

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE DISTRICT LEVEL SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT
SURVEILLANCE TASK FORCE (SESTF) MEETING, RAMANAGARA DISTRICT**

Venue: Meeting Hall, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ramanagara

Date: 25.05.2019 at 11.00 AM

Chairman of the Committee	Captain Dr. K.Rajendra, IAS Deputy Commissioner, Ramanagara District, Ramanagara and Chairman, District Level Special Environment Surveillance Task Force (constituted as per Honble NGT Order in OA 673/2018)
Members of the Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sri Markandayya, PIDCB, APO, Ramanagara (representative of SP, Ramanagara) 2. Sri. C. Siddaramaiah, Regional Officer, KSPCB, Ramanagara and Member Convener, District Level SESTF 3. Sri. Dinesh. Admn Assistant, District Court (Representative of Member Secretary, District Legal Service Authority)
Officers present	1. Sri. A.R. Suraj, Project Director, DUDC, Ramanagar.
	2. Sri G.H. Yogesh Joint Director, Department of Agriculture
	3. Dr. Vanitha, B.K Assistant Director (Head Quarters), JDA Office.
	4. Smt. Ramamani V.K. Commissioner, CMC, Kanakapura
	5. Smt. Shubha B. Commissioner, CMC, Ramanagara
	6. Sri B.S. Swamy Vivekananda Assistant Director of Sericulture (Post Cocoon Activity)
	7. Smt. Parvathi Environmental Engineer, CMC, Kanakapura.
	8. Kum. Rajashree K.M Environmental Engineer, CMC, Ramanagara.
	9. Kum. Prathima Geologist, Dept. of Mines & Geology
	10. Sri Anilgowda Asst. Engineer, KUWS&DB, Sub Division, Channapatna.
	11. Kum. Mangalamma.S. SDA, Ground Water Department

Sri. C.Siddaramaiah, Regional Officer, KSPCB & Member Convener of the Committee welcomed the Chairman, Members and the Officers for the meeting. He made a PPT presentation and briefed about the Hon'ble NGT Order, formation of State Level River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) and District Level Special Environment Surveillance Task Force (SESTF). He also explained the objectives and roles & responsibilities of the committee.

He informed that based on the report submitted by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), New Delhi, 351 river stretches in the Country have been classified as "polluted river stretches" and they are categorised into 5 priority classes based on Bio Chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) level. The Priority classes are as follows

- Priority 1 : having BOD in excess of 30 mg/l
- Priority 2 : having BOD between 20-30 mg/l
- Priority 3 : having BOD between 10-20 mg/l
- Priority 4 : having BOD between 6-10 mg/l and
- Priority 5 : having BOD between 3-6 mg/l.

In Karnataka State, there are 17 polluted river stretches one among which is River Arkavathi (stretch from Thippagondanahalli Reservoir to Kanakapura Town) categorized as Priority-3.

The Hon'ble NGT Principal Bench New Delhi in OA No.673/2018, in its order dated 20.09.2018 has directed all the States and Union Territories to prepare action plans within two months for bringing all the polluted river stretches to be fit at least for bathing purposes (i.e., BOD <3 mg/l and FC <500 MPN/100ml) within six months from the date of finalization of the action plans. In the same order Hon'ble NGT has directed the State / UT Governments to constitute the River Rejuvenation Committees (RRC) at the state level to finalize and monitor the execution of the action plans and District level Special Environment Surveillance Task Force to oversee & monitor the implementation at district level.

Accordingly, the State Govt has constituted State Level River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) vide Govt order No. FEE 214 EPC 2018 dated 24.11.2018 under the chairmanship of the Principal Secretary to Govt, DFEE, GOK and with members consisting of Director, Municipal Administration, Commissioner for industries and Member Secretary KSPCB as Member Convener. Further, the State Government vide its order No.FEE 214 EPC 2018 dated 03.01.2019 has constituted the District level "Special Environment Surveillance Task Force" for each district with the Deputy Commissioner of the District as its Chairman, Superintendent of Police and a representative of District Legal Services Authority as its Members and Regional Officer, KSPCB as its Member Convener.

He further informed that, the District Committee has to submit a monthly action taken report to the State Level RRC and in turn the State Level RRC has to submit quarterly report to CPCB on the implementation of the action plan.

The Chairman of the committee addressed the gathering and informed all the officers to take the issue seriously as it is a NGT Order. He also warned any delay / lapse by any department will be considered seriously and the concerned officers will be held responsible. He also informed that as per the NGT order, penalty may also be imposed on the defaulting officers.

Member Convener briefed about the sources contributing to the pollution of Arkavathi River. He stated that the major contributor for the pollution of Arkavathi River is sewage from urban areas upstream of Thippagondanahalli Reservoir and sewage flowing through Vrushabavathi Valley. However, the sources of pollution pertaining to Ramanagar District are as follows.

- Sewage from Ramanagar Town (Missing UGD links, untreated sewage etc.,)
- Effluent from silk filature units of Ramanagar Town
- Solid waste from Ramanagar Town (dumping on river bank, throwing of garbage etc.)
- Sewage from Kanakapura Town (Missing UGD links, untreated sewage etc.,)
- Effluent from silk filature units of Kanakapura Town
- Solid waste from Kanakapura Town (dumping on river bank, throwing of garbage etc.)

The Project Director, DUD & Commissioners, CMC Kanakapura & Ramanagara informed that the solid waste management action plan is being implemented as per NGT OA 606//2018.

The Geologist, DMG informed that the illegal sand mining has been completely stopped in Arkavathi River area. She was directed to furnish the details in next meeting and take up plantation in those areas in co ordination with Forest Department.

The point wise action plan and responsible departments for implementation are given in Annexure. All Officers were directed to own the responsibility and take up the implementation in true spirit. DC further informed that only the District Heads shall attend the meeting as it is a serious issue.

The meeting was ended with vote of thanks



DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, RAMANAGARA DISTRICT
AND
CHAIRMAN, DISTRICT LEVEL SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT
SURVEILLANCE TASK FORCE, RAMANAGAR

