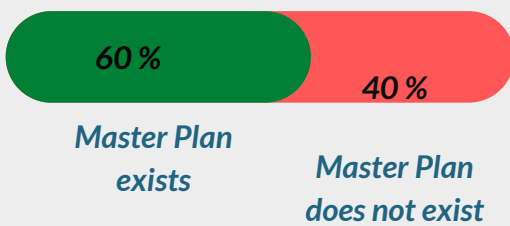
# Snapshot of Alliance Cities



Population representation of 30 RCA cities

## 24 AMRUT Cities, 11 Smart Cities

### Master Plan Status of 30 Alliance Cities



### Alliance Cities falls on 14 Rivers and 7 Basins

#### Rivers

Ganga | Yamuna | Sarayu | Kham | Mula-Mutha | Rispana | Bindal | Musi | Adyar | Krishna | Cooum | Ayad | Kuakhai | Kosathalaiya

#### Basins

Ganga | Krishna | Pennar | Chambal | Mahanadi | Godaveri



Map showing the 30 Alliance cities

# Managing Urban Rivers: From Planning to Practice

5-7 May 2022, Lucknow

The first training program conducted under the aegis of River Cities Alliance from 5-7 May in Lucknow on **Managing Urban Rivers: from planning to practice**. Sh. Durga Shankar Mishra, Chief Secretary, Govt. of UP gave the special address to the participants followed by a motivational speech from Sh. G. Asok, Director General, NMCG. The training included a good mix of senior decision-makers such as the Assistant Municipal Commissioner, General Managers, and Additional Municipal Commissioners and technical officials such as engineers, environment officers, project managers, sector experts.

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Participants

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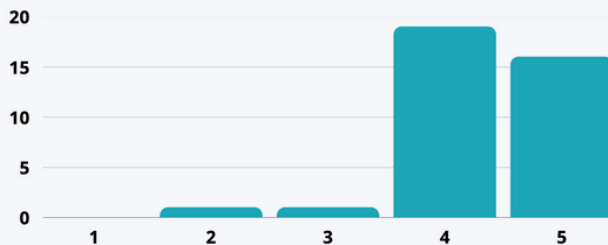
River Cities

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States

14 Ganga Basin &  
4 Non-Ganga Basin Cities

HOW YOUR LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY RIVERS HAS IMPROVED? (RATING ON A SCALE OF 1-5, WHERE 1 BEING LOWEST AND 5 BEING HIGHEST)



WAS THE TRAINING PROGRAMME SUCCESSFUL IN ESTABLISHING CITIES' ROLES IN MAINTAINING/IMPROVING RIVER HEALTH?



## Participating Cities

Ayodhya | Bhubaneshwar | Chennai | Dehradun | Farrukhabad | Haridwar | Hooghly-Chinsurah | Howrah | Jangipur | Kanpur | Lucknow | Mathura-Vrindavan | Pune | Rajmahal | Rishikesh | Srinagar | Varanasi | Vijaywada



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